Mountain View to pay $350K in settlement over forced sexual assault exam of 5-year-old

By Kevin Forestieri

A mountain View family that sued the city after their young daughter was forced to undergo an invasive sexual assault exam last year has agreed to a $350,000 settlement, according to recent court filings. Under the agreement, filed with a federal court judge on Feb. 7, the city of Mountain View has agreed to pay the bulk of the costs — $350,000 — while Santa Clara County will pay $200,000. A third defendant, private ambulance company American Medical Response (AMR), has also agreed to pay $50,000 for its involvement in the incident.

The civil suit alleges that Mountain View Police Department officers had conducted an "unlawful and unfounded" sexual assault examination on a 5-year-old child in January last year. Three officers came to the family's house on Jan. 28, 2019, and demanded that the girl be examined by a paramedic to see if she had been the victim of sexual abuse. The child had injured her pubic area three days prior when she fell at a trampoline park, but had since healed, according to the civil complaint. Earlier that day, a staff member at Landels Elementary overheard the girl saying that her vagina had bled or was bleeding, and reported it to police.

NASA aerospace engineer Nettie Roozeboom describes how NASA’s researchers are studying how rocket designs will fare in severe pressure conditions.

Ames wind tunnels put NASA’s new moonshot to the test

By Kevin Forestieri

America’s latest bid to send astronauts into space has researchers at NASA Ames hard at work, trying to figure out how to safely get a hulking 320-foot tower of metal stuffed with 733,000 gallons of fuel out of the atmosphere. Standing inside a wind tunnel complex on the Mountain View campus, aerospace engineer Nettie Roozeboom described how rockets carrying precious cargo — including crew members — have to withstand powerful forces while making the ascent into space. Low-frequency forces with a whole lot of energy are going to pound the structures that will hold the precious cargo. Roozeboom describes how NASA has been working to figure out how to ensure that the rockets are safe during the ascent into space.

NASA Ames wind tunnels put NASA’s new moonshot to the test.

Measure D: To reshape rent control, council asks for voters’ trust

By Kevin Forestieri

Rent control, one of Mountain View’s most divisive issues, is back on the ballot March 3. For the first time since 2016, voters will have a chance to weigh in on the city’s nascent renter protections and decide whether to accept a bevy of changes largely aimed at loosening rules imposed on landlords.

Proponents call Measure D a chance to “fix” rent control and find middle ground that tenant and landlord groups alike can learn to live with — a cease-fire that could reuinte a deeply divided community. The measure’s backers say they believe that the city’s Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) is here to stay, but changes must be made to soften the law to ensure its survival amid attacks by landlords.

Unification may be the goal, but there’s scant evidence that the council-backed measure has brought with it any reconciliation: In the lead-up to Election Day, landlord groups have reluctantly lined up behind the measure, while tenant advocacy groups are staunchly opposed to Measure D.

Opponents of the measure call it a bad-faith effort on the part of the Mountain View City Council to weaken hard-fought renter protections, rewriting the law to allow for higher rent increases and subverting CSFRA’s framework for passing capital costs on to tenants. Some of the council members supporting the measure had openly opposed rent control when it was passed by voters in 2016, raising questions about the intent behind Measure D.

Though Measure D appears to have brought back the same talking points over whether rent control fundamentally hurts or helps those at risk of displacement, city leaders say they’ve changed with the times. In a recent interview with the Voice, Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga insists that sentiments have shifted: Rent control is here to stay in Mountain View and across California, and the council is trying to fix CSFRA — not sabotage it.

“I’m just asking voters to believe us in our sincerity that we’re trying to make it work to the best of our ability,” she said.

Necessary changes?

The core argument among supporters of Measure D is that Mountain View has done a diligent job launching its rent control law, but that the last three years haven’t been easy. Portions of CSFRA are ambiguous or have gaps that must be cleaned up, said Abe-Koga, and because the law is baked into the city’s charter, any changes must come before voters — the council’s hands are tied.

Many of the roughly three dozen edits proposed by Measure D are exactly that — minor modifications to CSFRA that have few practical effects and no vocal opposition. But the measure goes much further than that, making big changes to the way landlords can raise rent and pass costs on to tenants.

Under the current law, annual rent increases are capped at the local rate of inflation, or the Consumer Price Index (CPI),
"As a renter in Mountain View with a child in our local schools, I want to make sure my child can continue to go to school with his friends. Living here is expensive and Measure D will make sure rents remain reasonable, landlords keep apartments safe, and renters can continue raising their families in the city they call home. I urge you to VOTE YES on D."

- Cleave Frink
Mountain View Renter

Join a broad coalition of community leaders supporting Measure D

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- John McAlister, Councilmember, City of Mountain View
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- José Gutiérrez, Jr., School Board Trustee, Mountain View Whisman
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‘OSLO’

Before former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin shook hands with former Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat on the South Lawn of the White House on Sept. 13, 1993, the day of the official signing of the Oslo I Accord, secret meetings between Israeli and PLO officials were orchestrated to negotiate the terms of agreements aimed to eventually end the decadeslong Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Ahmed Qurie, a PLO official, approached Israeli diplomat Uri Savir in one of the first meetings and, according to the New Yorker, candidly asked, “We are second-rate guerilla fighters. Why are we a threat to you?”

A stunned Savir replied, “Because you want to live in my house.”

J.T. Rogers’ play “Oslo,” currently presented by Los Altos Stage Company, starts months before Savir and Qurie actually met in real life — the two don’t interact until Act 2 — but it constantly depends on these types of deeply personal and heated dialogue to flesh out the abstractions of geopolitics and make them more tangible.

Instead of portraying a war between two foreign bodies and its countless players, “Oslo” strips the Israeli-Palestinian conflict down to a simple but effective stage of shifting chairs, desk and large white double doors that constantly loom behind the bitter infightings of a few powerful but vulnerable men.

And it captures the rationale Norwegian sociologist Terje Rod-Larsen, depicted by Robert Sean Campbell, used when he helped facilitate clandestine meetings between PLO and Israeli officials with Norway’s foreign affairs minister and wife Mona Juul, played by Tanya Marie, who makes her company debut with “Oslo.”

During the nearly three-hour dramatization of the true political saga, directed by Los Altos Stage Company’s Executive Director Gary Landis, the couple deftly maneuvers through conflicting cultural beliefs and deeply rooted psychological trauma from years of political persecution in order to get officials from the PLO and Israel to sit in a room for a productive discussion of peace.

But whenever members of the two parties do enter the same space, civility feels as fragile as their masculinity and can only hold together for so long. When Qurie, played by Mohamed Ismail, and Savir, played by Josiah Frampton, begin to review a draft of the accords, it only takes a few lines before one of them starts to blame the other for the carnage that’s been inflicted upon their people.

In the first act, Larsen makes a plea to a skeptical Yossi Beilin, Israel’s deputy foreign minister, played by Maya Greenberg in a gender-reversed role, inside a Tandoori restaurant. Larsen can only hope Beilin will agree to negotiate with the PLO as they talk and share a plate of pita bread with hummus.

But Beilin calls Larsen’s request a farce — “It’s bulls—t.” He cites years of violent insurrection, hundreds of deaths of men, women and children, topped with U.S. media scrutiny, that has disillusioned the Israeli government toward any substantive action for peace. As he rants, Beilin starts to experience sharp pangs of indigestion.

Many moments like this in “Oslo” remind how the people who can change the course of millions of lives can be so utterly human.

Audiences can search those moments of “Oslo” and find something to be optimistic about, along with plenty of comic relief, as Rogers suggests that governing bodies are only made up of people susceptible to the same things and so, just like everyone else, can be agreeably dealt with.

But in those same moments, there’s a creeping reminder that power can often lie with an undeserving few, all too dangerously flawed.

“Oslo” runs through Feb. 16 (Wednesdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m.) at the Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Tickets are $20-$38. Go to losaltosstage.org.

—Lloyd Lee

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CRIME BRIEFS

COUNTY CLEARS RAPE KIT BACKLOG
Santa Clara County has cleared its backlog of untested sexual assault and rape forensic evidence kits.
Terry Harman, an assistant district attorney who oversees the sexual assault unit that helps process the forensic evidence from sexual assault or rape cases known as a SART kit, briefed the county’s Board of Supervisors on the issue during its regular Tuesday meeting in San Jose on Feb. 11.
In June 2018, the county’s Board of Supervisors approved funding called for by Supervisor Cindy Chavez to process more than 200 rape kits backlogged at the county’s crime lab, kits that have all now been tested and cleared.
Harman said the county used to process a kit within 94 days. And while state law calls for a 120-day turnaround for the kit, Harman said Santa Clara County, as of December, has been processing kits in 16 days.
“That’s amazing,” Chavez said Tuesday, which was followed by a short applause from those in the board chambers.
Harman told the board that in cases of rape or sexual assault that are “priority 1,” which includes a rapist or sexual assaulter who is unknown to the victim, current policy calls for a test of that rape kit within seven days.
“For all other kits, our policy calls for them to be tested within 30 days,” Harman said. “That policy has been very helpful in establishing very clear-cut guidelines for both law enforcement and the crime lab, and also letting the public know and letting victims of crime know what is going to happen with their SART kit.”

UTILITY POLE FIRE
A transformer attached to a utility pole caught fire in Mountain View on Tuesday afternoon, causing several small grass fires as well as a power outage that left people stranded in elevators at two properties nearby, the city’s fire department said.
Crews responded at 4:07 p.m. to a 911 call about a transformer explosion and multiple grass fires in the 600 block of North Whisman Road.
They arrived within minutes and found six small grass fires and a downed power line. Crews closed North Whisman Road in the area and extinguished the fires.
The Fire Department also received reports about people trapped in elevators at the two properties, and PG&E was able to restore power to those buildings and free the people inside, fire officials said.
No injuries were reported from the fires and the scene was turned over to PG&E to fully restore service to its customers in the area.
—Bay City News Service

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AUTO BURGLARY
2500 block W. El Camino Real, 2/3
800 block W. Evelyn Av., 2/5
Castro St. & W. Dana St., 2/3
2400 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 2/4
400 block Hope St., 2/4
200 block Hope St., 2/6
300 block Moffett Blvd., 2/8
400 block N. Rengstorff Av., 2/8
1800 block W. Middlefield Rd., 2/8
600 block Rainbow Dr., 2/10
Bryant St. & Mercy St., 2/10

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY
800 block Leong Dr., 2/4

GRAND THEFT
1 block Annie Laurie Av., 2/4
2500 block W. El Camino Real, 2/4
1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 2/6

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY
1600 block W. El Camino Real, 2/4
1000 block Castro St., 2/7

STOLEN VEHICLE
700 block W. Evelyn Av., 2/4
1000 block La Avenida St., 2/4
100 block W. Dana St., 2/10

VANDALISM
700 block W. Evelyn Av., 2/4
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$259M Measure T bond seeks to solve short-term school needs

By Kevin Forestieri

Voters in the Mountain View Whisman School District are being asked to pass a new bond measure that would tackle the short-term problems facing local schools today. It stops short, however, of tackling some of the more ominous troubles looming on the horizon.

The Measure T bond on the March 3 ballot would tax property owners to raise $259 million in funding for a whole host of practical problems that district officials say need to be fixed now. Some schools are short on space for incoming students, while almost all of the campuses have security flaws.

Past projects have piled up debt that’s pulling cash out of the general fund, and the district’s bid to lease a 144-unit apartment building for teacher and staff housing in Mountain View needs a source of funding in order to move forward.

The Measure T bond seeks to address all of these needs, and proponents say it’s sorely needed in order to handle short-term growth and finish up many of the priorities that did not get touched during the last bond program — the funds from which officially dried up in August last year.

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Man killed in fiery Tesla crash reported problems with Autopilot system

By Kevin Forestieri

A Tesla driver who died after striking a highway median in Mountain View reportedly complained of problems with his Autopilot and navigation systems in the weeks leading up to the crash in 2018, according to a trove of newly released documents.

Federal investigators at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released nearly 1,500 pages of information on the fatal accident, in which 38-year-old Walter Huang’s Model X collided with the barrier between southbound Highway 101 and the Highway 85 carpool flyover. The investigation is looking into whether the highway conditions and the vehicle’s Autopilot lane-keeping assistance played a role in the crash.

While the agency has yet to make a determination, an attorney representing Huang’s family asserted in a letter last year that the vehicle’s Autopilot had been a problem, particularly at the location of the crash. Huang reportedly told his wife, Sevonne, and a friend that his vehicle’s lane-keeping technology was problematic and had a tendency to steer toward the median, also known as the gore point.

Walter told Sevonne the Autopilot would cause his Tesla to:

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Senate hopefuls debate how to pay for new programs for tots

By Kate Bradshaw

Taking the stage at Hillview Middle School in Menlo Park on Sunday, six candidates for the 13th Senate district weighed in on their plans for addressing the numerous early childhood education problems facing California.

Democrats Josh Becker, Mike Brownrigg, Sally Lieber and Shelly Masur, Republican Alex Glee and Libertarian John Webster took turns over the course of three hours debating how best to tackle a major shortage in teachers and facilities and how to fund improved outcomes for the state’s 3 million children under 5 years old.

Democratic candidate Annie Oliva was not present.

Most candidates acknowledged that there are significant problems with the current state of early childhood education in the region but had different ideas about how and what the government should fund to fix those problems.

One key problem in early childhood education, several candidates argued, is that early child care workers are so low-paid that in this high-cost area, there’s a major shortage of providers and subsequently child care spots.

Only 1 in 9 children ages 0 to 3 who are qualified and eligible for subsidized care can currently get it today, said Becker, an entrepreneur and nonprofit fund leader from Menlo Park.

“These teachers are only paid half of what kindergarten teachers are paid,” Becker said. “And preschool teachers are six times more likely to live in poverty than K-12 teachers — so we absolutely have to start with living wage.”

When it comes to special education, he added, he’d push for a statewide systematic screening program to help schools identify students in need of additional services earlier.

And how to fund such new investments? Becker suggested California create an oil extraction tax and dedicate a large percent — or perhaps all — of its proceeds toward early childhood education.

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The suit alleges that officers — Danielle Lother also offered to put officers in contact with witnesses who could corroborate the story that the girl injured herself at a trampoline park.

The parents were reportedly forced to hold down their daughter during the exam — the girl was kicking and screaming — while a female paramedic examined the child. After two minutes, the paramedic concluded there was nothing apparently wrong with the child’s genitals.

A few weeks after the incident, the family filed a claim stating that Mountain View officers, the Santa Clara County social worker and the paramedic all acted improperly, turning an innocent injury into a traumatic event. The claim sought $1 million for severe emotional distress, past and future medical treatment and punitive damages.

The family’s attorney, Robert Powell, later filed a federal lawsuit in September alleging that the city, the county and AMR had acted together to violate the family’s privacy and due process rights as well as Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable seizure. It also alleges the defendant’s actions amounted to negligence, battery and false imprisonment.

Since demanding the lump sum settlement of $1 million last year, Powell told the Voice that he left it up to the city, the county and AMR to fight among themselves over who had the most culpability. But he said it was pretty clear from the start that the police department was primarily responsible for the way the incident unfolded.

“No one thought for apparently a moment that, ‘Hey, this is wrong. This is way overboard,’” he said.

When asked about the settlement amount, Powell said he believes the family could have been awarded more money if it went to a jury trial, but that his clients did not want to go through the stress of reliving the incident in a prolonged court battle.

“It was really, really causing a lot of emotional turmoil for the family and so we settled it, I think, considerably lower than what might have been awarded by a jury,” he said. “There’s a value to resolution.”

Representatives from Santa Clara County did not immediately respond to requests for comment. City spokeswoman Shonda Ranson said the City Council is scheduled for a closed session discussion of the case on Feb. 25, and could not comment further.

After deductions and fees, roughly $438,000 of the settlement will be awarded to the parents, $80,000 will be given to the girl who underwent the exam and $40,000 will go to her sibling, who was interrogated during the incident. The money awarded to the children will be placed in separate secured accounts. Powell will receive $40,000 of the total settlement, plus $1,415 in counsel costs.

Powell, who has been handling CPS-related cases since the 1990s, said the incidents typically involve a child protective services agency and a law enforcement agency. This case was somewhat of an anomaly in that an ambulance company was involved and shared in the settlement agreement, he said. Despite the sizable cost of the incident, Powell said he isn’t optimistic it will change the practices of anyone involved going forward.

“I have been handling these kinds of cases for around 23 years and I am back suing the same counties for the second, third and fourth time. In the case of Los Angeles County, I’m back suing them for the fifth, sixth or seventh time,” Powell said. “Case after case after case of alarming stupidity, alarming abuse of power.”

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**SETTLEMENT**

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the information to either Child Protective Services (CPS) or law enforcement.

The suit alleges that officers should have recognized the innocuous nature of the injury, but instead they presented the parents with an ultimatum: Have the police department or law enforcement.

Rengstorff Park Aquatic Center Replacement Project 18-38

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Second Floor, Mountain View City Hall
500 Castro Street, Mountain View

The City Council will consider three project scope options for the Rengstorff Park Aquatic Center Replacement project.

- For Further Information — Contact David Printy of the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6162 or email him at david.printy@mountainview.gov.
- Please also visit the Project website at www.mountainview.gov/rengstorffpool
- Para más información, por favor llame al (650) 903-6145
- С вопросами звоните по телефону (650) 903-6145

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**ELECTION INFO**

Ballots were sent out last week for the March 3 presidential primary election. Santa Clara County citizens can find voting information online at tinyurl.com/scCounty2020. If you are registered as “no party preference” and would like to vote in the Democratic, American Independent or Libertarian party primary, you may file a request up to seven days before the election using a form on the county’s website: https://tinyurl.com/NOPartyP-2020.

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NASA Ames gave a public debut of its wind tunnel testing on Monday, Jan. 10, highlighting just one small piece of a sprawling multi-part space exploration endeavor called the Artemis program. It includes an orbiting “Lunar Gateway” around the moon, a rover designed to drill for resources and a plan to put astronauts on the moon by 2024.

Scientists can theorize what will happen once the rocket is hit with high-velocity winds, but it’s critical to replicate those forces in a real-life environment to know for sure.

“If you have these low frequencies just banging on your vehicle at some unsteady frequency, that’s where you don’t know how to design your vehicle,” Roozeboom said. “That’s where any model is going to have to go and test. You can’t do that in theory, you can’t do that computationally, you need to go do that experimentally. And so that’s what we do.”

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The latest budget proposal by the Trump administration, released this week, bumps NASA’s budget to $25.2 billion for 2021, a 12% increase over the last year.

It’s a tight timeline, but the bigger budget proposal would certainly help keep the agency on track, said Ames director Eugene Tu. He said the Mountain View research center receives about $750 million in federal funding each year, which goes to pay for a 3,000-employee workforce and operate one-of-a-kind facilities, including some of the most powerful supercomputers in the world.

Those supercomputers came in handy for wind tunnel experiments, in which researchers collected a staggering 150 terabytes of data over the course of five days and needed to make sense of it. In past years, that meant transferring data onto a dozen hard drives, shuttling it across campus and loading it into the supercomputer over the course of three to six months. Now with a direct link to the supercomputer, it only took weeks to analyze the trove of data.

At the heart of any wind tunnel test, the question is always finding where significant or erratic pressure is being applied to any aerospace vehicle. In order to track precisely how the SLS will fare during lift-off and re-entry, a model is coated with specialized, pressure-sensitive paint. The paint, typically a bright bubble-gum pink, can be used to visualize pressure fluctuations up to 20,000 times per second, with the color changing based on how much pressure is applied to the surface.

The latest analytical tools mean that a normally unwieldy haul of data, monitoring changes in the paint’s appearance at 10,000 frames per second, can be quickly transformed into a detailed visualization for researchers. A slowed-down video of the of recent SLS model design, intended to send an orbiter to Jupiter’s moon Europa, shows how the tip of the rocket and its accompanying boosters would take the brunt of the high-velocity wind pressure during ascent.

“That’s where you get those really big highlights at high and low pressure, at the top where the air interacts with the nose cone and here on these attachments,” Roozeboom said.

The bulk of the research is based on neither low-speed or high-speed aerospace travel, but transonic speeds slightly above or below the speed of sound. That’s where any model is going to be exposed to the most danger.

The strength and frequency of these pressure changes are a big deal in order to avoid unsafe situations where the rocket becomes unstable. Roozeboom said there are also scenarios where frequencies are so high they can deafen and even kill astronauts — something researchers like herself need to be mindful of when conducting these wind experiments.

Life and limb of the occupants aside, there’s also a worry that cargo being transported aboard the rocket could get damaged or destroyed during launch.

“If you have this significant fancy avionic system and this fancy satellite, but you just bang it apart, that’s not great either,” Roozeboom said.
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which has floated between 3.4% and 3.6% since the law passed in 2016. The law also has limits in volatile years — maximum rent increases can be at least 2% even when inflation is flat and can’t exceed 3% when it skyrocket.

Measure D does away with this system entirely, instead allowing landlords to increase monthly rent on tenants by 4% each year regardless of CPI. Given the historic rate of inflation, the change would almost always amount to an increase over what CSFRA allows.

Councilman Chris Clark said the change amounts to a modest increase in the rent cap in exchange for the security of knowing that CSFRA will live on. That’s because the council’s campaign pitch hinges on the idea that rent control in Mountain View is perpetually under siege by landlords, backed by the powerful California Apartment Association (CAA), and could face complete elimination absent some kind of compromise this March. A voter initiative launched by the CAA, slated to appear on the November ballot, would do just that. Despite proposing a number of smaller changes, an innocuous-sounding feature would basically kill rent control: In the event that the vacancy rate of rental units hits 3% or higher — in a city where the vacancy rate hasn’t dipped below 3% in over 13 years — rent control protections become unenforceable.

Clark said if he was a renter, it would be far more alarming a half-percent increase in rent knowing that rent control was “sustainable” in the long term and wouldn’t face annihilation every few years.

“If this passes, we’re going to have a path forward where the CSFRA lives on in perpetuity and we don’t have to keep tweaking it, and someone won’t try to repeal it every election cycle,” Clark said.

Josi Gutierrez, a Mountain View Whisman School District school board member and a renter, said he and others can reliably budget for a 0.5% difference in annual rent, but not knowing the fate of rent control adds a level of unpredictability that makes families nervous.

“When families come to me as a school board member, their main concern is, ‘We don’t know what’s going to happen in the future,’” Gutierrez said. “This is a fixed rate. The city is doing their best to try and have this (law) stay in place.”

The California Apartment Association announced last month that it would be willing to withdraw its support from its own November ballot initiative in the event that Measure D passes, though it remains unclear if council members did any behind-the-scenes coordination with the lobbying group. Clark said he sees this as a chance to end the divisiveness and charged rhetoric over rent control for good.

“I really genuinely wanted to find a way to not have to deal with this anymore. Let’s take our learning from the CSFRA, let’s not go through what is effectively a repeal effort by the CAA in November,” he said. “Let’s just put this whole thing to bed.”

**Passing costs to tenants**

The biggest change proposed under Measure D lies in the way landlords can pass the cost of upgrading rental properties on to tenants above and beyond the 4% annual rent increase cap. It would compel the city’s Rental Housing Committee — the body charged with implementing and overseeing rent control — to create a special list of capital improvements that landlords can quickly and easily pass through the associated costs to tenants as “temporary rent increases.”

Eligible projects include upgrades to comply with local health and safety code regulations — including seismic upgrades — environmental sustainability projects and anything that “significantly extends the useful life” of the property, which can be used to justify annual rent hikes of up to 10%.

CSFRA already allows for these so-called pass-through rent increases, but with the important caveat that landlords must prove the rent increase is required to ensure they get a fair rate of return on their property. No such rule exists for these special capital improvements under Measure D, making it easier to pass costs on to tenants without a compelling financial justification.

Joan MacDonald, a tenants’ rights advocate opposed to the measure, said she feels the council has waged a dishonest campaign by pretending Measure D is required in order for property owners to catch up on seismic retrofit work. An estimated 488 buildings in the city have what’s called a “soft story” design that is vulnerable to collapse in a major quake, but nothing is stopping landlords from making these upgrades and even passing costs on to tenants today — so long as they can provide financial documents proving it cut into their profit margins.

“Under Measure D, the fair rate of return is wiped out entirely,” she said. “Naturally landlords want to be able to pass through all of their costs. That is not the way managing apartment complexes has been in the past, this is brand new and would effectively price out hundreds of families and individuals.”

Alex Nunez, a member of the Mountain View Tenants Coalition, worries Measure D will make it far easier for landlords to undertake pricey upgrades with the end goal of pushing out current residents. Many families can’t survive multiple years of 10% rent increases without being priced out, he said, and once they’re ousted, the rent jumps up on their now-vacant units to market rate.

Council members stood by the decision to include streamlined capital improvements. Clark said he would be reticent to require any capital projects, including seismic retrofits, if landlords had to get approval to recoup the costs. Abe-Koga said proving a fair rate of return is simply too onerous for property owners under CSFRA, particularly “mom and pop” owners who can’t easily handle all of the paperwork required for showing a fair rate of return.

**Mobile homes excluded**

Perhaps the most contentious ambiguity in Mountain View’s rent control law is whether mobile home owners, who rent space in one of Mountain View’s six mobile home parks, should benefit from rent control.

Mobile homes are not explicitly mentioned in the city’s rent control law, leaving it up to the Rental Housing Committee to decide whether they are covered. Despite being told by its own legal consultant that mobile home owners should benefit from the renter protections, the committee decided in 2018 to exclude mobile homes from CSFRA — a decision that was challenged in court and ultimately upheld.

The decision reverberated among families living in the roughly 1,100 mobile homes across the city, many of whom are facing displacement and say they’re struggling to keep up with what they describe as
price-gouging rent increases. An estimated 85% of mobile home residents in the city are either seniors, disabled or veterans, according to the Mountain View Mobile Home Alliance, and many of them can’t afford the rent hikes.

Though council members have expressed sympathy for the challenges facing mobile home residents, they opted in November to explicitly exclude them from the city’s renter protections under Measure D. The measure would insert “Mobilehomes and spaces or lots for mobilehomes” among the list of properties expressly exempt from rent control.

Clark, in explaining his decision, said he sought the paradoxical approach of cutting mobile homes from CSFRA in order to give those residents rent control. By completely extricating it from Mountain View’s rent control law, he said the council can now pursue its own, separate ordinance for mobile home rent stabilization. Mobile home ownership is different enough from apartment tenancy that it warrants its own ordinance, Clark said, governed by the City Council rather than the Rental Housing Committee.

He conceded it would have been simpler and more politically savvy to include mobile homes under CSFRA — the Mountain View Mobile Home Alliance is opposed to Measure D as it’s currently written — but Clark said it would have been a bad idea in the long run. Mobile homes are an entirely different type of rental unit, governed by different state laws, and need special considerations.

“The deciding factor for me was really the interplay with state law and having the ability to craft something that was very specifically tailored to mobile homes and all of the nuances that state law has around that so it can withstand (legal) challenges,” Clark said.

Chris Chiang, a former Mountain View Whisman school board member and Santiago Villa mobile home resident, signed the ballot argument in support of Measure D but has since rescinded his endorsement. Chiang told the Voice that he initially believed Clark’s rationale that Measure D was a stepping stone to providing renter protections for mobile home residents but that today the argument rings hollow.

CSFRA’s coverage of “all rental units” not explicitly exempt from rent control should have included mobile homes from the start, Chiang said, pointing out that the city of Sacramento passed a similar law in 2019 that encompassed mobile homes without controversy. It’s troubling to see something so simple in other cities turn into something so complicated in Mountain View, he said, and the City Council appears to be going out of its way to not protect a class of vulnerable residents.

“I believe the intentions of Measure D are good, but I can no longer be part of further complicating this issue,” Chiang said. “If Measure D is so unclear on how it will protect mobile home residents, then I can no longer vouch for how it will actually protect any form of renter. I withdraw my support for Measure D.”

**New rules for the Rental Housing Committee**

One of the most prominent aspects of Measure D is that it would amend Mountain View’s rent control law to prevent Rental Housing Committee members from paying themselves a salary. It’s the first set of words in the ballot question itself, and is featured in a recent mailer sent to residents by a landlord political action committee: “Measure D permanently prevents the un-elected Rental Housing Committee from paying themselves a salary.”

The focus is unusual, however, given that the Rental Housing Committee members don’t earn a salary and have never attempted to give themselves a salary. Members have never formally discussed the possibility of paying themselves a salary as compensation for serving on the committee.

When asked, Abe-Koga said the council shares a “tricky” relationship with the Rental Housing Committee, which is in many ways part of the city while still maintaining autonomy from political influence by council members. She said the salary constraint is part of a larger effort by Measure D to ensure the committee doesn’t sap city funds, and its aim is “good governance and being financially responsible.”

MacDonald described the focus as a strawman and a non-issue, and said it’s not clear whether its origin stems from the California Apartment Association or the City Council.

“None of the members of the Rental Housing Committee anticipated ever being paid, there was never a question either in writing or during the interviews that brought this up at all,” MacDonald said.

Other changes under Measure D would expressly allow the City Council to remove committee members for misconduct and would permit the council, if it’s dissatisfied with the applicants for a vacant seat, to allow landlords who do not live in Mountain View to serve on the committee. Council members say it’s because the applicant pool for seats that may be represented by landlords — no more than two — has been thin, and it has been challenging recruiting people to serve on the committee.

A question of trust

One of the hurdles that Measure D proponents have grappled to overcome in recent months is a question of credibility. Can council members who have previously opposed CSFRA or still fundamentally disagree with the law as it’s written be trusted to faithfully amend the law?

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What proponents readily admit, however, is that this bond does not try to take on the monumental task of preparing for all of the long-term student growth expected to come from Mountain View’s ambitious housing growth plans. Between new zoning and housing projects already in the pipeline, Mountain View’s population is slated to grow by 75% in the coming decades, ushering in the city’s most rapid residential expansion since the 1960s.

With those new homes come thousands of children who will need access to public schools that are, for the most part, already packed. Estimates show local school districts will need $1.22 billion to adequately support them all. School funds have practically no space to put supplies and classroom materials, some were given just a single shelf for storage.

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in Redwood City, former school board member and education nonprofit leader, said she supports the unionization of child care workers and wants to see higher pay for early childhood teachers living in higher cost areas, in addition to K-12 teachers. If elected, she said, she’d convene a roundtable with health care providers and workforce experts to look into how to improve health care access for early childhood care providers and teachers.

“I’ve been a fighter for public education, first as a parent in a low-income school, then later serving 10 years on the Redwood City school board,” Masur said. While on the council, she added, she’s been working on a task force that’s prioritized expanding child care facilities throughout San Mateo County. The city has also created a child care locator map and has suggested developing a navigator program to help working families explore their child care options. She also supports expanding state preschool to offer full-day programs to better accommodate working families.

“By paying for it, some funding might come from a ballot initiative in the works to close a corporate property tax loophole, estimated to generate about $12 billion in additional property taxes statewide annually, she said.

“Children are the ultimate ‘little guy’ in the process. They don’t vote. They don’t have money to give to political campaigns. I want a voice in the process. And it’s up to caring and determined adults to protect their life chances and their future.”

In her role as a union leader, she said, could be a wealth tax on the unearned income of California’s billionaires.

She added that she’d be interested in looking at the programs that support children and families at the federal poverty level, such as housing, food support, diaper support or parental education, alongside “dealing with the immense burden on families in our communities.” In addition, she added she’d like to see San Mateo County become a more competitive county for early childhood programs and the results.

She also talked about the need for more health care facilities for infants and toddlers as well as crisis nurseries, or facilities open 24/7 to offer child care to children ages 0 to 5 during family emergencies. There’s only one in the Bay Area, located in Concord. Such facilities should be available to all who need them, she said.

“For working families that are already on the ropes financially, a child’s illness can really knock them out of being able to make it through the month,” she said.

Webster, a software engineer from Mountain View, took an opposing view from the other candidates. He said he didn’t think the government should be involved in education at all, except to ensure that teacher training programs offer an early childhood education component.

In addition, “All education, including early childhood education, should be financed by tuition through loans and not through taxing the productive and the wealthy.”

**The problems**

The event was moderated by education experts and advocates Ted Lempert and Deborah Stipek at the event. The debate began in 2016. Clark told the Voice that he would still vote against CSFRA if it came to a vote today — noting that it fails to offer a comprehensive solution to displacement — but he insists that he will respect the will of the voters.

“We see too often at the federal level people trying to undermine things that they don’t agree with. It’s our job to really make it work,” Clark said. “(CSFRA) is the law, the voters spoke, our job is not to try to run out and repeal it all. It’s to do what was allocated to our job. Our job is to bring the community together, at least try, and decide what is in the long-term best interest of the community.”

Behavioral advocacy groups are unconvinced. Nunez of the Mountain View Tenants Coalition said CSFRA was the product of grassroots organizing by tenants, starting with informal meetings in the park among Latino residents sharing stories of huge rent increases and the challenge of trying to stay in Mountain View. It snowballed into civic engagement that brought the problem to the City Council in 2015, and when the council opted not to take strong action, led to the creation of CSFRA.

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**Measured D**

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Brownrigg for state Senate

There couldn’t be a better example of why legislative term limits is a good thing than the quality of the candidates competing to replace term-limited state Sen. Jerry Hill in the 13th Senate District. When an incumbent isn’t in a race, good people step up to run.

Five of the seven candidates, all Democrats, have the experience, understanding of the issues and support to represent the Peninsula (from South San Francisco to Sunnyvale) and make an immediate impact in the legislature, each in his or her own unique way.

In California’s open primary system, these five plus the lone Republican and Libertarian will appear on every ballot. The top two vote getters, regardless of party, will face off in the November general election. We hope the top two will be Democrats, just as occurred four years ago when Marc Berman and Vicky veneker faced off in the fall for the open Assembly seat after running against each other in the primary. This will allow for a competitive campaign rather than an election destined to go to the Democrat given the overwhelming Democratic voter registration advantage.

Among the five Democrats, we think the three strongest candidates are Mike Brownrigg, Josh Becker and Shelly Masur. But they only slightly edge out Sally Lieber and Annie Oliva. Every voter will have to weigh what issues are important to him and the various personal qualities and varying backgrounds each of these five bring.

We believe our district is best represented in the State Senate by an independent-minded person with bold ideas who will not be influenced by the donations of large contributors and special interests and who will resist the pressure to march in lock-step with Gov. Gavin Newsom and party leaders. The super-majority held by Democrats means the party, and organized labor in particular, can push through almost anything they want. That approach is not in our state’s or district’s best interest.

The big problems facing California, including housing supply and affordability, homelessness, climate change, income inequality, the costs of higher education and the education achievement gap require more innovation and bipartisanship and less political muscling and horse trading.

We think Mike Brownrigg, 58, comes closest to meeting this criteria. On the Burlingame City Council for almost 10 years and eight years prior to that on the Planning Commission, Brownrigg has shown himself to be a strong, effective and collaborative leader. Unlike Becker and Masur, he has taken no large campaign contributions from organizations, labor groups or large donors (with the exception of his mother, who won’t let a nine-year rule set up an independent campaign committee and funded it with about $460,000). He has largely self-funded his campaign and focused on meeting voters instead of fundraising.

Brownrigg was raised in Los Altos Hills and attended Gunn High School. He joined the U.S. Foreign Service after college and was posted to multiple embassies around the world. He later became a partner in ChinaVest, a venture capital firm that focuses on early-stage Chinese life science and technology companies and was a founding partner in Total Impact Capital, a social impact fund that provides capital to projects seeking to “make the planet a better place.” He has devoted his career to finding solutions to difficult problems.

Brownrigg doesn’t hedge on controversial issues; he has been a clear-spoken promoter of creative solutions to problems facing the state. He strongly opposed SB 50, the local zoning pre-emption bill to force cities to develop high-density housing around transportation hubs. Instead, he advocates financial incentives, including state subsidies and tax breaks, for the preservation and creation of state subsidies and tax breaks, for the preservation and creation of affordable housing. For example, he has proposed the state subsidize the purchase, by nonprofits, of existing multi-family housing units to prevent their sale to companies that would increase rent and to reward the seller with capital gains tax reductions as an incentive. He’s also proposed state funding for infrastructure when a city approves high-density zoning for housing. He wants to see California become carbon-free in 10 years, supports a carbon tax, more aggressive conversion to all-electric appliances, and the state purchase of PG&E.

Becker, a Menlo Park resident, and Brownrigg share a venture capital background and a commitment to social impact investing. They have similar priorities and views on the big issues, but we are concerned that the endorsements of Becker by Newsom and Hill, as well as a $500,000 donation from LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman to an independent committee supporting him, will lessen his independence.

Masur, a Redwood City councilwoman and former school board member, has made education a centerpiece of her campaign and drawn major financial support of the teachers’ unions, as well as many other labor unions. She supported the latest iteration of SB 50, the only candidate in the race to do so.

In this impressive group of candidates, we give the nod to Brownrigg and look forward to a vigorous fall campaign between him and either Becker or Masur.

No on Measure D, the City Council’s rent control rewrite

The argument in favor of Measure D, the City Council’s rewrite of Mountain View’s rent control law, boils down to this: Trust us.

“Trust us when we tell you we’ve found a compromise that brings tenants and landlords together to end divisiveness and rancor over rent control. Trust us to cut a deal with the country’s largest landlord lobbying group, the California Apartment Association, and end its attempts to overturn rent control in Mountain View. Trust us, even though local tenant groups are actively campaigning against Measure D and, by definition, it’s not a compromise if only one side has signed on. Trust us, even though there’s no guarantee that CAA won’t keep trying to kill rent control as soon as the political winds shift in its favor.

Trust us to take away much of the Rental Housing Committee’s autonomy, which we’re doing purely in the interest of good governance. Trust us, despite the fact that we’re using CAA’s patently misleading argument — prevent the RHC’s members from paying themselves, something no one ever proposed — to sell this point.

Trust us that opening up the RHC to landlords who don’t even live in Mountain View is necessary to ensure we have an adequate pool of applicants, even though the commission will be fine if we don’t, since there is no minimum number of landlords required, only a maximum.

Trust us when we compare Measure D’s flat 4% annual cap on rent increases with the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act’s (CSFRA) maximum of 50% of CPI, which is a 4% increase over the current 3.6%. In fact, the last time CPI exceeded 4% was back in 2001.

Trust us when we say that, by making it much easier for property owners to pass through costs to renters and boost annual rent increases up to 10%, the council is just doing what’s necessary to prevent redevelopment tear-downs and encourage seismic safety upgrades — things that the City Council could have accomplished through separate legislation, but hasn’t.

Trust us when we say that by eliminating mobile home parks from the existing rent control law, we’re doing it so we can pass our own law someday. Trust us, even though a recent council meeting left many mobile home residents disgruntled and discouraged, and prompted former school board member Chris Chiang to drop his endorsement of Measure D.

As the adage goes, trust has
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To be earned. So voters must ask themselves, on the pricky subject of what’s needed, is professional and efficient, happy to drive me back home when I need one ride. A shop that continues to provide excellent service. Thanks.”

In the crucial early months of implementing CSFRA, the City Council passed over RHC applicants who had worked on Measure V and gave a key appointment to former Councilman Tom Means, a Libertarian vocally opposed to rent control in all forms. While serving on the RHC, Means took a side job working for the landlord lobby on an anti-rent control campaign in Pacifica. That’s the sort of thing that might make a voter question whether the City Council was truly acting in good faith.

It’s possible that it was a major coup to get CAA to drop its support for the “sneaky repeal,” a November ballot measure that attempts to improve Mountain View’s rent control law but would actually kill it with a poison pill provision tied to occupancy rates. It’s also entirely possible that CAA, looking at the results of a December push poll on rent control, decided the prospects of passing its own measure looked grim and found Measure D a palatable substitute. What is impossible to discern is how anyone would look at CAA spokesman Josh Howard’s statement on Measure D and think it amounts to anything more than a temporary cease-fire. CAA has a long history of fighting rent control initiatives up and down the state, and there’s no guarantee that Mountain View will be granted perpetual immunity from divisive battles over renter protections should Measure D pass.

Mountain View’s brief experience with rent control has not been flawless, but Measure D is not the right way to improve it. We are in agreement with the local League of Women Voters, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party, the Mountain View Housing Justice Coalition and the Mountain View Mobile Home Alliance: Vote no on Measure D.

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

Why are outside interests and big money creeping into Mountain View politics? According to public records, by Feb. 7, over $143,500 in large donations ($1,000+ each) had been made in support of Measure D, which seeks to change our rent stabilization policy. Mountain View Residents For Renter, Homeowner, & Taxpayer Protections, out of Marin County, is the flier of record, representing mostly out-of-town landlords, and only one from Mountain View, was donated anywhere from $7,000 to $82,600 each.

Mountain View historically valued local control and fiscally conservative elections. In 2016, the six candidates for the hotly contested City Council race raised around $15,000 less (combined!) than the Yes on D proponents have raised so far on one initiative. If we agree to change our policies, let’s collaborate together and elevate local voices.

I STAND FOR RISHI

In politics, as in life, we see the same powerful people go around, driven by the same old platitudes hoping their constituency will forget before the next election cycle.

I’m really excited about the candidacy of one Rishi Kumar (for California’s 18th Congressional District, a seat currently held by Congresswoman Anna Eshoo), for a few reasons. He’s seen burglaries in his community drop by 47% and had water rate increases (those implementations of the politically unimaginative) outright rejected.

Since Rishi doesn’t take funds from the pharma or health care cartels, we won’t be hearing the same old canards about affordable medicine and treatment followed up by longtime incumbents, palms greased, who have no intention of delivering.

As a longtime techie, I, like Mr. Kumar, understand the need for an innovation-based economy, instead of a slapdash clump of laws that speak lip service to real constituents’ needs. I stand for Rishi and I encourage others to do the same.

John Hammink
Hope Street
In Emerald Hills, Denise Touhey, a proud Swedish American, churns out trays of pastries each week for her small, "one-woman show" bakery.

Aptly called Something Swede-ish, a homonym playing off the name of the recipes’ origin and the characteristic taste of the baked goods — “just the right amount of sweetness,” she said — Touhey’s pop-up is not only filling a specific niche on the Midpeninsula, but also a lifelong desire of Touhey, who's baked since she was 10 years old.

“I’m literally going off of my heart here,” Touhey, 54, said. “My little dream has come true.”

Outside of her contemporary wood-sided house, a Välkommen sign (“welcome” in Swedish) and a boisterous Rottweiler greet visitors. Inside, a warm and sweet aroma fills the entire space. It’s home base not just for her four kids and husband, but for Something Swede-ish’s headquarters, office and kitchen.

Touhey bakes under California’s cottage food law, which was passed in 2012 to allow people to run food businesses out of their homes and sell food to consumers either directly or indirectly through third parties, such as grocery stores. For Touhey, there’s no overhead cost of running a brick-and-mortar store, no need to hire employees and no commercial-grade equipment or rows of racks that one might see at a bakery.

Instead, Touhey’s main workhorses are a few KitchenAid mixers, an oven, her hands and occasionally her kids, who guide her through Google Drive or social media posts to promote the pop-up.

From Tuesdays to Sundays, Touhey will pack up her car and drive anywhere from Woodside to San Carlos to set up her pop-up bakery and help Midpeninsulans experience their own “fika” — a simple but essential Swedish tradition of winding down with a cup of coffee and a small treat.

“It’s not just about taking coffee to go,” said Touhey, a first generation Swedish American. “It’s about just enjoying that cup of coffee and enjoying that pastry.”

The home baker’s mission statement is all about sharing Swedish culture. Growing up in Belmont with her grandmother — the “original Swedish home baker,” who hails from northern Sweden — and with English as her second language, Touhey was always reminded to keep in touch with her Swedish roots.

By baking the recipes she’s collected over the years through cookbooks and family traditions, sometimes tweaking them to

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satisfy her Swedish and non-Swedish customers, she finds that she can preserve the memories of her family’s past generations and share them with her local community.

“There’s a lot of Swedish out there and a lot of interest,” she said.

Touhey is one of the only providers of Scandinavian baked goods on the Peninsula. (The other “competitor” is the Copenhagen Bakery & Cafe in Burlingame.) Staying small is the way Touhey prefers it, with a flexible schedule that allows her to cater a companywide event with 400 pastries or spend time with her family.

“I’m able to have this great little business that’s doing really well, but at the same time keep my priorities of being a wife and mother, and daughter to my mom,” she said. “Having a storefront would require employees and overhead — it would take everything from me.”

The menu from each pop-up can vary day to day, ranging from cakes, cookies, tarts and date bars to classic Swedish pastries like the cardamom bun, known in Sweden as kardemummabullar, a not-too-sweet, knotted roll lightly sprinkled with sugar.

And, like a careful and nurturing mom, Touhey can cater to her customer’s nutritional demands and make gluten-free or vegan variations of her productos with a flexible schedule that allows her to cater just about anything.

Other items blend Swedish and American culinary heritage.

Her lemon tarts are made with a lemon custard found in everyday American pies and cakes, but the crust comes straight from a Swedish cookbook.

On a recent cold Thursday afternoon at Woodside cafe The Village Hub, scones, almond tarts, Swedish dream cookies (which uses ammonium bicarbonate to achieve a delicate and light texture similar to a Mexican wedding cookie), date bars, gluten-free almond cakes and the cardamom and cinnamon buns were just some of eight dozen baked goods on that day’s menu.

For Michelle, a retired teacher who visits the Woodside community center to do yoga with her friends, the pop-up bakery was a pleasant surprise to her as a Norwegian with few local options for Scandinavian pastries.

For others, like Santina Campi, a Redwood City resident who found Touhey’s bakery through neighborhood website Nextdoor, coming to Something Swede-lish has become a morning routine — her own fika of sorts.

“I made it my little Thursday, go-to morning outing,” Campi said. “I have my dog, we come over here, we buy pastries, get a good coffee, give some apples from my house to the horse across the street and then head home and get back to reality.”

Now scheduled to be a regular Thursday fixture at the hub, Something Swede-lish donates 10% of the proceeds to Woodside Village Church. When she’s not there, the pop-up can often be found at consignment store The Perfect Rose in San Carlos, which is her mother’s own.

Touhey has no plans to expand in the future. Her only goal at the moment is to get her website live so she can post her menu and let customers know how to reach her.

“For right now,” she said, “this is perfect.”

Updates on Something Swede-lish’s pop-up locations can be found at facebook.com/somethingswedehish or Instagram.com/somethingswede_ish. Email Lloyd Lee at lee@paweekly.com

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**NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS**

Notice is hereby given for the purpose of pre-qualification; sealed Responsibility Questionnaires will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District up until the close of business on the date indicated below for:

Project Description:

Mountain View Los Altos High School District, District Office Portables Relocation

Pre-Qualification Packages Due Date and Time: Thursday February 27, 2020 at 5:00pm at RGM Kramer, attention: Omid Azizi, 4020 Moorpark Avenue, #220, San Jose, CA 95117

Pre-Qualification of Trade Contractors

To receive plans and bid, Trade Contractors must possess a current and active license to perform the work listed, submit and certify the required Responsibility Questionnaire information, and be pre-qualified by the District.

A. General Trades
   License Required

B. Earthwork and Paving Trades
   A or C-12
   License Required

C. Underground Utilities Trades
   A or C-34
   License Required

D. Electrical and Low Voltage Trades
   C-7 or C-10
   License Required

E. Site Concrete Trades
   A or C-8
   License Required

Only Pre-Qualified Contractors will be permitted to bid. Pre-Qualified Contractors will be required to attend a mandatory Pre-bid Conference tentatively scheduled for Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 12:30 PM at the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Office, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Opening of the sealed bids submitted by pre-qualified bidders is tentatively scheduled for Thursday March 19, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Office, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Pre-qualified contractors are advised to verify dates and times of the mandatory pre-bid conference and bid opening prior to the above listed dates. Responsibility Questionnaires and instructions for submission can be obtained by calling Omid Azizi at (669) 231-4260 or by email OmidA@RGMKramer.com. Contracts will require a 100% Performance Bond, a 100% Labor and Materials Bond and a Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the submitted bid. The project is subject to the State Labor Code. Labor Code 17202-1861 requiring DFP registration, the payment of prevailing wages and submission of certified payroll statements will be enforced. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after March 22, 2013) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 (with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1[a]).

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**Something Swede-ish serves up** an array of baked goods, including a heart-shaped gingerbread cookie, and traditional “drömmar” (Swedish for “dream”), white cookies with a light, airy texture.

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**Benny Olsen buys cardamom buns from Denise Touhey at her Something Swede-lish pop-up at The Village Hub in Woodside.**
**MOVIE OPENINGS**

**1/2 (Century 20, Icon, Aquarius)**

Right on time for Valentine’s Day comes a comedy of marital manners, one that perversely questions the limits of love, on a weekend made for date night. “Downhill,” with Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Will Ferrell’s married couple falling apart in front of their frightened children, is an American comedy, the tone must keep veering into broad material. One hour, 26 minutes.

**Now Showing**

**Jumanji: The Next Level (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**JoJo Rabbit (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**The Photograph (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Parasite (R) ***1/2** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**The Phoenix (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Spies in Disguise (PG)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (PG-13) ***1/2** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**World Famous Lover (R)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

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**Project Description:** Mountain View High School Chemistry CR HVAC and Re-Roofing.

**Pre-Qualification Packages Due Date and Time:** Monday February 24, 2020 at 3:00pm in RGM Kramer, attention: Omid Azizi, 4020 Moopark Avenue, #220, San Jose, CA 95117.

**Pre-Qualification of Trade Contractors:** To receive plans and bid, Trade Contractors must possess a current and active license to perform the work listed, submit and certify the required Responsibility Questionnaire information, and be pre-qualified by the District.

- **A. Roofing Trades**
- **B. Electrical and Low Voltage Trades**
- **C. Plumbing Trades**
- **D. HVAC Trades**

Only Pre-Qualified Contractors will be permitted to bid.

Pre-Qualified Contractors will be required to attend a mandatory Pre-bid Conference tentatively scheduled for Wednesday February 26, 2020 at 12:30 PM at the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Office, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Opening of the sealed bids submitted by pre-qualified bidders is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday March 11, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Office, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040.

Pre-qualified contractors are advised to verify dates and times of the mandatory pre-bid conference and bid opening prior to the above listed dates. Responsibility Questionnaires and instructions for subcontractor submission can be obtained by calling Omid Azizi at (650) 231-4260 or by email OmidA@RGMKramer.com. Contractors will require a 100% Performance Bond, a 100% Labor and Materials Bond and a Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the submitted bid. The project is subject to the State Labor Code. Labor Code 1720-1861 regarding DIR registration, the payment of prevailing wages and submission of certified payroll statements will be enforced. No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bids purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

**Contractors:** To receive the pre-qualification form, contact: Omid Azizi at 4020 Moopark Avenue #220, San Jose, CA 95117. No contractor or subcontractor shall be permitted to submit a bid unless they have obtained the necessary pre-qualification.

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**A chilly marriage**

**JULIA LOUIS-DREYFUS, WILL FERRELL GO TOE TOE IN ‘DOWNHILL’**

Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Will Ferrell in the comedy “Downhill.”

“Downhill” demonstrates its intelligent side whenever it focuses on family dynamics, such as clumsily trouble-shooting one son’s “phase” or playing out archetypal travel nightmares like a botched $2,000 tourist adventure and the dreaded question, “Can we have screen time back at the hotel?” As long as the movie’s writer-directors Nat Faxon and Jim Rash stay in this pitch-black post of uncomfortable truth-telling, “Downhill” retains its power.”

Julia Louis-Dreyfus’ ferocious human comedy, with one-off scenes that are right on time for Valentine’s Day comes a comedy of marital manners, one that perversely questions the limits of love, on a weekend made for date night. “Downhill,” with Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Will Ferrell’s married couple falling apart in front of their frightened children, is an American comedy, the tone must keep veering into broad material. One hour, 26 minutes.

**Force Majeure**

A remake of the 2014 film “Force Majeure” from Swedish director Ruben Ostlund, “Downhill” concerns an ill-fated family ski vacation, turned upside down when a father (Ferrell) abandons his wife (Louis-Dreyfus) and two sons (Julian Grey and Ammon Jacob Ford) during an apparently life-threatening avalanche. “Downhill” doesn’t live up to its celebrated forebear, but it is not without its amusements, and it has a powerhouse in top-billed Louis-Dreyfus. While the original was a subtler, more ambitious ending avalanche, “Downhill” features a stomach-churning argument as its centerpiece, with Pete’s work colleague Zach (Zach Woods) and Zach’s girlfriend Rose (Zoe Chao) the captive audience.

The rise of the script (and Louis-Dreyfus’ ferocious human comedy) meet and elevate the film to incisive satire. Taking a page from the original, “Downhill” features a botched $2,000 tourist adventure and the dreaded question, “Can we have screen time back at the hotel?” As long as the movie’s writer-directors Nat Faxon and Jim Rash stay in this pitch-black post of uncomfortable truth-telling, “Downhill” retains its power. But since this is an American comedy, the tone must keep veering into broad comedy, with one-off scenes that go nowhere.

Miranda Otto fares best as thickly accented, sex-positive concierge Charlotte, a character asked to suggest that Billie has played a life of sexual abandon for the convention of motherhood. Charlotte’s presence tees up the old standby scenes of a young-stud ski instructor (an Italian situation played by Giulio Berruti) offering Billie the temptation of hot-and-ready extramarital rookie while a day-drunk Pete overestimates his attractiveness to younger women. Once the last vacation day rolls around, with Pete goading his family to hit the highest slope and “tackle the beast,” it’s clear that “Downhill” will resolve by playing out a low-key cathartic climax. Ultimately, the movie’s trajectory isn’t an acute angle, but a slow-sliding zigzag approach to an interesting insight, then turning and heading toward a new one rather than ever going there as “Force Majeure” once committed to do.

**R for language and some sexual material. One hour, 26 minutes.**

— Peter Canavan

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**NOW SHOWING**

**1917 (R) ***1/2** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Bad Boys for Life (R)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Dolittle (PG)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Downhill (R) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun. 1/12**

**Drunk Angel (1948) (Not Rated)** Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Fantasy Island (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Ford V Ferrari (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Frozen II (PG) ***1/2** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**The Gentlemen (R)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Gretel & Hansel (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey (R) ***1/2** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Ikuru (1952) (Not Rated)** Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Jojo Rabbit (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Jumanji: The Next Level (PG-13)*** Century 16: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Knives Out (Not Rated)*** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Little Women (2019) (PG) ***1/2** Century 16: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Love Aaj Kal (Not Rated)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Oscar Shorts 2020 (Not Rated)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Parasite (R) ***1/2** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**The Photograph (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

**Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun. 1/12

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**Skipped**

1. Some redeeming qualities
2. A good bet
3. Outstanding

For show times, plot synopses, trailers and more movie info, visit www.mv-voice.com and click on movies.
**THEATER**

‘Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland’ Peninsula Youth Theatre adapts Lewis Carroll’s classic tale of a young girl who falls through a rabbit hole and lands into a world of fantasy. Feb. 14-15; times vary. $11. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. pageworks.org

‘Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type’ Palo Alto Children’s Theatre presents “Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type,” a comedic musical based on Doreen Cronin’s beloved children’s book. Feb. 15-16; dates and times vary. $14-34; discount for children. Palo Alto Children’s Theatre, 1305 Middlegate Road, Palo Alto. citypapaloos.org

“The Pianist of Willesden Lane” TheaterWorks Silicon Valley presents “The Pianist of Willesden Lane,” a true story about a young Jewish pianist escaping Nazi-occupied Austria at the outset of World War II. Pianoist Mona Golabek recounts her mother’s poignant saga of hope and resilience to illustrate the power of music. Feb. 14-16; times vary. $25-$55; discounts available. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatrworksf.org

*Princess Ida* Acclaimed Bay Area-based Lamplighters Music Theatre reimagines Giuseppe Verdi’s comic opera with timely commentary on topics like female assertiveness. Feb. 22-23, 2 and 8 p.m. $16-$76. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. lamplighters.org

“The Ugly Duckling” Palo Alto Children’s Theatre tells Hans Christian Andersen’s story of the ugly duckling that blooms into a beautiful swan. Feb. 15, 8 p.m. $25. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Laurel St., Stanford. live.stanford.edu

**CSMA Merit Scholar Honors Concert** A selection of Community School of Music and Arts’ top merit scholarship present works by Beethoven, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Heuberger, Chopin, Joan Tower and Scheinle in this annual concert. Feb. 22, 5 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org

**Hanshi Wang** Praised for his stage presence and performances, the groundbreaking young musician, Hanshi Wang, is the only astonniciant to win a place on the roster of the nonprofit, Young Concert Artists, in its 59-year history. Feb. 16, 7 p.m. $25. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Laurel St., Stanford. live.stanford.edu

“Love Stories” Palo Alto Philharmonic hosts a program of Russian, Mendelssohn and Prokofiev in “Love Stories” with violist Elizabeth Pictam, Feb. 18, 7:30-10 p.m. $10-$22; discount for seniors and students. Cubberley Theatre, 4120 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. pacchamber.org

“Misa de los Inmigrantes” The Unitarian Universalist Church puts on a concert featuring composer Henry Mollicone’s “Misa de los Inmigrantes” or “Mass of the Immigrants.” Feb. 22, 7-9 p.m. $27. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 S. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. brownpapertickets.com

**The New Esherity Quartet** The Bay Area-based quartet performs works by Georges Onslow, Felix Mendelssohn, and his sister Fanny Hensel. Feb. 23, 4 p.m. $10-$30; discount for students and seniors. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. nevtherapy.org

**MUSIC**

“Macbeth” West Bay Opera puts on Giuseppe Verdi’s four-act opera, “Macbeth,” one of Shakespeare’s greatest plays about the human thirst for power. Feb. 14, dates and times vary. $15-$92; discount for students and seniors. Lucie Stern Center, 1305 Middlegate Road, Palo Alto. wbo.org

Open Mic Performers sing in front of a supportive audience and meet fellow musicians and artists during Open Mic Mondays at Red Rock Coffee. Ongoing; Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org

**FESTIVALS & FAIRS**

VOTE-A-Palooza The League of Women Voters celebrates its 100th birthday with live music, a food truck, photo ops with suffragette actors and a talk with New York Times bestselling author Julie Lythcott-Haims. Feb. 22, 2-4 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. lwpalooza.org

**TALKS & LECTURES**

Kevin Fedarko and Peter McBride Wallace Author Kevin Fedarko and photographer/filmmaker Peter McBride talk about their adventure through an 800-mile hike of the Grand Canyon. Feb. 18, 8 p.m. $23-$43. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. tickets.mvcpa.com

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**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

Eating Disorders Family and Friends Support Group The Eating Disorders Resource Center of Silicon Valley invites guest speaker Camelia Hayat to share her personal story of battling bulimia nervosa and body dysmorphia. Feb. 22, 9:30-11 a.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View. ecrms.com

**FAMILY**

The Wonders of Wool Hidden Villa hosts a class on the history of wool, with a chance to get up close to sheep and take some wool home. Feb. 23, 1:30-3 p.m. $25. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvillage.org

**MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS**

“Coalitions” “Coalitions: Classic Coin-Operated Machines” explores what life was like before the era of gambling devices, a mutoscope, vending machines and more. Through May 18; times vary. $35-$92; discount for students and seniors. Civic Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. tickets.mvcpa.com

**COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Great Books Discussion Explore the classic works of literature with the great books group. Great Books Discussion. Feb. 18, 7-9 p.m. Free. Palo Alto. library.org

**OUTDOOR RECREATION**

Walk and Meditate with Mother Nature Hidden Villa organizes an intimate day of meditation and silence with quiet walks through nature and guided meditation with Lachin Deshmukh. Feb. 23, 2-4 p.m. $10. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvillage.org

**FOOD & DRINK**

Cheesemaking Hidden Villa partners with local farm experts to reveal the great mysteries of crafting cheese and provides an opportunity to sample other dairy farm creations from neighboring Bay Area farmers. There is also a chance to craft a cheese by hand in Hidden Villa’s Duveneck House. Feb. 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $70. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvillage.org

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