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Juan Nava helps daughter Yexalen into her princess costume on Halloween. He and his wife Elized Ramirez were given an eviction notice to vacate their apartment the next day, just before Mountain View voters decide on two rent-control measures on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Ahead of rent-control vote, eviction spree hits tenants

FEARING LOCKED-IN PRICES, LANDLORDS SEEK TO OUST BELOW-MARKET RENTERS

By Mark Noack

For Elized Ramirez, this is a time of uncertainty, when her longstanding financial planning has been thrown into limbo. In that regard, she has something in common with the landlord who

is evicting her family.

Any day now, the mother fears her family of five is going to be kicked out of their Clark Avenue apartment, where they've lived for 12 years. She fears her family won't find a comparable home nearby. She fears her children will be pulled

out of school and placed in a new district. She fears that she and her husband will have to take on second and third jobs, respectively, to afford a new home in Mountain View.

"We just don't know what

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Rent control opponents raise \$1.2M to defeat Bay Area measures

By Mark Noack

It looks like no expense is being spared to defeat ballot initiatives restricting apartment rents in Mountain View and four other Bay Area cities.

The possibility that rent control measures might pass has been a boon to fundraising for the California Apartment Association, the chief group working

on behalf of landlords and property management firms. Since September, the apartment group has raised over \$1.18 million to wage an opposition campaign against Bay Area rent control measures, including Mountain View's Measure V, according to the latest filings with the California Secretary of State's office.

The campaign finance documents reported spending as a

whole and did not detail how much was spent specifically in Mountain View or the other four cities considering rent control measures on the Nov. 8 ballot: Burlingame, San Mateo, Richmond and Alameda.

The top donors to the anti-rent-control campaign include Essex Property Trust of San

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Council puts the brakes on backyard pot plants

NEW ORDINANCE IMPOSES 45-DAY BAN
ON OUTDOOR MARIJUANA CULTIVATION

By Kevin Forestieri

Faced with the possibility that Mountain View residents could legally start growing marijuana in their backyards as early as next week, Mountain View City Council members agreed to impose a short-term ban on outdoor pot cultivation until the city has clear regulatory guidelines on the practice.

In a 6-1 decision, with council member John Inks opposed, the City Council agreed Tuesday night to pass a 45-day urgency ordinance banning outdoor cultivation of marijuana plants for personal use in the event that voters pass Proposition 64, also known as the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA), on Nov. 8. The proposition would allow residents to grow up to six marijuana plants outside their homes, as long as it's in a "locked space" and out of public view.

The ban marks a pre-emptive move to give city staff more time to craft regulatory restrictions on outdoor pot gardens, which could become legal as soon as Nov. 9. The ordinance is designed to avoid or minimize a "regulatory gap" between when the measure passes and when full regulations are written and passed, and can be extended as a one- or two-year moratorium on cultivation, according to the city staff report.

Outdoor cultivation is one of the few things the city can restrict. If Proposition 64 passes, the city can't stop people from possessing or transporting less

than an ounce of marijuana — or 8 grams of "concentrated" marijuana — and has little control over indoor cultivation. The city can, however, adopt business and land use ordinances that restrict commercial marijuana businesses in Mountain View.

For now, city officials are focused squarely on banning outdoor cultivation in the immediate days following the election. California lawmakers still need to create the regulatory and licensing infrastructure required to oversee marijuana-growing operations in the state, essentially creating a grace period for the city to study and create new regulations on marijuana cultivation and use beyond outdoor pot grows.

"At the present time, staff is only focused on the outdoor cultivation aspect of the AUMA because, if passed, it will be immediately effective under state law," according to the report presented at the Nov. 1 council meeting.

In order to pass an urgency ordinance, the City Council needs to justify that there is a "current and immediate threat to public health, safety or welfare." City staff argued that there are a myriad of possible problems that could come with outdoor marijuana plants, including the potential nuisance of odors, an increase in criminal activity, increases in water use and various inconsistencies with the city's general plan.

Council member Lenny Siegel supported the urgency

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Whimsical sculptures by Darin Wacs are on display in Palo Alto.

WHIMSICAL SCULPTURES BY DARIN WACS

If you pass the corner of Embarcadero and Newell roads in Palo Alto, a vibrant flash of color may catch your eye. The Palo Alto Art Center and Rinconada Library have a new sign, designed by sculptor Darin Wacs. The whimsical, colorful, 3,300-pound steel sign, which has the playful look of a garden or coral reef, was unveiled last weekend. And if the style looks familiar, you may recognize Wacs' work from the signs she designed for the Palo Alto Junior Zoo and Children's Library. In conjunction with the new sign, the Palo Alto Art Center will be displaying work by Wacs for the next month. The art center is located at 1313 Newell Road, and is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (open Thursdays until 9 p.m.) and Sundays 1-5 p.m. Admission is free. Go to tinyurl.com/z7ye5yd.



Neil Shubin

'FINDING YOUR INNER FISH'

Neil Shubin is a University of Chicago professor and author of "The Universe Within: The Deep History of the Human Body" (2013) and the best-selling "Your Inner Fish: A Journey into the 3.5-Billion-Year History of the Human Body" (2008)." Shubin will give a free talk on his work in the field of evolutionary biology on Monday, Nov. 7, at 4 p.m. at Clark Center Auditorium, 318 Campus Drive, Stanford. The lecture is part of the Stanford Biology Seminar

Series. Go to events.stanford.edu/events/617/61797/.

'THE WIZARD OF OZ'

Toto, I don't think we're in Mountain View any more. Go over the rainbow and see local kids playing Dorothy, Scarecrow and all the rest when Peninsula Youth Theatre presents L. Frank Baum's classic "The Wizard of Oz" (with music adapted from the 1939 film), Nov. 12-20 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Tickets (\$16-22) and schedule are available at pytnet.org.

'HAGIA SOPHIA REIMAGINED'

Bing Concert Hall will be transformed into the Hagia Sophia of Constantinople on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. when the Portland-based vocal ensemble Cappella Romana returns for a special concert of liturgical music and a digital recreation of the incredible reverberated acoustics of that venue. Stanford's Center for Computer Research in Music and Acoustics used recordings of balloon pops in Hagia Sophia, then analyzed the sound waves to re-create the sonic atmosphere digitally. The concert will also be accompanied by visual projections. Bing Concert Hall is located at 327 Lasuen St. Stanford. Tickets are \$15-50. Go to live.stanford.edu.

MELODY OF CHINA

Melody of China, a Chinese-music ensemble based in San Francisco, will play a variety of musical styles and instruments from across China at a free concert on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community School of Music and Arts, Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. The evening will also include Chinese refreshments and classical Chinese paintings by Hsu Shin Zhe. Go to arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm.



Melody of China will perform at CSMA on Friday.



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■ CRIME BRIEFS

SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARREST

A 24-year-old Mountain View man was arrested after he allegedly sexually assaulted and abused his wife at their home over multiple days last week, according to police.

Mountain View Police were first told about the alleged assaults on Friday, Oct. 28, at around 8 p.m., when the department received reports that a woman at Stanford Hospital had allegedly been sexually assaulted. The victim told police that her husband slapped her, punched her and grabbed her by the throat after he became jealous over her communication with a man she used to work with, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The alleged attack left the victim with visible injuries that officers saw at the hospital, Nelson said.

The victim also told police that after the initial attacks, her husband continued to sporadically beat her over two days, allegedly attempting to sexually assault her, ramming her head into a wall and dragging her into the home from outside, Nelson said.

Officers went to the home of the suspect on the 100 block of W. El Camino Real later that night and arrested him on charges of sexual assault, kidnapping, domestic violence, false imprisonment and vandalism. The vandalism charge was made after officers found that the suspect allegedly broke the victim's phone.

The suspect is being held in Santa Clara County Main Jail on \$186,000 bail.

CAR CHASE

Police arrested two San Jose men and a teen after they were spotted in a stolen vehicle, leading to a car chase in Mountain View that ended in a foot-chase through the construction-heavy

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■ POLICE LOG

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON	Crisanto Av. & Escuela Av., 10/26
400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/26	1900 block Grant Rd., 10/28
ASSAULT WITH ATTEMPT TO RAPE	Central Expy. & Farley St., 10/29
100 block W. El Camino Real, 10/29	FALSE IMPRISONMENT
AUTO BURGLARY	600 block San Antonio Rd., 10/29
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/28	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/28	100 block Paul Av., 10/26
BATTERY	100 block Eldora Dr., 10/26
2600 block California St., 10/26	STOLEN VEHICLE
	400 block San Antonio Rd., 10/27

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NEW HOTEL APPROVED FOR NORTH BAYSHORE

A proposal for the North Bayshore neighborhood's first hotel was unanimously approved by the Mountain View City Council.

At the Nov. 1 meeting, council members threw their support behind a project from the Cupertino firm Shashi Group to construct a 200-room hotel at the corner of Shoreline Boulevard and Space Park Way.

The site is currently occupied by a single-story gym and parking lot, which would be replaced by a five-story building and parking structure. As part of the project, the developer is giving the city \$315,000 for public art, about \$1.3 million in building fees and the promise that its future hotel facilities can be used for public meetings and nonprofits.

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GET READY TO VOTE

Donna Clarke and Karen Fox get ready for a raffle while working at the Democratic Volunteer Center in Mountain View. While presidential election polls show that California is unlikely to lose its status as a reliably blue state, there are a host of competitive local contests. The Voice will post election night results on mv-voice.com for the Mountain View City Council, Mountain View Whisman School District's board and Assembly District 24. For a round-up of the Voice's editorial board endorsements, see page 18. Photo by Michelle Le



Bike Share upgrade rolls to a halt

FORD PULLS SPONSORSHIP, LEAVING CITY SPINNING ITS WHEELS

By Mark Noack

Mountain View's struggling Bike Share program is heading back to the drawing board, leaving its future up in the air. In a curious turn of events that left some heads spinning, a proposal discussed at last week's City Council meeting for Peninsula cities to upgrade to a "smart bike" rental system is a no-go — that deal is no longer on the table.

It turns out the bike rental program's brand sponsor — the Ford Motor Company — decided against offering the upgraded system to Peninsula cities, according to company officials. If Mountain View decided to pursue the equipment on its own, it would need to foot the entire bill, including up to \$400,000 in capital costs and about \$1 million in annual operating expenses, said city Transportation Manager Linda Forsberg at the Nov. 1 City Council meeting. And since Ford was legally recognized as the Bay Area's corporate sponsor, its Bike Share operating company, Motivate, would be entitled to any revenues generated by the system, even though the city would be paying for it.

It appears to be a case of Ford "giving us the finger," said Councilman Mike Kasperzak. He and

other council members said the setback meant they needed to consider other options.

"I've been such a huge supporter of this and it feels like (kaboom.) This feels like staff is telling us this whole thing is blown up," Kasperzak said. "We don't have to reinvent the wheel, but how do we get there?"

It was the latest twist in what has been a bumpy road for Bike Share this year. The bike-rental system first came to Mountain View in 2013 via a grant doled

'It's clear as mud what's going on.'

MAYOR PAT SHOWALTER

out by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. When those subsidies expired earlier this year, Mountain View and several other Bay Area cities began questioning the efficacy of the program now that they would have to foot the bill. The city's bike fleet had dismal ridership — on average about two-thirds of the bikes in Mountain View would never be used on a given day. City staff calculated this meant that Mountain View was essentially losing about \$20 per bike trip.

The costs of the Bike Share system were so high that critics, including some council members, pointed out it would be vastly cheaper just to buy low-end bicycles and hand them out to residents.

Last week, city staff presented plans for an upgraded system that they believed could solve the old system's shortcomings. Bicycling has huge support in Mountain View, and staff members pointed out the reason that Bike Share wasn't attracting more usage was because riders could only travel between seven stations in the city, severely limiting where they could go.

Taking a cue from Palo Alto, Mountain View officials proposed doubling down with an estimated \$1.1 million from the city on a new, expanded version of Bike Share. This new system would be built around "smart" GPS-equipped bicycles that could be left at more places around town.

But however expensive it looked, it turns out the program wasn't even being offered to Mountain View. The day before the meeting, Forsberg said she learned that Ford had declined to help pay to bring the system to Mountain View, but she said the automaker was still working with Palo Alto.

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Experimental school is thriving

KHAN LAB SCHOOL GROWS TO NEARLY 100 STUDENTS

By Kevin Forestieri

Earlier this year, 12-year-old Ana Zeiger did what many middle school-aged students fantasize about: she stopped attending middle school and joined an experimental private school without homework or letter grades or all-day direct instruction. She left Crittenden Middle School to join Khan Lab School, Khan Academy's startup-style private school in Mountain View, and she said she had no problem getting used to it.

"I knew what I was getting into, and I was really excited for it," Ana said. "I've learned so much in the last few months."

Ana is one of nearly 100 students to join the founding families of Khan Lab School, which started two years ago in the heart of Mountain View. The private school has tinkered with, deconstructed and re-shaped the traditional educational model, offering families a chance to take part in a highly experimental school model. Since its founding, the school has drawn the attention of educational leaders across the globe, many of whom have stopped by for a tour.

The school has grown quickly, doubling in size to 60 students during its second year and growing to 97 students at the start of the school year in September. School officials say they don't plan on slowing down either, and aim to bring enrollment up to 400 students in the coming years.

Khan Lab School is the brainchild of Khan Academy's founder, Sal Khan, who became a prominent figure in the education world after launching Khan Academy in 2006 with the goal of providing a "free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere." The courses on Khan Academy depart from the traditional education model in many ways, focusing on conceptual understanding and mastery of content rather than giving students a letter grade and moving them on to the next class.

In an ambitious effort to take these ideas offline and into a real classroom setting, Khan launched Khan Lab School in September 2014. The school



COURTESY OF KHAN LAB SCHOOL

Ana Zeiger left Crittenden Middle School for the experimental education offered at the private Khan Lab School in Mountain View.

has no grades, no homework, and dissolves grade levels into five "independence levels" for children ages 5 to 15. Schedules are fluid throughout the day and include time for both direct instruction as well as independent "goal" time for personal work. Students even set goals for themselves each year, giving them a chance to excel in fields that interest them.

The school also ditches a summer break in favor of a 12-month school year, and hosts a extended-day period that ends at 6 p.m. Even during the latter parts of the day, most of the students stick around and stay busy working on classroom activities, according to Kat Clark, the school's marketing and communication manager.

Ana, who has been at the school for only a few months, has already taken part in a major project that explores the idea of cultures and systems — which branches off into a plethora of topics including math, art, science and humanities that are interconnected. Students were tasked with creating their own country that would vie to be the next location for the Olympic games, and Ana and her group had to come up with a system of governance, an economic structure and a list of strong, compelling reasons why it should be the country of choice.

At a parent-student exhibition event last week, a panel of judges, including Sal Khan and school staff, agreed that Ana's group had

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we will do,” Ramirez said. “We weren’t expecting this would all happen so soon.”

Two months ago, the property manager at their Clark Avenue apartment knocked on the door and handed Ramirez a 60-day eviction notice. No reason was given, and the property manager refused Ramirez’s offer to pay a rent increase or her request to give the family more time. She said she later learned that at least three other households in the same apartment complex received similar notices, all in the same week.

The evictions are being carried out just days ahead of the Nov. 8 election in which Mountain View voters will decide on two separate rent-control initiatives, measures V and W. If either measure passes, Mountain View apartment tenants will receive eviction protections as well as some level of assurance that there will be limits on annual rent increases. Under Measure V, rents would be rolled back to October 2015.

But for Ramirez’s family and other evicted tenants, either measure would have effectively locked in apartment rents significantly below the market rate. This possibility appears to have spurred the property owners into firing off a spree of eviction notices. Once they are vacated, the apartments can be immediately rented out at any price the market will bear.

Members of the Mountain View Tenants Coalition, the group advocating for Measure



MICHELLE LE

Elized Ramirez reads the eviction notice as her husband **Juan Nava** looks on. They said they haven’t been able to find another affordable apartment and will likely move to a motel in order to keep their children, ages 8 and 16, from having to leave their schools.

V, say they have been notified of 13 such evictions across the city, but they believe the real number is probably much higher. They point to the capricious nature of the new evictions as evidence that tenants need the safeguards provided by rent control.

“This is exactly why we need Measure V — to prevent speculators from bidding up the price of apartment buildings and raising rents on longtime residents to pay for it,” said Daniel DeBolt, a volunteer serving as the spokesman for the Tenants Coalition. “Mountain View’s hard-working families should not have to pay such a terrible price for poor investment decisions.”

The anxiety of being evicted hits home for DeBolt, who said he recently learned that he, too, was being evicted. After nine years in his rented house, his

landlord wouldn’t give him a reason for the eviction, DeBolt said.

Ramirez and her family say they aren’t sure what’s going to happen now, but the last two months have been extremely stressful. One downstairs neighbor has already moved out. But on Monday, Oct. 31 — the day they were supposed to be out — Ramirez’s family was still living in the apartment, although they had several bags packed with their belongings in case they had to leave abruptly.

That evening, Ramirez’s 8-year-old daughter Yexalen pranced around the living room in her princess costume, blissfully oblivious to her family’s troubles. She left to go trick-or-treating with a group of children who were chaperoned by a neighbor.

Once her daughter was out the

door, Ramirez exhaled and her frustrations came pouring out. She fumed about her kitchen’s faulty stove, the water leaks and the rats that her family could hear scurrying in the walls at night. It was tacitly understood that complaining about these issues meant management would pass along any costs through a rent increase, so the residents mostly stayed mum, she said.

The *Voice’s* efforts to reach the owners of the apartment complex at 977 Clark Ave. were not successful. The 12-unit apartment complex is owned by Sambuceto Partners, a limited-liability corporation that lists a San Jose attorney as the only contact. That attorney didn’t return calls for comment.

Ramirez works for a food-services contractor at the Google campus. Her husband Juan Nava is a cook at Applebee’s who moonlights doing landscaping jobs. Yet they say they can’t afford renting another two-bedroom apartment in Mountain View without dipping into their savings and abandoning their dream to some day own a home in Kentucky, where their relatives live. Right now their best plan is to put their possessions in a storage unit and live out of a hotel, she said.

More than anything else, Ramirez said, her top priority was to keep Yexalen and her 16-year-old son Juan Ignacio in the same school district. Her son is getting good grades, taking three AP classes during his critical junior year of high school, but he admits he has been losing focus since he learned his family

was losing its home.

Hearing the news about evictions occurring throughout Mountain View, Mayor Pat Showalter said she was “horried.” She urged tenants facing displacement to contact the city’s mediation group, Project Sentinel, to arrange a meeting and determine whether they are being treated lawfully.

“I find it deeply disturbing that landlords would evict tenants for no reason and wreak havoc on Mountain View families simply to avoid the possibility of a rent regulation measure,” Showalter said. “I urge landlords to be respectful of the impact of their actions on hard-working and well-behaved tenants.”

Getting an eviction notice was similarly heartbreaking for Martin Cortez, a single father who has lived for 11 years in a two-bedroom apartment on Del Medio Avenue. Unlike Ramirez and her family, Cortez had a good personal relationship with the property owners, Paul and Ann Lethers, a friendly Fremont couple who would drop by almost every week to perform maintenance on the building. Years ago, when the market was tilted in favor of renters, the couple even invited their tenants out to a barbecue at their house.

How different things are now, Cortez said, unfolding the eviction notice the couple gave him and three other longtime tenants earlier this month. When they handed him the notice, they were deeply apologetic, even crying at points, he said.

But the Letherses, who have

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LASD parcel tax campaign surpasses \$100K

By Kevin Forestieri

Proponents of the Los Altos School District's Measure GG parcel tax have brought in over \$100,000 in campaign funds, according to a campaign finance report released Oct. 27.

The filing period, which spans from Sept. 25 to Oct. 22, shows that the "Yes on GG" crowd has raised \$105,242 in cash to help pass the \$223 parcel tax. Measure GG would effectively replace the district's existing \$193 Measure E parcel tax, which passed in 2011 and expires in June. Measure GG would generate \$2.8 million annually to support schools. The major difference between Measure E and Measure GG is that \$300,000 of annual revenue would go to Bullis Charter School, which currently receives no district parcel tax money.

Roughly 27 percent of the district's enrollment comes from Mountain View, and district residents in and around the San Antonio area will be able to vote

on the measure.

In past elections, the PTA organizations at all Los Altos School District schools pitch in \$5,000 for the district's ballot measures, and this year is no exception. All nine schools have now contributed \$5,000, for a total of \$45,000. Parents and district residents who donate to the Los Altos Education Foundation also, in an indirect way, pitched in: the foundation contributed \$10,000 in early October.

An unusual ally in the fight to pass Measure GG is the California Charter School Association (CCSA), which contributed \$7,500 to the campaign through the political arm of the organization, CCSA Advocates. Representatives from the charter school association told the *Voice* earlier this year that they support school districts that choose to share parcel tax and bond revenue with charter schools in the area, and filed a lawsuit against the West Contra Costa Unified School District in 2014 for fail-

ing to share parcel tax money with eight charter schools in the district. In May, West Contra Costa Unified agreed to settle the lawsuit by sharing the parcel tax money.

In an email to the *Voice*, Richard Garcia, the director of elections communications at CCSA Advocates said the group supports any measure that aims to improve learning conditions and is equitable for all students attending public schools.

"Measure GG will help advance academic gains through its proposed expansion of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum and programs," Garcia said in the email. "We are hopeful Los Altos community members, including the parents of charter school students, will join in supporting Measure GG on Nov. 8."

The other state actor getting involved in the local election is the California Teachers Association, which contributed \$1,125 to the campaign.

Measure GG also received \$1,250 from Dannis Woliver Kelley, a legal firm that the district has worked with for several

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EVICCTIONS

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since rescinded the evictions, explained at the time that they had no other choice. About one year earlier, they had reportedly taken out a sizable loan to purchase the adjacent 417 Del Medio Ave. apartments for \$3.9 million. According to Cortez and other tenants who were interviewed, the Lethers made the purchase based on the assumption that rents would continue to rise at the dramatic pace of recent years. The news that a political groundswell in Mountain View was pushing for rent control blindsided them, and they said they needed to protect their new property from foreclosure.

While Cortez says he sympathizes with his landlords' situation, he has to think about his own family. He lives with his 19-year-old daughter, who is autistic and extremely sensitive to any changes. A different spice or spoon used for dinner can set her off on a tantrum. Previously, she had run away from home based on what might seem like small matters, he said. But having to lose her own room and sense of home would be catastrophic, and he fears he could need the police to intervene.

"I don't know what's going to happen; I don't know what I'm going to do," he said before learning that the eviction had

been withdrawn. "Last night I had six nightmares that my life was falling apart. I'd wake up and fall back asleep again and it'd happen all over again."

When contacted by the *Voice*, the Lethers family declined to speak over the phone. In an email, they described themselves as a working-class family who had saved every penny to buy the apartments as a retirement nest egg.

They referred the *Voice* to their attorney, Todd Rothbard, who said the Letherses were an example of property owners who are being unfairly punished for keeping rent below the market rate. If rent control passes, he said, older "mom and pop" landlords will be stuck with low rents while larger firms controlling newer apartments built after 1995 will be free to do as they please. After hearing of the Letherses' situation, Rothbard said, he advised them that their only recourse was to evict their older tenants to bring those units up to the market price.

But on Monday, two weeks after the evictions were served, the Lethers family contacted Cortez and other tenants to rescind the evictions. The landlords told their tenants they would weather the economic loss somehow.

Rothbard said some of the evictions had to be withdrawn due to an oversight, because some tenants had active lease agreements

that would have been violated by a no-cause eviction.

While his immediate crisis was averted, Cortez said the experience was a harsh reminder that he could be evicted at any time.

"I still have hard feelings about this," he said. "I didn't see this coming and it was a shock to be treated this way. I don't know if this is the end of it." ▣

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California's Legislative Analyst Shows that policies like Measure V Hurts Renters and Mountain View

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Official Affordable Housing Report - February 9, 2016

Housing Shortage Also Creates Problems for Rent Control Policies.

The state's shortage of housing also presents challenges for expanding rent control policies. Proposals to expand rent control often focus on two broad changes: (1) expanding the number of housing units covered—by applying controls to newer properties or enacting controls in locations that currently lack them—and (2) prohibiting landlords from resetting rents to market rates for new tenants. Neither of these changes would increase the supply of housing and, in fact, likely would discourage new construction. Households looking to move to California or within California would therefore continue to face stiff competition for limited housing, making it difficult for them to secure housing that they can afford. Requiring landlords to charge new tenants below-market rents would not eliminate this competition. Households would have to compete based on factors other than how much they are willing to pay. Landlords might decide between tenants based on their income, creditworthiness, or socioeconomic status, likely to the benefit of more affluent renters.

Declining Quality of Housing.

By depressing rents, rent control policies reduce the income received by owners of rental housing. In response, property owners may attempt to cut back their operating costs by forgoing maintenance and repairs. Over time, this can result in a decline in overall quality of a community's housing stock.

Measure V Reduces Available Housing

Because of the current housing market in Mountain View, the Measure V rental subsidy policy would actually reduce the number of available affordable housing units.

More Difficult for Working Families

Measure V would make it MORE DIFFICULT for households in need to secure affordable housing.

Requires Tenants to be Subsidized

Requiring landlords to subsidize the rents of their tenants through Measure V would NOT make it easier for those truly in need.

Measure V Omitted Critical Renter Protections

Measure V mistakenly omitted protections that guarantee only those renters in need of rental subsidies would have access to rental subsidies.

Subsidies Go to "Affluent Renters"

Measure V will likely benefit "AFFLUENT" renters rather than working families in need.

Overall Quality of Housing Declines

When property owners stop investing in their Mountain View properties because of Measure V, the overall quality of housing will decline.

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Council hopefuls let the campaign mailers fly

LATEST CAMPAIGN REPORTS SHOW CANDIDATES' SPENDING PRIORITIES

By Mark Noack

In the home stretch for the Nov. 8 election, Mountain View's eight City Council candidates are making their final pitches to voters. The latest round of campaign finance reports show most candidates' campaign coffers are filled up to the city's \$24,000 voluntary spending cap.

Financial disclosure reports released on Oct. 27 for the period of Sept. 25 through Oct. 22 show candidates putting their war chests to use, focusing on mailer blitzes to try to sway voters before they head to the ballot box.

After more than a year of soliciting donations for her council bid, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Thida Cornes is investing the lion's share of her campaign funds (about \$16,500) on mailers and other paraphernalia. She listed a series of new donations, including \$500 checks from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Building and Construction Trades Council and Democratic

Activists for Women Now. Those contributions bring her total funds to more than \$27,500, the most raised in the race.

While the candidates have unanimously agreed to abide by the voluntary campaign spending limit, many reported raising more than they can spend on this race. City rules allow candidates to bank those donations for a future political race or to direct the funds to other candidates or causes.

Incumbent Councilman Chris Clark reported spending more than \$14,000 on printing and mailing costs for a late campaign push. He listed new donations, including \$1,500 from the Mountain View Professional Firefighters and \$300 from PG&E. His total contributions stand at just under \$26,900.

Following close behind is Human Relations Commissioner Lucas Ramirez, who raised about \$26,300, more than half of which he reported spending on printing costs. Other than \$135 in small donations, Ramirez listed no new contributions to his campaign.

Former Councilwoman Mar-

garet Abe-Koga listed several large new donations, including \$2,000 from the California Real Estate political action committee, \$1,000 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers as well as \$500 contributions from the AT&T employees' political-action committee, the local Building and Construction Trades Council, and the Plumbers, Steamfitters, Refrigeration Fitters union. In total, she has raised more than \$26,000 this year, a large portion of which is being put toward a mailer push according to her campaign's report.

Planning Commissioner Lisa Matchak drew similar donations from many of the same organized labor groups to bring her campaign total to \$24,600. Her significant donations include \$500 checks from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the local Building and Construction Trades Council, and the Plumbers, Steamfitters, Refrigeration Fitters union. She also received \$500 from the

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BIKE SHARE

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But that wasn't entirely accurate. Ford is also pulling out of Palo Alto's Bike Share upgrade, said Emily Stapleton, Motivate general manager.

"There's still very much an opportunity for a third party to brand the system, but it would be the city's responsibility to seek that," Stapleton said. "Ford did not opt to sponsor any of the Peninsula cities, including Palo Alto."

Corporate representatives from Microsoft and other tech firms in Mountain View urged the city not to jettison the Bike Share idea. The local Transportation Management Association — a nonprofit consortium of the city's tech firms — offered an extra \$100,000 to help pay for three new Bike Share hubs in the North Bayshore and Whisman neighborhoods. The concept behind Bike Share could succeed at a low price if it was properly implemented, said TMA chairman Tom Herrington.

Sensing opportunity, other firms were ready to seize the moment, pledging they could offer a superior bike-rental system. Hinting that Bike Share

was already becoming obsolete, Colin Roche from the start-up Swift Mile touted his company's prototype fleet of solar-powered bicycles that is "like Zipcar, but for bikes."

"We're not trying to disparage Bike Share at all, but there's some great new technologies out there that you can tap into," he said. "We're here to let you know that there's other options out there."

Given the sudden change in plans, Forsberg and other city staffers suggested a "time-out" to hire a consultant to study the available options and devise a plan. That study is expected to cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

The Mountain View City Council approved hiring a consultant on a 6-1 vote with Councilman John Inks opposed.

Following the meeting, Mayor Pat Showalter said that the council's Bike Share discussion seemed like a confusing muddle.

"It's clear as mud what's going on," she said. "There's tremendous amounts of support here, but there's also suspicion that the way we did it before didn't work well." ▀

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Raschke leads in LASD campaign spending

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View resident Tanya Raschke surged ahead of Los Altos resident Bryan Johnson in campaign spending in the bid for a seat on the Los Altos School District Board of Trustees, according to campaign finance reports filed Oct. 27.

The reports show that Raschke raised \$3,200 in the latest filing period, which spans from Sept. 25 to Oct. 22, for a total of \$9,117 in campaign contributions. She reported spending \$9,637 during the filing period, for a total of \$12,157. That's about \$3,000

more than her campaign has reported raising.

Johnson raised \$3,000 in campaign contributions during the latest filing period, for a total of \$5,945. A big chunk of that money comes from the Los Altos Teachers' Association, which put \$1,265 towards his bid for the school board. Other big contributors include \$500 from Elena Shea, a school clerk at Covington Elementary and former president of the Huttlinger Alliance for Education, and \$500 from Google software engineer Todd Volkert.

Raschke's campaign money come from a mix of residents

in Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. Notable contributions include \$250 from Mountain View Whisman School District board member Greg Coladonato, as well as \$100 from Lucas Ramirez, both candidates for a seat on the Mountain View City Council. Los Altos resident Yoko Hughes, who was recently appointed as an associate member of the Los Altos Hills Parks and Recreation Committee, contributed \$250.

Raschke received \$500 from Peter Detkin, a Los Altos Hills resident and founder of Intellectual Ventures, a company that buys up technology and software patents. The company is frequently criticized as a "patent troll," a phrase Detkin claims to have coined himself in 2001, for

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Mateo (\$100,000), Equity Residential of Chicago (\$100,000) and Prometheus Real Estate Group (\$50,000), — all firms that have a significant stake in Mountain View apartments. In addition to its \$50,000 contribution, Prometheus gave the Apartment Association a \$100,000 loan to be repaid after the election. The California Apartment Association also received checks from more than 200 other donors, most with ties to the apartment industry.

To date, about \$990,000 of that money has been spent on the opposition campaign, according to campaign finance reports. The

association hired the Connecticut-based firm Media Associates to conduct three rounds of polling and survey research, costing just over \$100,000. It spent about \$300,000 political spots for television, \$72,000 on radio ads and another \$92,000 for an online ad campaign. At least \$153,000 was spent on political mailers.

The political spending by landlords is dramatic when compared to the shoestring pro-rent control operation. The Mountain View Tenants Coalition, the grassroots group spearheading Measure V, has raised just over \$38,000, or roughly the amount spent by the CAA on just one phase of its polling research. New supporters include organized labor groups, including the

Service Employees International Union (\$2,500) and Plumbers and Steamfitters and Refrigeration Fitters (\$1,000). Other large donors included the Oakland based social-justice groups Just Cause (\$5,000) and Bay Rising (\$2,500).

The most recent Oct. 27 filing, which covers campaign finances up to Oct. 22, showed the group has spent about \$3,000 on campaign consultants from the Hayward firm Eveleth Group. About \$10,000 was spent on printing costs for mailers, door hangers, bumper stickers and yard signs.

While the Tenant Coalition is outmatched financially, its supporters say they rely on their strong volunteer base. ■



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KHAN ACADEMY

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made the best argument for hosting the Olympics in their country.

Mikki McMillion, the lead teacher for the oldest students at Khan Lab School, said the Olympics project is part of what the school calls “concept-based learning,” a spinoff of project-based learning, with the goal of teaching students what it means to be a global citizen. The contest from last week is really just for fun, she said, but it’s still a good opportunity to learn about teamwork and competing with one another while still being supportive.

Ana’s father, Roni Zeiger, said he’s been really impressed with the school so far, and said he was drawn to the Khan Lab School after seeing how much students are given a say in their own education. Students feel involved in the lesson plans and are given leverage to set their own goals each year, he said, a stark contrast to a more rigid, top-down public school system. A typical school week might have 12 hours of direct instruction and eight hours of project-based learning activities, with the all of the remaining hours devoted entirely to independent goal time.

“It’s a really student-centered

approach,” Zeiger said. “Students are trusted in their pursuit of their learning goals.”

Families interested in Khan Lab School — and who can afford the \$23,000 in annual tuition — are interviewed by school staff to make sure they are a good fit for the experimental school, Clark said. They have to be on board with the idea of a school that functions similar to a startup, constantly trying new things in the classroom to see what works and what doesn’t. Family and student retention has been strong, hitting 95 percent last year, and many of the middle school-aged students this year are ready to become next year’s inaugural high school class.

The big question is where the school will go next. Staff working at Khan Lab School have presented the model at education summits and conferences around the world, and allow frequent tours by educators to see the nuts and bolts of the experimental school. But what about expanding the school itself?

Khan Lab School currently operates out of an office building on Villa Street, and has been converting portions of the available space into classrooms as the school expands. In June last year, the school received a conditional use permit to expand into a

northern portion of the office building — roughly 2,300 square feet — in order to bump enrollment up to 95, according to city planner Elizabeth Cramblet.

In the near term, there’s still room to grow, according to Dominic Liechti, the executive director and head of school. The Khan Lab is applying for a new conditional use permit to expand into the remaining 5,500 square feet of space in the building and crank up enrollment to as high as 215 students by the 2019-20 school year. The extra space will be an integral part of accommodating high school-aged students, who will be the founding students of Khan Lab School’s “upper class” next year.

While the school has grown at breakneck speeds — increasing enrollment by between 50 and 100 percent year-to-year — Liechti said the school will be cooling things down, and plans to limit growth to 30 percent at any given year. But in the long term, he fully expects that Khan Lab School will eventually be too big to fit in the office suite, and will need to look at either a satellite location in the Bay Area or move the school’s location entirely.

“I am ultimately looking at 400 students in total,” Liechti said. “That’s what we’re aiming for, but not all at this location, for sure.”

Since Khan Lab School launched in 2014, school officials said that interest in the school has skyrocketed, with applications pouring in to be part of Khan’s grand experiment to bring back the one-room schoolhouse model, only with better technology. Parents like Zeiger say they are confident in the model, and aren’t worried that academic rigor is thrown to

the wayside. Report cards may be gone, but there are still evaluations and self-evaluations to make sure students are on track, and the extended day schedule gives students the opportunity to do classwork that might otherwise be assigned as homework. Ana said she wouldn’t have it any other way.

“It’s nowhere near the stress of homework,” she said. ▀

MAILERS

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Democratic Activists for Women Now. Matichak’s campaign reported spending more than half its funds in recent days on mailers.

Incumbent Councilman John McAlister raised a total of \$21,900 for his re-election bid, including recent contributions from the Mountain View Firefighters Association (\$1,500), the waste-management company Recology (\$500), and the development firm Greystar (\$500). About \$7,700 of is reported to have been spent on mailers and campaign materials.

Mountain View Whisman School board member Greg Coladonato has raised a total of \$5,600 from donations, \$3,500

of which is a loan to his own campaign. About \$4,700 has been spent on campaign mailers and postage fees.

Ken “Kacey” Carpenter listed only one \$100 donation for the most recent filing period. With the help of a \$500 loan from himself, his campaign has about \$2,400. He reported spending about \$1,140 of his funds, mostly on campaign materials.

Political mailers are seen as a modestly successful tool to boost voter turnout in the days before an election. A highly cited Yale study from 2000 found that mailers could notch up turnout by about 0.5 percentage points. The study found that the most effective operation for getting out the vote was personal door-to-door canvassing by a candidate. ▀

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- Earned MBA from UC Berkeley while working full-time in high-tech middle management.

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PARCEL TAX

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years. The firm, incidentally, represented the district during the height of the bitter disputes and legal battles with Bullis Charter School. In 2012, the firm petitioned the California Supreme Court to review an appellate court decision that found the Los Altos School District violated Proposition 39, which requires the district to provide “reasonably equivalent” facilities to Bullis. The California Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal.

Other large contributions are from district employees and board members. Elena Shea, a school clerk, contributed \$2,500 and Superintendent Jeff Baier contributed \$500. Board president Pablo Luther, whose term

expires in November, contributed an additional \$250 during the most recent filing period, for a total of \$500 since the start of campaign season. Board member Vladimir Ivanovic also gave \$100 to the campaign.

Covington parent Jessica Speiser, who ran for the board in an uncontested election and will be appointed as a trustee later this year, chipped in \$10 during the filing period, adding to her total contributions of \$6,030.

Although the Measure GG campaign successfully pulled in over \$54,000 during the filing period, much of it went unspent. A total of \$14,000 was spent from Sept. 25 through Oct. 22, and almost all of it — \$13,744 — went towards consulting fees with TBWB Strategies. ▀

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CAMPAIGN SPENDING

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its frequent litigation against tech companies.

Most of Raschke’s campaign money went towards mailers (\$7,000), lawn signs (\$1,900) newspaper ads (\$930) and phone banking (\$600), according to the campaign finance filings.

Johnson’s campaign spending from Sept. 25 through Oct. 22 includes just over \$1,000 for lawn signs, \$760 for printing services, \$430 for fliers and \$350 on polling and survey research.

Though both candidates are vying for a two-year term on the school board, spending through mid-October is on track with campaign expenditures in past Los Altos School District elections for four-year seats. During the November 2014 election, candidates spent between \$5,000 and \$14,000 through Oct. 18 of that year, with the notable exception of Bullis parent Martha McClatchie, who spent \$34,000.

Mountain View Whisman

Campaign contributions and spending remained low through Oct. 22 for the field of four candidates seeking a seat on the Mountain View Whisman

School District’s board of trustees, according to the recent campaign filings.

Leading the pack is the sole incumbent in the race, Jose Gutierrez, who is seeking election to his first four-year term after being appointed to fill a vacant seat last year. He received about \$200 in small donations from Sept. 25 through Oct. 22, adding up to a total of \$2,969 for this election. He reported spending \$1,300 during the reporting period on lawn signs, newspaper ads and fliers.

Trailing closely behind Gutierrez is Huff parent Tamara Wilson, who originally planned to raise and spend less than \$2,000 during the election, but has since raised \$2,430 after what she called an “outpouring of support” for her school board bid.

Much of Wilson’s campaign funds come from small donations from Mountain View residents, with a handful of larger donations from Bob Weaver (\$492), Rachel Yabut (\$485),

Ken Russell (\$246) and Vicki Chang (\$200). Chang, Weaver, Russell and Wilson were all part of a group of residents from the Whisman and Slater that urged the board to open a new school in the northeast area of Mountain View last year.

District resident and board candidate Peter Darrah did not raise any money during the latest filing period, and reported spending \$89 on unitemized expenditures. Darrah has self-financed his campaign, supporting his bid for the school board with \$1,500 in contributions to his campaign committee. The lion’s share of that money, just over \$1,000, has gone to campaign fliers.

Laura Blakely, also a district resident running for the school board, filed campaign documents stating she does not plan to raise or spent more than \$2,000 this campaign season, exempting her campaign from providing an itemized list of campaign contributions and expenditures. ▀

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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In approving the project, the City Council added a few new conditions. The developer must set aside space for a future Bike Share hub and add plumbing that could accommodate recycled water in the buildings. Council-

man Lenny Siegel also requested that the future hotel be obligated to notify employees that the area was an active Superfund site.

Shashi Group representatives said they did not know yet which hotel brand would be occupying the space. They expect the hotel to open for business around summer of 2018.

—Mark Noack

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MARIJUANA

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ordinance, and said it's important for the city to clearly spell out what constitutes legal outdoor cultivation. The law states that the plants have to be in a "locked space" and not visible by "normal unaided vision from a public place," and the city needs a better idea of what that actually means, Siegel said.

"I'm not trying to prevent people who qualify from cultivating six marijuana plants, but I think we're going to be in a much better position to protect our community from potential problems if we think it through before we allow it," he said.

Other council members supported the 45-day ban, but were skeptical about whether they would be willing to extend the moratorium to one or two years. Council member Mike Kasperzak said he believes it's a good idea to avoid the immediate regulatory gap, but cautioned against overreacting and cracking down on marijuana cultivation — particularly if residents largely support the measure on Election Day.

"I think as a society we tend to say, 'Oh my God, here it comes, it's the evil weed again, batten down the hatches,'" Kasperzak said. "If we have a fairly overwhelming support by Mountain

View voters for Proposition 64 I might say fine, have at it."

Residents who spoke at the meeting scoffed at the idea that Proposition 64 somehow amounted to an impending emergency in need of an immediate ban. Resident Serge Bonte was skeptical about the threats to public health, and questioned why the city would crack down on marijuana for the odor when it's perfectly legal for him to grow garlic — which can give off a pretty pungent smell — in his yard. Skunks occasionally go through the neighborhood, Bonte said, and there's no emergency ordinance trying to ban them.

"This emergency ordinance doesn't make any sense to me," he said. "You're trying, as an emergency, to address a problem we don't know we have."

Greg Coladonato, a candidate for City Council, said it would be a waste of staff time for the city to craft regulations on outdoor marijuana plants to address the remote possibility of a dangerous situation.

"The possibility that six plants in someone's fenced-off backyard would create an immediate threat to public safety and public welfare is absurd," he said.

John Inks, the sole dissenting vote, said he didn't buy the "anecdotal" evidence that there will be crime-related problems if the

council does not pass the urgency ordinance, and said he doesn't expect civil disorder to break out in the city if Proposition 64 passes. The law really amounts to "authority and control" rather than public safety, Inks argued.

"I'm hearing things like 'controlling behavior' as oppose to protecting society from some disaster or outbreak of crime. I think the urgency aspect of this actually trivializes what a real urgency is," Inks said.

Council Member Ken Rosenberg supported the ban, and said he was surprised the vote turned out to be as controversial as it did.

"This is a drug, and if Proposition 64 passes, we're going to allow people to take their, probably existing, plants out of the house and put them right in the backyard the next day with no parameters (or) consequences," he said. "And I think that's a mistake."

Mountain View is just one of numerous cities in the Bay Area hastily crafting bans and regulations on marijuana ahead of the Nov. 8 election. On the same night that the Mountain View City Council approved the 45-day moratorium, San Jose's city council agreed to continue its existing ban on outdoor marijuana grows, both medical and recreational. Last week, Palo Alto adopted temporary ordinance banning outdoor cultivation. ■

CRIME BRIEFS

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San Antonio area.

An officer saw the suspects on the road on Thursday, Oct. 27, at around 1:45 p.m., after the driver reportedly made an unsafe lane change, nearly colliding with the officer's vehicle. The officer checked the license plate of the car, and found that the vehicle — a white Honda — had been reported stolen in San Jose earlier that day.

While the officer followed the suspects, the driver of the white Honda quickly pulled onto Rengstorff Avenue and later on to Latham Street, running a red light in the process, according to police.

The police chase ended on San Antonio Road, when the three suspects exited the car and fled on foot, according to Mountain View police. The front-seat passenger, later identified as 31-year-old Mitchell Sharpe, was taken into custody in the median of the road, police said.

The other two suspects ran into the construction area off of San Antonio Road, prompting officers from the Mountain View, Palo Alto and Los Altos police departments to set up a perimeter. Police eventually located them and they were identified as 18-year-old Robert Mejia and a 15-year-old boy whose name was

not released due to his age.

All the suspects were taken into custody without incident, police said. Sharpe was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail on \$156,000 bail on suspicion of theft and possession of a stolen vehicle, evading arrest, child endangerment, possession of fraudulent ID, and other charges. Mejia is being held without bail on suspicion of possession and theft of a stolen vehicle, evading arrest, child endangerment and other charges.

The boy was arrested on charges of vehicle theft and evading arrest.

ARRESTED AT LITTLE CAESAR'S, AGAIN

For the second time in two weeks, a 25-year-old transient man has been arrested at Little Caesar's Pizza in Mountain View, this time for allegedly aggressively approaching customers and demanding they buy him pizza.

Police responded to the pizza chain at 638 San Antonio Road around 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, after employees hit the panic button installed at the business. Witnesses told responding officers that the suspect, identified as Richard Salcida, had been act-

ing "extremely aggressive" while inside the building, and allegedly tried to hit customers who were buying pizza.

Witnesses say that Salcida tried to force other customers to buy him pizza and chest-bumped one of the customers. At one point during the altercation, Salcida also allegedly closed both doors leading out of the business and refused to let people leave, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

When officers arrived at the restaurant, Salcida was still inside the business and was banging on windows and the door, Nelson said. When he exited the building, officers stopped him and arrested him on charges including trespassing, intentionally interfering with a business, false imprisonment and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Battery charges were added to the list after Salcida allegedly spat on one of the officers while he was being put in the back of a patrol car.

Salcida was previously arrested on Friday, Oct. 21, for allegedly stealing a bottle of soda from the same Little Caesar's, and trying to grab three pizzas a customer was holding outside of the building.

—Kevin Forestieri

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Election 2016: Our recommendations

In the lead-up to the election over the last five weeks, the *Voice* has taken positions in a number of local races in the Nov. 8 election after interviewing candidates and advocates on both sides of local ballot measures. What follows are our recommendations.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY COUNCIL

With four open seats and eight candidates for four-year terms, we endorse incumbents John McAlister and Chris Clark, and Lisa Matichak and Lucas Ramirez. (See editorial, Oct. 14)

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

With three open seats and four candidates, we endorse incumbent Jose Gutierrez, and Tamara Wilson and Laura Blakely. (See editorial, Oct. 7)

MEASURE V

Vote **yes** on this citizen-backed initiative that would amend the city's charter to protect renters from no-cause eviction, and help to stabilize rents in Mountain View by capping the amount that landlords of multi-unit rental housing built before 1995 can raise a current tenant's rent in a single year. The competing, city-sponsored Measure W offers significantly weaker protections for renters. (See editorial, Oct. 14)

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

ABE-KOGA A PROVEN LEADER

Please join me in supporting Margaret Abe-Koga for City Council. As a former council member and mayor, her knowledge of "everything Mountain View" is extensive. As a parent in our schools, she knows the incredibly positive partnerships that exist across our school districts and our city.

Margaret was instrumental in bringing us the Teen Center and served on the Avenidas Senior Services Board — just two examples of her dedication to all our residents. She understands the city budget and in fact navigated the 2008-09 recession as mayor, doing so without a single cut in city services.

The relationships she has forged with our local leaders (police, fire, school districts) make her an invaluable voice on council. The relationships she's forged beyond our city — up and down the Pen-

insula, at the county level, and in Sacramento — create opportunities for collaborative solutions to regional issues.

Margaret is a proven leader who has continually and tirelessly given back to her home town. I look forward to having her voice and experience as part of the Council team once again.

Fiona Walter
Sunnyview Lane

CARPENTER HAS HIGH STANDARDS

Ken "Kacey" Carpenter is running for an open seat on the Mountain View City Council. He is a motivated and concerned citizen full of integrity, honesty and compassion. He cares about the citizens of Mountain View, including the growing number of those losing their homes because of rising rents. Kacey supports measures V and W.

Kacey is a parent, community volunteer and a planner

MEASURE A

Vote **yes** on this Santa Clara County bond measure that would raise \$950 million to fund affordable housing in the county. (See editorial, Oct. 21)

MEASURE B

Vote **yes** on this measure, which would raise the county sales tax by one-half cent to fund \$6 billion in transportation improvements in Santa Clara County. (See editorial, Oct. 21)

MEASURE GG

Vote **yes** on this Los Altos School District parcel tax, an annual \$223-per-parcel tax to support district schools. The tax would replace the Measure E tax of \$193 per parcel that expires next June. (See editorial, Oct. 28)

STATE ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 24

With two Democrats in a run-off contest for the seat being vacated by Rich Gordon, we endorse Vicki Veenker.

STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 13

We endorse Democratic incumbent Jerry Hill in this race.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 18TH DISTRICT

We endorse Democratic incumbent Anna Eshoo in this race.

for Cisco Systems. Currently he is in the global government smart community program working to build better traffic systems and improve quality of life. Further, Kacey is an outdoor enthusiast and believes in protecting the environment.

In May, Kacey was elected by California's 18th Democratic Congressional District to represent Democrats for Bernie Sanders. I met him at the Democratic National Convention and was thoroughly impressed by his high standards and commitment to Bernie Sanders' political revolution.

A vote for Kacey is a vote to improve the city of Mountain View.

Bobbie McGowan,
Former mayor, Temple City

A BERMAN ENDORSEMENT

We are writing to endorse Marc Berman for state Assembly.

We have gotten to know Marc as council members from neighboring cities and as competitors

in the primary campaign, and we have great respect for his accomplishments at the local level and his comprehensive policy proposals on the difficult issues facing our state.

Marc is the only candidate in this race with a breadth of experience in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and we know Marc will work across the aisle to benefit our communities. Marc has been a leader on the Palo Alto City Council on issues such as infrastructure improvements, housing affordability, public safety, and financial transparency, and he will take that leadership to Sacramento.

Marc has immersed himself in the issues facing our communities, and his experience in local government prepares him well to be an effective advocate for us in the Legislature. He has a proven track record of bringing people together to address difficult challenges — a skill set that is sorely lacking in the state Capitol.

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Readers have their say on rent control measures

PROTECT RENTERS, PROTECT COMMUNITY

I want to urge readers to vote yes on Measure V's renter protections. This rental crisis no longer affects just lower-income families and people of color, who are being disproportionately displaced; middle-class residents who have lived in the area for years are also being pushed out. Teachers, paramedics and even families with good tech-job salaries are no longer able to afford the rent increases.

Today, landlords can evict anyone with a 30-day notice, simply because someone else can afford to pay more, and in some cases twice as much.

Measure V does two main things to help in this crisis: It requires a just cause for an eviction, and limits rent increases to inflation. All while guaranteeing landlords a fair return.

This ballot measure is not meant to be punitive or punish property owners, many of whom are corporations based outside our community. Similar laws have been proven to work in 12 California cities, and many limit rent increases even more sharply than Measure V. Just as in those cities, investors will still seek to buy rent-controlled properties in Mountain View.

Don't believe the apartment owners' doomsday scenarios — they aren't based on reality.

Measure V keeps our service workers near their jobs. They are more likely to have to commute by car than tech workers like myself, so Measure V is good for the environment and highway traffic congestion.

This rental crisis is killing the diverse communities that are here right now. Everyone here knows someone who had to uproot their family and pull their children out of local schools. There are hundreds of people who don't have anywhere to go who are living in RVs throughout the city. This nightmare is happening while landlords make windfall profits.

This can't wait anymore. Please vote yes on Measure V's com-

mon-sense renter protections to protect our community.

*Michael O'Brien,
Renter, tech employee
Mount Vernon Court*

GIVE CURRENT ORDINANCE A CHANCE

Thank you, Tom Means, for your in-depth analysis ("Rent stabilization is still rent control," Oct. 21, the *Voice*).

My concern is that renters are not studying the collateral problems or reading these opinions. I think that anything they read from property owners, or against Measure V, is considered a lie to trick them.

While renters do need some protections, Measure V is not a reasonable or fair measure; I will not vote for it. Give the current ordinance a chance.

*Hue Simpson
Del Medio Avenue*

MEASURE V: DAVID VERSUS GOLIATH

It's awesome the Mountain View *Voice* (October 14 edition) endorsed Measure V, which seeks rent stabilization and just-cause evictions in Mountain View. Your wonderful editorial rightly asserts, "rent stabilization is overdue and urgently needed to help staunch the flow from our community of senior citizens, working families, and others not reaping the economic benefits of the high-tech boom and who can no longer afford skyrocketing rents." Thank you for your endorsement!

Schools are losing teachers and small businesses employees because of the immoral skyrocketing rents that find justification in the materialistic and greedy laws of "supply and demand," but ignore the dignity and humanity of the people who need and have the natural right to work and live in our city as individuals and as families. The Chamber of Commerce, which supposedly represents Mountain View businesses, shamefully came out against Measure V.

It's fair to recognize there are landlords in Mountain View who

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are not taking advantage of "supply and demand" laws. Unfortunately they are few. Most of the apartment buildings are owned by corporations — without heart or soul — wearing only the dress of greediness and worshiping the god of money at any cost 24/7.

Measure V is the result of the unwillingness of most of the City Council members to do social justice to their city tenants in spite of having the moral obligation to do so as elected public servants. Adding insult to injury later they came up with their own Measure W to undermine Measure V.

It's a David versus Goliath battle. Tenants and their advocates incarnate David. Greedy landlords with their big money for insidious propaganda against Measure V incarnate Goliath. But responsible and social justice-conscious voters this Nov. 8 will make David rise and Goliath fall.

*Job Lopez
McCarty Avenue*

PENCILING OUT COST OF MV HOUSING

We bought our house in Mountain View in 2010. The first tax bill was \$8,810.70. The current tax bill is \$10,248.50, up 16 percent. Monthly, that is \$854.04.

If one bought in this neighborhood today, a house would likely cost \$1.5 million, with a monthly tax bill in the vicinity of \$1,600. If one put down \$300,000 and borrowed \$1.2 million, the mortgage would cost about \$6,000 per month. Rents in the neighborhood might reach \$5,000 now.

So to hold and rent a house, you forgo opportunity cost on \$300,000, pay out about \$7,500 per month and take in \$5,000.

Sure looks like we need rent control to keep those greedy landlords in their places.

*Raymond R. White
Whitney Drive*

CAA DISTORTIONS ON MEASURE V

California Apartment Association (CAA) asserts a number of false consequences of Measure V, and claims support from a California Legislative Analyst Office report of February 2016, which preceded the writing of Measure V.

CAA claims Measure V will:

1. *Drain the general fund.* V doesn't require a dime from the general fund except start-up costs. (Section 1709 (j). Landlord fees will pay Measure V costs.)

2. *Cost \$2.3 million per year (unit cost: \$132/month) for 14,168 households covered.* CAA implies taxpayer costs, deliberately inflated. Other cities' fees: \$3 to \$30/month/unit. The Rental Housing Committee's incentive: Keep fees low.

3. *Curb future building.* State law bans regulating rental units built after 1995, so building boom continues.

4. *Fail to protect working families.* V protects 14,168 households from eviction for no cause; landlords can't raise rents egregiously. "Naturally affordable" units are now unaffordable for longterm hard-working good tenants.

Vote yes on V.

*Joan MacDonald
Emmons Drive*

GOVERNMENT MEDDLING IS THE REAL PROBLEM

I read in a recent issue where one of your readers compared the EpiPen with housing in Mountain View, pointing out that both are products that are basic human needs, so moral considerations apply to each.

The writer has forgotten to mention the real issue that these two things have in common, in that the market for them has been contorted by government actions. In one case, we have Obamacare regulating drug companies and dispensers, and in the other, the City Council dictates when, where, and how landowners may develop and market their properties.

If we did not have so much government meddling, then there would not be a problem with either product!

*Marc Roddin
Ernestine Lane*

MEASURE V IS GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY

I'm writing to express my sincere gratitude that the editorial staff of the *Voice* recently endorsed Measure V.

As a law student, and now as a graduate, I've worked with individuals who have lost their homes, and I strongly believe all people need a place to call home.

When I moved to California, I wanted to continue this work, and that's how I came to join the Mountain View Tenants Coalition.

Measure V protects renters in two major ways. First, it limits the amount by which a landlord may raise the rent. Second, it prohibits landlords from evicting tenants without just cause. Currently, no-fault evictions are lawful, meaning tenants can be forced out of their homes when landlords feel like raising the rent.

Under the current law, tenants are suffering because rents can skyrocket in an incredibly short amount of time, giving people little time to plan and few options when their wages fail to keep up with costs. Measure V gives renters greater security, knowing that, by law, their landlord cannot double their rent on short notice or arbitrarily evict them.

Many individuals, such as teachers and nurses, have already lost their homes and been forced out of Mountain View. Our community is not whole without them.

But, for the people currently struggling, we still have the ability to come together as a community and provide relief. Measure V provides equity and fairness to renters and gives a chance to people who would otherwise be facing the loss of their home.

*Diana Pillsbury
Mountain View*

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We are proud to stand with elected officials and community leaders from across the 24th Assembly District in endorsing Marc. We strongly encourage you to vote for Marc Berman for state Assembly.

*Mike Kasperzak
Member, Mountain View City
Council
Peter Ohtaki
Member, Menlo Park City Council*

A VOTE FOR VEENKER

Having spent a dozen years in the California state Legislature, I think I've got a pretty good sense of what it takes to represent us effectively in the Capitol.

By virtue of her temperament, her talents and her credentials, I am absolutely convinced that Vicki Veenker is the best person to represent us in the 24th Assembly District.

Vicki Veenker has the brains, the perseverance and the gumption to be an effective advocate for our region in Sacramento.

She's endorsed by Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, the Sierra Club and me because of her demonstrated commitment to our schools, our environment, economic growth and opportunity.

*Joe Simitian
Santa Clara County Supervisor*

A VOTE FOR WONG

I want to write to you and your readers to express my utmost support for Gilbert Wong and his desire to continue his life of public service by serving on the Foothill De Anza Community College Board of Trustees.

Gilbert has dedicated the last 16 years of his life to serving the public, including two terms as the mayor

of Cupertino. He has also helped support the FHDA District by serving on the De Anza Commission.

Gilbert's collaborative approach to governance, open-door policy, and focus on transparency make him the ideal candidate to lead both colleges into the future.

*Daniel Nguyen
San Jose*

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