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NATALIA NAZAROVA

Incumbents Pat Showalter and Lenny Siegel discuss election returns with Showalter's daughter Abby Longcor (left) at the KMVT studios on election night.

Challengers oust incumbents in tight City Council race

KAMEI, HICKS AND RAMIREZ BEAT SHOWALTER, SIEGEL AND INKS FOR THREE SEATS

By Mark Noack

In a shake-up, a trio of challengers appear to have edged out the incumbents in the Mountain View City Council race. As of the vote

tally Wednesday afternoon, Ellen Kamei, Alison Hicks and Lucas Ramirez were the top vote recipients for three seats.

Councilwoman Pat Showalter trailed Ramirez by about 130 votes, putting her in fourth

place. Mayor Lenny Siegel, in fifth place, lost his bid for a second term, as did former council member John Inks, seeking to return after term limits forced

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Mountain View voters back bonds, progressive policies

ONCE AGAIN, CITY'S VOTERS TREND LEFT OF STATE, COUNTY RESULTS

By Kevin Forestieri

In keeping with past years, Mountain View voters largely leaned left in the Nov. 6 election, backing spending measures, rejecting the gas tax repeal and showing a more favorable view — however slight — on repealing constraints on rent control.

The tally as of Wednesday morning shows a clear pattern of Mountain View voters favoring the four state bond measures on the ballot, with more than two-thirds of votes cast in favor of Proposition 1, a \$4 billion housing bond.

Mountain View voters even narrowly backed Proposition 3, the \$8.9 billion water infrastructure bond, which was defeated at the state level with 47.6 percent of the vote. Residents in Mountain View, by comparison, voted 53.1 percent in favor of the measure.

One of the more divisive measures on the ballot, Proposition 10, would have repealed the Costa-Hawkins Act, eliminating

many statewide restrictions on local rent control policies. The measure tanked, with only 38.3 percent of state voters supporting Proposition 10, but in Mountain View it received a more favorable 47.5 percent of the vote.

Where Proposition 10 triumphed or fell short in Mountain View depends largely on location. Precinct data shows the measure was handily defeated in

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the single-family residential neighborhoods in the southern end of the city, like Blossom Valley, Cuesta Park and Waverly Park, in some cases losing on a three-to-one margin.

Precincts in more apartment-heavy areas like

North Whisman, Shoreline West, Castro City and North Bayshore — home to Santiago Villa mobile home park — showed a narrow majority of residents supporting Proposition 10.

The city was fairly homogeneous on every other proposition

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Local business, cannabis tax measures pass

By Mark Noack

Two tax measures poised to raise about \$7 million in annual revenue for Mountain View won easily on Election Day. The business license tax update, Measure P, was winning by a comfortable 69.2 percent. Measure Q, the city's proposed tax on cannabis retail sales, won by a landslide

with 80.1 percent approval as of Wednesday's election returns.

The Measure P business license tax, also known as the "Google tax," drew particular interest the Nov. 6 election since it was designed to tax the city's largest employers, particularly tech companies like Google.

The business tax is expected to raise about \$5.9 million

annually for Mountain View by levying a new system of staggered fees based on the size of a company's workforce. In basic terms, businesses with more workers would pay more while some small operations could see a reduction. City officials plan to put that money toward various transportation projects, including an automated transit system linking the city's

downtown to North Bayshore.

By far the city's largest employer, Google is slated to pay more than \$3.5 million annually, or more than half the total fees expected to be collected. The company staff numbers more than 23,000 employees in Mountain View.

A full breakdown of how much each business is expected to pay under the new fee

structure can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ybly3uh8>.

The new tax's passage will surely turn some heads, especially among other Silicon Valley cities with their own cohorts of tech companies. Officials with the city of Cupertino were mulling a similar measure, but they held off, possibly to take it

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Sen. Hubert Humphrey (Tom Gough) and President Lyndon B. Johnson (Michael Monagle) convene in Palo Alto Players' "All the Way."

'ALL THE WAY'

In November 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Texas; his life and the nation's glamorous "Camelot" period cut down in its prime. Left to take up the mantle of his leadership was his Texan vice president, Lyndon B. Johnson, who became commander in chief in the wake of Kennedy's death and found himself in a position of huge power at a critical time for America. This period is the setting for Robert Schenkkan's "All the Way," currently staged by Palo Alto Players. The show is a dense, intense look at Johnson's first term in office, from JFK's brutal assassination to LBJ's landslide victory in the 1964 election. Michael Monagle stars in the lead role of LBJ with a cast portraying a gaggle of politicians, activists and other characters of historical significance, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Fannie Lou Hamer, Sen. Strom Thurmond, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and many others. Much of the play focuses on Johnson's determination to pass the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, which had been proposed by Kennedy but was languishing in Congress. Thwarted by pro-segregationists at every turn, LBJ manages to push the bill forward thanks in part to his mix of compromising and deal-making, bullying and keen understanding of the legislative process. Johnson's legacy has been tainted by the disastrous Vietnam War, which is foreshadowed in the play. But this examination of his early days in office is a good look back at his important role in advancing the United States forward. The show runs at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 130 Middlefield Road, in

Palo Alto, Thursdays-Sundays through Nov. 18. Tickets are \$31-\$46. Go to paplayers.org.
— Karla Kane

'INSPIRED BY JUANA: LA DOÑA DE LA FRONTERA'

The moment attendees step into the Los Altos History Museum, they're greeted by a wooden awning, painted white and covered in vines. The message is clear: They're entering the home of Juana Briones. The structure representing Briones' porch is only the beginning of an exhibit detailing her life through Spanish colonialism, Mexican independence and eventually, California's statehood. The exhibit is split into four alcoves, each representing a part of her identity that is significant to her story. The sections are labeled "healer," "matriarch," "entrepreneur" and "advocate," each with its Spanish translation. Elisabeth Ward, the executive director of the Los Altos History Museum, said she believes that this layout allows those attending to appreciate the many significant roles Briones played as a pillar of the community.

19th-century Midpeninsula resident Briones had five properties in the Bay Area, including a ranch that encompassed most of what is today Los Altos Hills. She was an advocate who fought for her property rights, took a stand against her husband's abuse and raised a large family. Often, Briones would bring sick workers back to her home where she would use traditional healing methods. She also owned several businesses, ranging from her ranch to a small sewing enterprise. A key element of the exhibit is the work done by high school students during a two-week workshop over the summer. Twenty students were given college-level material to learn about the life of Briones and then allowed to take what resonated with them and complete projects to be featured in the exhibit. The museum also involved the community through a special advisory board, which met with various leaders of both Latinx and historical organizations. The exhibit runs through March 31. The museum is open Thursdays-Sundays, from noon-4 p.m. and is located at 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Go to losaltoshistory.org/exhibits/inspired-by-juana.

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

PEDESTRIAN KILLED IN COLLISION WITH GOOGLE BUS

A Google employee died Monday evening after she was struck by a Google bus near the company's North Bayshore headquarters, according to police.

The woman, identified Wednesday by a Google spokeswoman as Emily Hong, was struck by the bus around 6:46 p.m. at the intersection of Charleston Road and Huff Avenue. The Mountain View Police Department initially reported that she was "seriously injured," but she was later pronounced dead at the scene.

"We are devastated to learn of the tragic passing of a member of our Googler family," said spokeswoman Gina Scigliano in a statement. "Emily worked in the finance organization and was beloved by her colleagues — she brought an incredible spark to Google. She was inquisitive, creative, analytical, positive, generous and kind — our deepest condolences are with her family and friends."

Police released a statement Tuesday evening stating that officers found a woman in her mid-20s lying in the roadway, and that they had tried to perform CPR.

The roadway was closed around 7 p.m. Monday evening for an investigation into the fatal collision and was reopened shortly before 4 a.m. Tuesday morning, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The bus driver was cooperative and remained at the scene, and drugs and alcohol did not appear to be a factor in the collision, Nelson said.

Police are not releasing additional details about the nature of the

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GRAND THEFT

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200 block Evandale Av., 11/3

PEEPING TOM

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ROBBERY

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STOLEN VEHICLE

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100 block Calderon Av., 11/3

THREATENING AN OFFICER

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VANDALISM

600 block Showers Dr., 10/30
1700 block Rock St., 10/30

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

RENTAL HOUSING COMMITTEE VACANCY

The chair of Mountain View's Rental Housing Committee, Evan Ortiz, announced he will be stepping down from his position at the end of the year. He plans to move to Texas to be with his aging parents, he told the *Voice*.

"It has been an honor to serve as chair of the Rental Housing Committee," Ortiz said in an email. "Helping families build and continue to foster long-lasting connections to their neighborhoods and their communities was the essence of Measure V, and I'm happy to have helped realize this vision after years of hard work."

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NATALIA NAZAROVA

Celie O'Neil-Hart, one of the organizers of the Google walkout, got emotional while listening to Nancy Zhang talk about her experience with sexual harassment at the Nov. 1 protest on Google's Mountain View campus.

Googlers walk out, saying 'Time's up in tech'

MOUNTAIN VIEW EMPLOYEES JOIN INTERNATIONAL PROTEST AGAINST HARASSMENT

By Bay City News Service

Hundreds of Google employees in Mountain View walked out of the company's headquarters Thursday morning, Nov. 1, joined by thousands more across the globe in a protest to hold sexual harassers accountable in the workplace.

Organizer Celie O'Neil-Hart yelled, "Time's up in tech!" as she read a list of demands for Google executives, including a better reporting process for sexual abuse, equal opportunities for all demographics,

a public sexual assault transparency report and an end to forced arbitration, which forces employees to waive their right to sue.

The walkout was designed to support victims of abuse at the company, including those who did not speak at the event due to fear of retaliation or fresh emotional wounds.

Oralia Alvarado, 27, said she began working at Google about five years ago as a barista. During that time, Alvarado said she saw cafeteria workers commonly subjected to harassment due to their perceived lower rank.

A man once told Alvarado to lick her lips for him because her lipstick was beautiful, but she said she didn't feel validated until a male employee expressed his shock at the interaction.

Another speaker, Nancy Zhang, described a company gathering at Google-owned YouTube where she lost her memory after a male coworker asked to switch drinks. She said another colleague saw her being "dragged away by the hand" and helped her. Her manager

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Charter school advocates accuse district of 'scare tactics'

MV WHISMAN STAFF IS DISSUADING PARENTS FROM CHARTER SCHOOL, SAYS CCSA

By Kevin Forestieri

Representatives from the California Charter School Association (CCSA) are urging Mountain View Whisman School District officials to stop making what they allege are misleading statements "targeting or bullying" families interested in enrolling in a new Mountain View charter school.

Bullis Mountain View recently submitted a petition seeking to open a charter school within Mountain View Whisman's boundaries, and is actively fielding inquiries from families interested in enrolling. Janine Ramirez, speaking on behalf of CCSA, told trustees at the Nov. 1 school board meeting that they've gotten questions and concerns from parents worried that they could "lose" their child's spot in their local neighborhood school if they show interest in switching to the charter school — something she claims is illegal.

"I don't know if that's a targeted attempt to dissuade families from signing the petition or if it's just an attempt to instill fear, but I think we need to put our families and our students first," Ramirez said. "As trustees elected by the community, I think you have an obligation to support the families and to make sure that we are in compliance with the law."

Among the list of demands, Ramirez asked the board to put together a "neutral fact sheet" for parents that purposefully avoids "scare tactics," along with

hiring a different legal firm to handle charter school-related matters — arguing the current firm has a reputation for having an anti-charter bias. She urged the district to review the comments made at recent district-sponsored meetings about what happens if parents signal intent to enroll children in the charter school.

The concerns revolve around the district's attempts to plan ahead, in terms of staffing and classrooms, for the 2019-20 school year. A whole lot was already up in the air, with the new Jose Antonio Vargas school opening and redrawn boundaries taking effect. Now district officials are contending with an exodus of about 168 children out of district-run schools and into Bullis Mountain View. Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said the district has a responsibility to house charter school students that reside within the district, leaving the district with two options: either double count the student or adjust down the classroom space at the neighborhood schools.

"Just as we do with choice schools, if a parent registers with Bullis we cannot hold space in their zoned neighborhood school," Rudolph said at the meeting. "If you choose this 'choice' program, you are going to forego your neighborhood school placement."

Despite the concerns raised by Ramirez, board member Tamara

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County, Stanford to open clinic for sexual-assault victims

STANFORD HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMS TO NORTH COUNTY RESIDENTS

By Elena Kadwany

A victim of sexual violence who lives in the northern part of Santa Clara County will soon no longer have to travel to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose for a forensic exam, also known as a rape kit, under an agreement being worked out between the county and Stanford University.

Stanford has agreed to open a clinic at Stanford Hospital

that will offer sexual assault forensic exams to North County residents and Stanford students, President Marc Tessier-Lavigne wrote in a letter Thursday, Nov. 1, to Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian.

These exams are meant to happen soon after a sexual assault — within 72 hours — so DNA and other physical evidence can be collected and preserved. Victims do not have to report their assault to the police in order to

undergo the exam.

Simitian wrote to Tessier-Lavigne earlier in the week to voice concern about the limitations of a proposal to open a pilot clinic at Stanford's Vaden Health Center that would be open on weekends and only serve victims who were assaulted in locations that fell under the Stanford Department of Public Safety's jurisdiction.

Other organizations and advocates who support survivors of sexual violence, including the

YWCA Silicon Valley and Community Solutions in San Jose, had expressed similar criticisms in writing and at an October meeting of the Board of Supervisors' Health and Hospital Committee, on which Simitian sits.

Tessier-Lavigne wrote to Simitian that he "fully agree(s) that it would be more desirable to serve the broader community as soon as possible" and that the clinic will help "reduce the burden on already traumatized victims who,

today, have to travel a long distance to the southern part of the County for their examination."

Early last year, Stanford approached the county about the possibility of opening a center to provide sexual assault forensic exams in the area, according to Tessier-Lavigne's letter. The goal was to pilot the weekend clinic at Vaden, which would be staffed by trained Valley Medical

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Conley, Wheeler win seats on MV Whisman school board

By Kevin Forestieri

Longtime school board member Ellen Wheeler is expected to retain her seat for a fifth term on the Mountain View Whisman School District's board of trustees, while challenger Devon Conley took a lead over incumbent Greg Coladonato for the second seat, according to election results.

The four-way race shows Conley leading the pack with 4,896 votes (33 percent) and Wheeler following with 4,232 votes (28.5 percent) as of Wednesday morning, with 100 percent of precincts reporting, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. Candidate Tamara Patterson trailed in third with 3,056 votes (20.6 percent), followed by incumbent Greg Coladonato, who has received 2,664 votes (17.9 percent).

Wheeler told the *Voice* that she was comfortable with what appeared to be a solid victory Tuesday evening, and that was gratified that voters picked her for re-election. She

congratulated Conley on her apparent victory, and encouraged the other challenger in the race, Patterson, to stay involved in school politics as her young children enter school.

Conley, a teacher who works in education policy and has taught in Mountain View and San Jose, only recently became a regular attendee at Mountain View Whisman school board meetings, but told voters she was passionate about education and eager to try her hand at public office. Her area of focus is on underserved students, particularly on English learners, who struggle to perform at grade level.

"I am grateful for the support of so many community members, and I am looking forward



Devon Conley



Ellen Wheeler



Greg Coladonato



Tamara Patterson

to serving them," Conley said Tuesday night. "I am ready to get to work."

Patterson congratulated the winners, and said she intended to continue her role in local schools as a member of the community. She said the focus of her campaign was to address the "important issues in Mountain View of diversity, excellence and community," and that she had great conversations about how to address these issues and improve schools while on the campaign trail.

On the campaign trail, school board candidates faced tough questions on what they would do to narrow the significant achievement gap present in the

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Physicians win big in health care district race

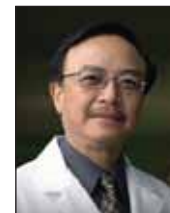
By Kevin Forestieri

Residents in the El Camino Healthcare District largely picked candidates with medical degrees over careers in politics, with incumbent Peter Fung and candidate George Ting taking large leads in the race Tuesday evening.

Fung, a neurologist and the only incumbent in the race, was the top vote-getter with 18,470 votes (38 percent) as of 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, followed by Ting at 17,855 votes (36.8 percent). Trailing behind was former Mountain View City Council member Mike Kasperzak at 7,806 votes (16.1 percent) and former Sunnyvale City Council member Jim Davis at 4,357 votes (9 percent).

Fung told the *Voice* Wednesday that he was "honored" to continue serving the hospital district, and that he would make good on his promise to boost the quality of health services available to district residents. While running for re-election, Fung argued that he would be best positioned to lead the hospital through turbulent times, evidenced by the recent bankruptcy of nearby hospitals in the county.

"My number one goal continues to be to improve the health and wellness of the District, and



Peter Fung



George Ting



Mike Kasperzak

to provide top-tier health care services that residents require and deserve," Fung said in an email.

Ting campaigned on his 40-year career as a doctor, and his understanding of what it takes for El Camino Hospital to foster a strong relationship with independent physicians that he says are key partners in the financial viability of the hospital.

As board members for the El Camino Healthcare District, Fung and Ting will have direct oversight of El Camino Hospital's Mountain View and Los Gatos campuses, including future investments, operations and union negotiations with nurses and other hospital staff. Board members also get to decide how to spend \$20 million in taxpayer funds each year, more than \$6 million of which is redistributed in the form of community health grants.

Ting told the *Voice* prior to the election that he plans to

also serve on El Camino Hospital's non-profit corporate board of directors, which is an option for all health care district directors.

By taking on the dual role, the hospital's board will maintain its even balance between elected and appointed officials.

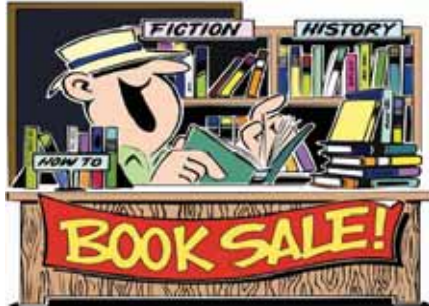
Fung said he believes Ting has taken too narrow a focus on brokering favorable contracts with independent physicians, and claims Ting has shown openness to privatization and merging the hospital with other organizations in the past. But with both now winners of the election, Fung said he will convince Ting that the hospital can maintain its "history of independence" through selective partnerships with organizations like Lucile Packard and Palo Alto Medical Foundation.

"I look forward to working with Dr. Ting to orient him on the larger meaning of improving the health of the District, rather than focusing solely on the contracts of the independent physicians," Fung said.

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Walter, Torok and Vonnegut win high school district race

By Kevin Forestieri

A contested race for the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District school board ended in a landslide victory for the incumbents, with board members Fiona Walter and Debbie Torok taking the lead and candidate Catherine Vonnegut securing the third seat up for election.

The latest round of election results, which rolled in at 6:37 a.m. Wednesday, show Walter leading with 11,928 votes, or 30.3 percent of the vote, followed by Torok at 10,807 (27.4 percent) and Vonnegut at 9,566 (24.3 percent). Trailing behind was controversial former Mountain View Whisman school board member Steve Nelson with 7,125 votes (18.1 percent).

Walter, who celebrated at a party for Mountain View City Council candidate Ellen Kamei on Tuesday night, said she was grateful for all of the help she received on the campaign trail, and is “very excited” to continue leading the district. She gave a shoutout to the other top two vote-getters, and said she looked forward to another four years working with Torok.

“I can’t wait to keep working with Debbie,” she said. “The district is lucky to have her.”

Vonnegut will replace school board member Joe Mitchner, who announced in August that he would step down after serving on the board for 12 years. Vonnegut told the *Voice* on election night that she was optimistic about the results, but with only half the precincts reporting she was hesitant to



Fiona Walter



Debbie Torok



Catherine Vonnegut



Steve Nelson

take a victory lap.

The numbers didn’t budge much Wednesday morning, but with all the precincts reporting, Vonnegut said she was happy to see she was still in the lead and likely chosen by voters as the new trustee.

“I am very pleased to be the new school board member,” she said.

Nelson, who billed himself as a “change agent” who would shake things up at the high school district, said he wasn’t surprised by the election results that largely followed the status quo: incumbents retaining their seats across Mountain View school board elections.

The high school district’s board of trustees has generally shied away from controversy and exercised quiet oversight of the district, which

encompasses Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. The district frequently has uncontested elections or mid-term resignations followed by board appointments.

This year looked to be the same until school board member Joe Mitchner, whose term expires this year, opted not to run for re-election. Nelson also decided, with just days before the filing deadline, to join the race for the school board, vowing to fight for by-district elections that balance representation across geographic boundaries.

Throughout the election, candidates largely hailed Mountain View-Los Altos as well-run with a strong reputation, supporting its teachers with some of the highest salaries in the state and touting high graduation rates

and strong performance on Advanced Placement (AP) tests. Incumbents pointed to strong efforts already in place to reduce the achievement gap, while the challengers — Nelson and Vonnegut — suggested they would back intervention policies and resources designed to keep students from falling behind.

The winners of the Nov. 6 election will have their hands full when they are sworn in next month, contending with major construction plans, replacing retiring Superintendent Jeff Harding and continuing a hard-fought battle to raise achievement among underserved students.

The hotly debated issue of installing stadium lights on the football fields of both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools will also likely take center stage in the coming year, as district officials seek ways to appease neighbors while serving the needs of its students. All four candidates showed at least some interest in allowing the lights if neighbors can agree to the terms of use. ▀

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Incumbents lead in LASD school board race

By Kevin Forestieri

Residents happy with the leadership of the Los Altos School District can rejoice, as incumbents Vladimir Ivanovic and Bryan Johnson — along with candidate Shali Sirkay — appear to have won seats on the district's school board Tuesday night.

Results released at 6:37 a.m. Wednesday show Johnson, a Santa Rita parent, leading with 6,092 votes, or 31.5 percent of votes cast, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. Johnson was followed by Ivanovic, a Gardner Bullis parent and current board president, who has received 5,119 votes (26.4 percent).

Sirkay, an active parent volunteer, held a narrow lead over candidate and Bullis Charter School parent Ying Liu on election night, but pulled ahead in the early morning hours Wednesday. As of early Wednesday, Sirkay had 4,406 votes (22.8 percent), followed by Liu at 3,751 votes (19.4 percent). Shali is expected to win the seat on the board left by current board member Sangeeth Peruri, who opted not to run for re-election this year after his first term.

Ivanovic told the *Voice* Wednesday morning that board members Peruri and Jessica Speiser deserve a lot of credit for getting him and Sirkay to campaign hard in the months leading to Election Day, and that he really owed them his re-election. He said the results show voters appreciate the district's decisions and current leadership, at least to some extent, he said.

"Now the hard work begins," Ivanovic said. "We have to figure out what to do with Bullis Charter School and work with the city on how to work the 10th (school) site."

Ivanovic, Sirkay and Johnson are on the same page with regards to future plans to buy land for a school in the San Antonio neighborhood of Mountain View. They told the *Voice* during the campaign that the district needs more land to handle major housing growth in the fast-developing region of the city, and backed the complicated scheme for paying off astronomically high costs of acquiring the prime real estate.

None of the three candidates made explicit commitments for how to use the land, however, each arguing in favor of a slower but more transparent and deliberative process for deciding if the charter school or a new neighborhood school ought to be built on the new site. Ivanovic said that, as of early October, he leaned in favor



Vladimir Ivanovic



Bryan Johnson



Shali Sirkay



Ying Liu

of opening a neighborhood school at the site.

Tuesday night's leaders were the favorites among many current and former school board members, all three picking up endorsements from Peruri and school board member Steve Taglio and former board member Tamara Logan, along with Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian.

Liu, seen by many voters as the alternative candidate, had a more skeptical approach to the school district's future planning, stating she would be interested in "alternative" uses for the \$150 million Measure N bond. This could include upgrading existing school sites rather than buying new land, running contrary to the district's yearslong strategy.

Liu's endorsements included a long list of charter school parents along with several residents known for taking a critical eye to the district's plans, including Los Altos Hills Mayor John Radford and Mountain View City Council member Margaret Abe-Koga.

Ivanovic expressed disappointment that the school board race involved spending so much this year, pointing specifically to Liu's campaign, which had raised \$17,377 as of Oct. 20. He said he raised close to \$9,000 in campaign funds to keep up and burned through all of it.

"If I didn't have that money I wouldn't be here now," he said. "And that's unfortunate, that that's the way things work."

The three winners will be sworn in at a time when peace between the district and Bullis Charter School is starting to fray, as both sides begin the antagonistic back-and-forth over enrollment growth and school facilities under the Proposition 39 process. The two parties ditched the process in favor of a five-year agreement that expires in June 30 next year, but failed to come to agreement on the terms by the Nov. 1 Proposition 39 deadline. ▣

Invitation to Bid – All Divisions, Final Request

DATE: October 26, 2018

FROM: Jensen Bialoglovski, Estimator

To all Divisions: We have the 97%CD set posted on the drop box site/link. We request you review all construction documents and provide proposals for one, two, or three of the projects listed below. Please let me know if have questions. Thank you.

At the end of this bid process, subcontractors will be selected for each division for all (3) three projects listed below.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Project1 (Rehab): Onsite existing Building Renovation 108 Units.

Project2 (New Construction): New Construction 62 Units, 3 floors

Project3 (Site Work): Site improvements

***PROPOSALS MUST BE SPLIT INTO THESE THREE PROJECTS

PROJECT NAME: MidPen Shorebreeze Project , 460 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View, CA. 94043

BID WALK DATE: October 30, 2018 at 10:00 AM for all three projects

BID DUE DATE: November 16, 2018, 3pm

PUBLIC BID OPENING DATE: November 9, 2018, approximately 3:15 pm

No subsequent bids as a result of the public bid process will be accepted pass the bid due date. The potential Subs may either send a drop box link to CORE or a physical sealed bid. CORE shall not review the drop box link until after the bid due date/time.

Note: Please provide separate bid(s) for each project you are planning to bid. (for example: new construction only or renovation only)

Preconstruction assistance will be requested of the major Subcontractors. We welcome any VE input you can offer. All bids should breakout materials and labor for each trade.

BIDS SUBMITTED BY FAX TO: 408-294-7659

BIDS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO: shorebreeze@corebuildersgc.com

BID COORDINATOR: Jensen Bialoglovski, Estimator

ANTICIPATED PROJECT START DATE: Refer to the schedule provided for more information. The Rehab and Sitework will start in March, 2019. The bulk of the sitework (Project 3) will finish in June, 2019. Rehab work will finish in August, 2019. New Construction demo will start in June, 2019 and finish in June, 2020. There is a very strict schedule that must be followed without any delays, so please price accordingly.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS: All Project Bid Documents are on Drop Box

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97%CD for new construction plans

97%CD site improvement plans

RFIs: Please direct all RFIs or questions to Jensen Bialoglovski, preferably by email at shorebreeze@corebuildersgc.com or (408) 293-9728 Extension 18. Please submit RFI's no later than November 13, 2018.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS PROJECT WILL NOT BE COVERED BY AN OCIP. Please refer to the attachment for more specific information.

See attachment for Prevailing Wage Requirements

Labor Wage Requirements (Please refer to attachment for more detailed info)

Project 1 will be subject to Federal Davis-Bacon Wage requirements. The applicable federal wage determination dated 10/5/2018 is enclosed.

Project 2 will be subject to Federal Davis-Bacon Wage requirements and CA Prevailing Wage. The federal wage determination dated 10/5/2018 is enclosed. The applicable California residential rates are enclosed. California commercial prevailing wage rates will be governed by 2018-2.

Project 3 will subject to State of California prevailing wage requirements and other requirements of the ground lessor, the San Francisco Public Utility Commission (SFPUC), as specified in Attachment 5(see Sections 25.21, 25.23, 25.29 of ground lease). The California wage determination governing this work is 2018-2

The current wage determinations are enclosed, however, it may be subject to change depending on contract execution date between the project owners and CORE Builders. The contracts are tentatively scheduled to be executed approximately one week prior to issuance of Notice to Proceed. The appropriate wage determinations will be issued and will include a pre-construction meeting with a prevailing wage consultant to verify compliance throughout the construction period and certify compliance with each construction draw request for funding on all three projects. The selected general contractor will also be required to comply with Section 3 requirements as established in the HUD Act of 1968 and the City of Mountain View, City of San Francisco, and County of San Francisco hiring requirements.

Important Documents to review

Please review the following documents attached that may affect your proposal or just be aware of the procedures to handle jobsite condition requirements:

1. Equipment Vehicle Load Restrictions

2. Project Schedule

3. SFPUC Comment letter consisting of work specification requirements and point of contacts information. Please access dropbox file for all SFPUC requirements and load calculation for bringing in heavy equipment on the parking site over the SFPUC underground water pipe lines. Please note the load restrictions are more thoroughly outlined in the previously mentioned attachment from the Civil Engineer's calculations.

4. An outline of scope of work for each Division is in the dropbox folder called Divisions Scope of Work. This scope of work is solely a guideline and is subject to change as we personally review the construction documents in parallel with you. If we update the scopes of work, it will be provided via the dropbox link and emailed out. Please review the summary page and click on the number next to the name that is your division. You will be transferred to that tab and it will show you an itemized scope of work. Please include these scopes of work in your proposal. **The itemized scope of work for each Division is just an outline and does not encompass the full scope of work.** You are still responsible to include a complete proposal based on the construction documents.

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The City of Mountain View is accepting applications at the **City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2018** for Mountain View residents wishing to serve on the:

RENTAL HOUSING COMMITTEE

- **The Rental Housing Committee is tasked with implementing and administering the voter-approved Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act.**
- **The City Council will appoint new committee members to fill current vacancies and for new four year terms beginning in April 2019.**
- **All members of the Committee are required to be residents of the City of Mountain View and no more than two members of the committee may own or manage any rental property, or be realtors or developers. The current request for applications is for members that do not own or manage any rental property or are not realtors or developers.**
- **Meeting dates and times are established by the Rental Housing Committee.**

Members of the Committee are volunteers and, per the charter amendment known as The Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act ("CSFRA") or Measure V, are tasked with setting rents at fair and equitable levels; establishing rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of the CSFRA; determining the annual general rent adjustment; appointing hearing officers; adjudicating petitions and holding public hearings; establishing a budget and charging fees necessary to support that budget; administering the withdrawal process for the removal of rental units from the rental housing market; conducting studies, surveys, and investigations; reporting periodically to the City Council; publicizing the Charter Amendment and the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants; establishing a schedule of penalties for noncompliance; and pursuing civil remedies and intervening in litigation, subject to City Council approval. The CSFRA can be found on the City's website and is also available upon request.

Supplemental Statement:

* Candidates are required to submit, along with their City application form, a typewritten statement to the following:

A statement under penalty of perjury setting forth the applicant's interests and dealings in real property, including, but not limited to, ownership, trusteeship, sale, or management, and investment in and association with partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, and syndicates engaged in ownership, sale, or management of real property during the three years immediately prior to the applicant's application. This documentation will be available to the public.

If appointed, a Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 will need to be completed annually.

Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Call the CSFRA Program at 650-903-6131 for further information and an application. An application can also be downloaded at: https://www.mountainview.gov/council/rental_housing_committee/default.asp

Sheriff Laurie Smith wins runoff election

Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith is poised to begin her sixth term in office as preliminary election results show her with a double-digit lead against opponent John Hirokawa.

As of Wednesday morning, Smith had 56.5 percent of the votes to Hirokawa's 43.6 percent with 100 percent of precincts reporting, according to unofficial results. The race had moved to a runoff election after neither candidate was able to secure a majority vote during the June election.

The heated race pitted Smith against Hirokawa, her former undersheriff. He vowed to prioritize accountability and

transparency for the sheriff's office, which has faced multiple controversies during Smith's 20-year tenure.

Three jail guards were convicted last year of second-degree murder in the 2015 beating death of mentally ill inmate Michael Tyree, and inmates went on a two-week strike in April after Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents were "accidentally" allowed into jails.

Smith has responded with a call for jail reform and accountability for her office, adding to a platform that includes protecting schools, addressing mental health issues, homelessness and advocating for victims of sexual assault.

Smith is famously the first woman to be elected sheriff in California, and appears ready to carry the title into another four-year term.

Hirokawa said late Tuesday that less than 50 percent of votes had been tabulated, and he hopes to wait out the rest of the precincts to see the results.

"It was pretty much a grassroots campaign," Hirokawa said of his race, which posed the first runoff election in Smith's career.

He said his election night party was a positive atmosphere to thank volunteers and community members who helped him during the campaign.

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district, which for years has shown large disparities between student test scores along ethnic and economic lines. Each candidate took a different approach to the answer, championing programs like early English learning programs and preschool expansion.

Candidates also sought to show voters how they each planned to support the district's hundreds of teachers, who have struggled to live in the high-cost Bay Area — many of whom face long commutes. While candidates briefly addressed concerns about the possibility that Bullis Charter School would be opening a campus within the district,

most of the campaigning took place before specific details on the Bullis Mountain View became publicly available.

Being an incumbent in the race was a mixed blessing, name recognition notwithstanding. Wheeler and Coladonato were on the board during the hiring of Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph, negotiated with North Bayshore developers over an anticipated swell in enrollment, and paved the way for a recent decision to buy into 144 affordable housing units for teachers and school staff.

But Wheeler and Coladonato also led the district through some wildly unpopular decisions, including the adoption of the ill-fated Teach to One math program and the decision to remove and reassign four

principals all at once in March this year.

Coladonato said that he was grateful for the opportunity to serve the Mountain View Whisman School District community over the last four years.

Wheeler and Conley will have to hit the ground running for their fifth and first terms, respectively. Just days after being sworn in, the two will have to make key decisions on whether to approve or deny a petition to launch a new charter school in the district. The decision will have huge implications on the district's budget and facilities planning, and could potentially throw a wrench in carefully laid plans to shift boundaries and open a new school next year. ■

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Along with holding the hospital accountable to the residents in the district, which encompasses Mountain View, Los Altos, Sunnyvale and parts of other neighboring cities, the winners of Tuesday's election will help shape the hospital's

bid to expand in the southern part of the county. The hospital has recently sought to open a clinic on Winchester Boulevard in San Jose, and in 2016 purchased a large plot of undeveloped land in South San Jose. Hospital officials say there are no concrete plans for the property yet.

The three candidates who

responded to the Voice's election questionnaire — Fung, Kasperzak and Ting — all agreed that scaling up operations is a valuable tool for keeping El Camino alive as an independent hospital, and is in keeping with the district's mission of serving residents in the region. ■

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up again in the future.

Measure P faced little in the way of opposition. The city's Chamber of Commerce and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group were both lukewarm to the idea, but they declined to wage any direct opposition campaign.

Similarly, there was little in the way of organized opposition to Measure Q, the tax on

cannabis retail shops. The measure charges up to a 9 percent fee on all cannabis sales, which city officials expect to generate \$1 million annually. While some Mountain View neighborhoods were emphatically against marijuana retail sales within the city, the proposal to tax the drug apparently was something that pretty much everyone could agree on. ■

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COUNCIL RACE

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him out two years ago.

It was a stunning result for a fiercely competitive City Council race. Through the night, election results were too close to call in a three-way standoff between Showalter, Hicks and Ramirez for two of the seats, while Kamei maintained the top spot with 19.2 percent of the vote. As the returns came in, Ramirez trailed Showalter by just a few dozen voters and he managed to close that gap as the night went on.

As of Wednesday, it remained close between Hicks (17.8 percent) and Ramirez (17.7 percent).

"I don't know what to say. It seemed like there was a strong anti-incumbent sentiment," Ramirez said. "We can say with a high degree of certainty that the voters were not supportive of the direction we were headed; there's an expectation now that we'll do something differently."

Other candidates echoed similar thoughts. If the two incumbents lose, the 2018 election could be interpreted as a mandate from voters for a change of course for Mountain View. Showalter and Siegel were both elected in 2014 with a promise to aggressively tackle a regional housing shortage, a problem with no easy or quick solution. As the incumbents, they likely are seen as responsible for voters' frustration.

"Perhaps as mayor, I became the target for people's anger," Siegel said. "While I view this election as a personal defeat, it does not stand out as a refutation of my vision of a more balanced Mountain View."

But it remains hard to discern a specific demand from Mountain View voters. Aside from Inks, the other five candidates campaigned on strikingly similar platforms. To varying degrees, the top five candidates each voiced support for rent control, developing housing in North Bayshore and taking a compassionate stance toward the city's homeless population.

"I was never sure what the deciding issue was in this race," Showalter admitted. "It's been hard in this campaign to distinguish yourself."

Showalter struggled to diagnose why voters were tilted against the incumbents, and she suggested that it could be that voters wanted someone to blame for traffic and construction impacts.

In contrast, Hicks was more confident about the message voters were relaying to their elected officials. Residents were supportive of Mountain View's

direction and its push to address regional problems, as long as it didn't mean sacrifices to their own lifestyle, she said.

"These results show that you shouldn't have to make a compromise between your quality of life and your compassion," she said. "Some candidates seem to be saying we have to choose one or the other; I feel we can do both."

The deciding factor may have come down to organization and endorsements. Through the Tuesday night election, Kamei emerged as the clear victor in the six-way race, pulling ahead early by a wide margin. Through the race, she had raised among the most in donations, and gained the support of influential local groups, such as the firefighters union.

Kamei had struggled in her 2014 run for a council seat, but she believed her message this time around resonated with voters. Speaking to the Voice, Kamei attributed her success to the nationwide appetite for more women and diverse candidates in political office. Additionally, she said her campaign's push for housing solutions targeting middle-class households was something that voters wanted to hear.

"We have young families that can't afford to live here, or parents with kids in high school or college, and they fear they won't be able to live near their families," she said. "Mountain View used to be a middle-class city."

Siegel struggled in his bid for re-election with 15.6 percent of the vote, and he was unable to maintain a lead in any single precinct in the city. Looking somewhat crestfallen on Tuesday night, he said he was worried what the voters' decision would mean for the city's long-term goals, particularly bringing housing to North Bayshore.

Former Councilman John Inks came in last with 12.5 percent of the vote, despite a rush of campaign donations in the final weeks of the race. It remained an open question during the race if Inks' competitors would end up splitting the vote and create an opening for him. He maintained the appearance of a strong following on social media, particularly for his unsympathetic stance on the city's growing homeless problem. But his online support did not translate to a large enough voting base.

The election results are provisional, with additional ballots still being tallied after the Voice's Wednesday press deadline. For updates, check mv-voice.com. ■

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How Mountain View voted

		California	Santa Clara County	Mountain View
U.S. Senate	Dianne Feinstein (D)	54.3%	59.1%	60.5%
	Kevin de Leon (D)	45.7%	40.9%	39.5%
House (District 18)	Anna Eshoo (D)	71.4%	71.2%	80.4%
	Christine Russell (R)	28.6%	28.8%	19.6%
Governor	Gavin Newsom (D)	59.4%	68.4%	78.2%
	John Cox (R)	40.6%	31.6%	21.8%
State Superintendent	Tony Thurmond	49.4%	54.5%	62%
	Marshall Tuck	50.6%	45.5%	38%
Assembly (District 24)	Marc Berman (D)	74.4%	74.7%	78.4%
	Alex Glew (R)	25.6%	25.3%	21.6%
Sheriff	Laurie Smith	N/A	56.5%	55.6%
	John Hirokawa		43.5%	44.4%
Proposition 1	Housing bond	54.1%	57.6%	65.6%
Proposition 6	Gas tax repeal	44.7%	33.7%	23.6%
Proposition 7	Daylight saving time	59.8%	59.2%	63.7%
Proposition 8	Dialysis profit limits	38.4%	43.7%	43.8%
Proposition 10	Local rent control	38.3%	41.2%	47.5%
Proposition 12	Farm animal cages	61%	65.9%	68.4%

Source: Santa Clara County Elections Office and California Secretary of State

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on the ballot, with nearly every precinct voting in unison for or against measures. Getting rid of California's 2017 gas tax increase, including a 12-cent per gallon hike that went into effect last November, was extremely unpopular in Mountain View. Fewer than one in four voters, 23.6 percent, favored repealing the state's legislation, compared to 44.7 percent of state voters.

City residents tended to back

Democrats by big margins down the ballot, supporting Gov.-elect Gavin Newsom, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and state Assemblyman Marc Berman. In the race between two Democrats for U.S. Senate, just over 60 percent of residents favored incumbent Dianne Feinstein over state Sen. Kevin de Leon.

Marshall Tuck, largely favored by charter school proponents during his campaign, won a narrow victory for state superintendent of public instruction, eking out 50.6 percent of the

vote as of Wednesday morning. Mountain View voters, on the other hand, favored his opponent, state Assemblyman Tony Thurmond, with a 62 percent majority.

Mirroring results from June, Mountain View residents backed Laurie Smith in her bid for re-election as Santa Clara County sheriff, favoring her over challenger John Hirokawa by a nearly identical margin to the county as a whole. ■

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Center nurses. The clinic would not provide medical services to victims. Once the new Stanford Hospital is completed, slated for 2019, the university planned to open a more fully fledged center that would serve all of northern Santa Clara County, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The county is facing a steady increase in demand for these services. Valley Medical Center conducted 349 sexual assault forensic exams in 2017, up 20 percent over the previous year, according to a staff report. By August of this year, 265 exams had been performed at the San Jose hospital — an increase of 9.5 percent compared to the same time period in 2017.

"This upward trend is expected to continue as services become easier for victims to access and education and outreach expand," Valley Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Paul Lorenz wrote in a report for the Health and Hospital Committee.

YWCA, which provides services to survivors of sexual and domestic violence, has seen a similar increase in demand. Requests for accompaniment to the hospital for forensic exams and crisis support calls are up 30 percent since 2015, according to the nonprofit. YWCA has asked the county for funding to help its rape crisis center respond to the rising demand.

Staffing these kinds of clinics is also a challenge, as the nurses who administer the forensic exams must complete specialized training, including a required state course that's only offered twice a year, according to the report. Once a sexual assault forensic exam nurse or sexual assault nurse examiner is hired, she or he must work for six to 12 months before being cleared to take cases on their own, Lorenz wrote. They are asked to work overnight shifts and can be subpoenaed to testify.

Simitian expects that the new clinic will serve people under the jurisdiction of law enforcement agencies (including the sheriff's office) in Palo Alto, Mountain

View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Sunnyvale and Saratoga.

Given the clinic's location, Stanford Hospital will be able to provide medical services to victims if needed, according to Simitian's office.

"For people who have already been traumatized, asking them to go to a remote location that is unfamiliar, that is away from their own community, I just think further aggravates the trauma. I don't think that's an acceptable model," Simitian said. "I am anxious that we find a location in the North County, and one that is not only in the North County but can serve the entire North County and eliminate that trauma."

County staff and Stanford are working to finalize an agreement and set a start date for the program. ■

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Google moves to next stage of campus plans

TECH GIANT FILES PLANS FOR TWO NEW NORTH BAYSHORE PROJECTS

By Mark Noack

Moving into the next phase of its showpiece campus plans, Google officials submitted new architecture designs in recent days for two projects in North Bayshore. Taken together, the proposals call for 800,000 square feet of new office space as well as 3,200 parking stalls.

The two North Bayshore proposals would develop what are known as the Landings and Huff sites. Neither proposal should come as any major surprise for Mountain View officials since they've both been in the queue of approved gatekeeper projects for about three years. In fact, city officials had been ratcheting up pressure on Google officials to stop dragging their heels and submit formal designs.

The more remarkable of the pair is the Landings project, located just north of Highway 101 at 2171 Landings Drive. The plans call for an 800,000-square-foot building that marks a new course for the company's unorthodox office architecture. A couple years ago, Google drew international

headlines for the bubble-dome design and photovoltaic rooftops of its Charleston East and Bay View buildings. With Landings, the company appears to be adopting another distinct style.

The design plans by the Heatherwick Studio architecture firm call for a cluster of buildings linked in a "sawtooth" archway. This layout would have the some offices along the middle of the arc raised up to two stories off the ground with a private walkway running below. The buildings would be five stories at most, but they would be raised much higher due to the archway design.

"The intent — from design to the proposed materials for construction — is for the building to blend in with its surroundings as much as possible," the Heatherwick architects explained in their proposal. "The building envelope... breathes new life into the sawtooth roof, reinterpreting it as a fluid and collective form."

On the ground floor, the Landings project calls for a variety of employee cafes and unspecified amenities. Below the offices would be a large garage with room for up to 1,408 vehicles.

Unlike the Charleston East project with its promenade and "Green Loop" walkway open to the public, the Landings site would be largely off-limits. The building would be encircled with hedges and fencing to prevent outsiders from strolling through. Instead, the public would be routed to a new extension of the Green Loop trail that would be built on the east side of the Landings project alongside Permanente Creek.

To build the project, Google would be tearing down about 250,000 square feet of offices currently in use. Google received permission to increase that footprint by about 550,000 square feet as part of a 2015 city allocation, bringing the total up to about 800,000.

To build the Landings project, Google is asking permission to remove nearly 900 trees. Of those, about 374 are listed as heritage trees, including many redwoods. To replace them, the company is proposing to plant 735 new trees.

If city approvals are granted, construction for the Landings project is expected to move forward in 2020.



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An artist's rendering of **Google's proposed Landings project** shows the unique "sawtooth" rooftops.

"This is the start of a conversation with the city and community of Mountain View on the redevelopment of our Landings offices, which we believe could better complement and connect with the surrounding North Bayshore neighborhood," said Drew Wenzel, Google development executive, in a statement.

The Huff project is much more straightforward — it's a proposal for a giant parking garage with room for 1,792 vehicles. The site is an 8-acre gravel lot, located on Huff Avenue about a quarter mile south of Charleston Road.

For help meeting its parking needs, Google currently leases space at Shoreline Amphitheatre

from Live Nation, but that arrangement is expected to end in 2025. City officials say the Huff project is expected to replace that parking supply, allowing Google's other office projects to move forward.

Along with the garage, Google is also planning to include about 8,000 square feet of new retail space that architects note would be suitable for a fitness center or food retail.

Mountain View city officials are currently scheduled to discuss the new North Bayshore projects at the Dec. 11 City Council meeting. ▀

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Wilson said this didn't appear to be a policy change for the school district. She said she recalls going to a Stevenson PACT information night for her incoming kindergarten student and being told she could lose her spot at Huff Elementary School.

"This isn't something new, this isn't like a threat tactic," she said. "But it did inform what I ended up deciding for my own child, and it was clearly stated."

The charter petition is asking to establish a 168-student school in the 2019-20 school year, and so far the district has received a notice of intent to enroll in Bullis from 144 families. Rudolph said the district started plotting where each of those kids live last week in order to gauge where enrollment will drop, intending to pare back facilities and staff commensurate with the enrollment drop. Rudolph told the *Voice* after the meeting that, while imprecise and not reflective of who will actually attend the charter school, it's the best the district can do.

"Until Bullis provides their enrollment timeline, we are left in a lurch for planning for our enrollment processes," he said in an email. "Once they communicate that, we can be more specific

about how our charter transfer process would work."

Rudolph said he wants to make clear to parents that placement in schools has always been subject to enrollment projections, and that enrolling in a non-district school means they "probably will not be able to re-enter their MVWSD choice or impacted neighborhood school in the same school year."

In past years, the district has taken costly measures to make sure students living within the boundaries of packed schools — particularly Bubb and Huff elementary schools — are able to attend regardless of how cramped it is, including by adding portable classrooms. But that was considered a short-term measure until students could be shifted under the new attendance boundaries. The \$300,000 cost to maintain the portables will start eating into the district's general fund if they are kept in commission after the 2019-20 school year.

Decisions to keep the portables and retain teachers can't be made on the fly, Rudolph said, which is why the district has been put in a bind by Bullis Mountain View's opening date amid the impending shuffle of students.

"If we would've known this two years ago, then we probably would've developed a different plan of action," he said. ▀



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Josette Marrero, an air quality researcher, speaks to students at Los Altos High School during a STEAM Week event on Oct. 11.

High schools seek pros for advice on science and tech education

ADVISORY BOARDS WOULD HELP CRAFT 'STEAM' ACADEMIES AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

By Kevin Forestieri

In a bid to prepare students for future careers in science and tech, the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District is calling on pros from local industries to weigh in on how to best tailor classes for the jobs of tomorrow.

Last month, district officials put out the solicitation for professional volunteers to serve on advisory boards for either Mountain View or Los Altos high schools, where they would meet bimonthly to help the district craft what it's calling STEAM academies — short for science, technology, engineering, arts and math.

This year marks the inaugural advisory board for Mountain View High, whereas Los Altos is seeking to recruit more members for its existing committee, which has been meeting over the last two years. Members of each board will get a chance to work directly with teachers to develop curriculum and student projects.

District officials are seeking to tap into the deep pool of local talent in Silicon Valley to introduce students to subjects that include mechanical engineering, computer science and robotics, potentially expanding into other subjects like biotechnology. Outside of the STEM-focused careers, the advisory panels could also include members who have a background in business and marketing. Advisory board members are in a prime

position to influence the district's existing course content as well as the introduction of new classes.

The courses are not designed to be taken in a vacuum — classes are intended to create a multi-year "pathway" for students to build on skills that eventually culminate in a senior capstone project.

The announcement comes shortly after Los Altos High School hosted its STEAM week in October, which assembled a long list of speakers representing some of the top universities, startups and companies in the world in order to give students a taste of what kind of careers await them in the world of science, technology, engineering and math.

Although the committees may appear to de-emphasize the "arts" in STEAM, that's certainly not the intent, nor has it been the case for Los Altos' existing advisory board, according to Brigitte Sarraf, the district's director of accountability and evaluation. She said the existing panel has focused on careers outside of tech, including architecture design, marketing, entrepreneurship, visual and media arts, and that expertise is sought on all of those areas.

"It is clearly a STEAM Academy," she said. "Los Altos High School is further along on the 'A' component than Mountain View High School. Both schools feel strongly about the inclusion and connection to arts and design."

The STEAM classes would be in addition to other tech savvy career-focused education programs run by the high school district, including the Freestyle Academy digital arts and media program that's open to juniors and seniors from both high schools. Other so-called Career Technical Education (CTE) initiatives include classes at Alta Vista, which teach students a broad range of skills including masonry, construction, plumbing, electrical and solar installation.

The district is assembling the STEAM advisory boards as part of a statewide effort on CTE programs, following increased funding and interest from California's elected officials to better link between high school education and future job opportunities. Although it would seem that both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools would have the same job market and the same goals in mind, state law requires that the advisory boards be separate, according to district staff.

Anyone interested in joining the Mountain View High School advisory board may contact mvhs.steamacademy@mvla.net, while prospective candidates for the Los Altos board may contact lahs.steamacademy@mvla.net. There is no hard deadline for applications, and district officials are looking for "as many candidates as possible." ▣

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LASD fires off warning over Bullis growth plans

By Kevin Forestieri

Bullis Charter School officials announced that they are seeking to boost student enrollment by over 20 percent in the coming school year, and formally requested last week that Los Altos School District find space to house more than 1,000 students by April next year.

Despite the monthslong process ahead, Los Altos School District shot back Nov. 2, releasing a statement warning that the charter school is seeking to close down Egan Junior High and expand onto the rest of the school's campus — something charter school representatives flatly deny.

The K-8 Bullis is currently housed in portable buildings on the Egan and Blach junior high school campuses.

The latest back-and-forth was prompted by a state-mandated process for charter schools to request facilities under Proposition 39, which states that school districts must provide “reasonably equivalent” facilities to children within the district who choose to go to a charter school. The request states that Bullis Charter School will increase enrollment from 915 students this year to 1,105 in the 2019-20 school year, 1,058 of whom live within the district's boundaries. The “in-district” enrollment would increase by 220 students, or about 26 percent, according to the request.

An online petition urging Los Altos School District not to close down Egan, started Nov. 2, had already picked up more than 2,300 supporters as of Wednesday morning.

The request states that Bullis’ “preference” is to be located on the Egan site, with “exclusive use” of the site's approximately 20 acres. A large portion of the charter school is already housed on the eastern end of the campus, with the Egan Junior High School campus on the western side, and the request asserts that the large campus would be an ideal location for Bullis to expand without disrupting those students. Egan is one of the district's largest sites, and Bullis, at 1,105 students, would be the largest school, according to the request.

It would also, however, displace hundreds of junior high school-age students in the district to a yet-to-be-determined new location, which the facilities request acknowledges but downplays.

“Since BCS has far more students on the Egan campus returning next year, moving Egan would disrupt the education of far less public school students,” the request states. “BCS regrets



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Bullis Charter School representatives have requested use of the entire Egan Junior High School campus, which it currently shares.

any disruption for even a single child for a single year, but notes that the District has had many years, including the most recent five years pursuant to the settlement agreement, to effectively plan for a more permanent single site solution.”

In the statement released by the school district Nov. 2., district officials said Bullis’ request to “close” Egan would cause significant problems, and that it makes no effort to state “where LASD should place the nearly 600 junior high school students who would be evicted imminently from the Egan campus or denied the ability to enroll in junior high there.”

The statement calls the request a “step back” from the collaborative spirit between the charter school and the district, particularly the five-year facilities agreement inked between the two parties in 2014. The agreement expires in June, and progress on a subsequent multi-year agreement that avoids annual Proposition 39 requests screeched to a halt earlier this year. To grant the charter school its request for all of Egan would amount to “preferential treatment” for Bullis over district students, according to the district's statement.

Bullis Charter School board chair Joe Hurd told the *Voice* that parents shouldn't interpret the language of the request to mean the charter school wants to close down Egan, let alone take over the campus. He said Bullis is requested by state statute to name a specific school site as part of its facilities request, as it had to do with all 10 of its Proposition 39 requests since 2004.

“The Prop. 39 request submitted on Nov. 1 is the first stage of a multi-part, monthslong process,” he said. “It is a process that is set up by statute to give both sides

a chance to make the proposal, receive a counter proposal, meet, confer and agree on a final solution. This is the first step in the process.”

Hurd said the latest comments by the school district are inflammatory and inaccurate, and show an unwillingness to collaborate with Bullis on a permanent solution to more than a decade of debates over facilities.

“BCS did not call for the closure of any high-performing LASD school. The fact that LASD wants to paint this as BCS calling for the closure of Egan is a blatant attempt to sow fear, uncertainty and doubt in the LASD community,” he said.

School board member Sangeeth Peruri rejects that argument, telling the *Voice* that the state's education code gives charter schools plenty of room to avoid calling for an outright takeover of the Egan campus. The code states that the petition must include “information regarding the district school site and/or general geographic area in which the charter school wishes to locate.”

Peruri said the hope was to avoid the Proposition 39 process, which he said is not beneficial for anyone involved, and that he favored something akin to the five-year facilities agreement that expires on June 30.

“We were extremely startled to see Bullis request all of Egan,” he said.

Since word got out, Peruri said he's been fielding emails and text messages, and not just from families with kids at Egan. Families across the district, high school students and older residents without kids in the district — all of them seem to have a special place in their hearts for the school, Peruri said. Even Bullis families are left wondering who

this request really benefits.

“I'm getting a lot of BCS families coming to me saying ‘Why is BCS doing this? I don't support it,’” he said.

Former board member Tamara Logan said the community went through a similarly divisive process during past Proposition 39 requests for facilities, which had asked for other school sites like Covington Elementary School. The stakes seem a little higher this time around, she said, considering Egan is one of only two junior high schools serving the district, and the charter school was by no means required to ask for all 20 acres of the school.

“I think that they have chosen to go down a divisive path,” Logan said.

For years, the charter school's leadership has made it clear they want a consolidated campus in a centralized location in the school district, as well as the ability to grow to 1,200 students over the next three to five years. For Los Altos School District administrators and board members alike, this has represented a huge logistical challenge, particularly with the competing interests of neighborhood school communities who do not want to be uprooted.

Members of a district task force debated, and ultimately rejected, the idea of relocating Egan Junior High to a new potential school site in the San Antonio region of Mountain View, which could have cleared the way for Bullis to expand into the Egan campus. Most of the task force's members opposed the idea, and a majority of trustees rejected the idea at the Sept. 10 board meeting.

Although the school district is negotiating to buy nearly 10 acres of land at the corner of California Street and Showers Drive in Mountain View for a future school, Bullis families and charter school leadership have largely rejected the idea of being placed at the future school site. Among the top concerns are traffic and an unwillingness to put 900 students onto a relatively small campus.

State law requires that the Los Altos School District respond to the request by Dec. 1 and put together a written proposal for how to accommodate the charter school's 1,058 district students by Feb. 1. ▀

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MVLA superintendent announces retirement

By Kevin Forestieri

After guiding the district through three busy years, Mountain View-Los Altos High School District Superintendent Jeff Harding announced Nov. 1 that he plans to retire next year.

Harding, whose retirement will be effective at the end of June, led the district through major milestones including the rollout of new Common Core standardized tests, passage of the massive \$295 million Measure E bond, and negotiations with the city of Mountain View to prepare for an onslaught of enrollment growth.

In a statement, Harding said he believes he will be leaving his top role in the district at a time when the local high schools are headed in the right direction — with a solid financial future and academic performance that continues to improve — and that “without question, there’s a rosy future ahead for MVLA.”

Harding joined the district in June 2015, replacing former Superintendent Barry Groves, after running schools as a superintendent in Sonoma County. He joined the district — at least in part — because of the top-notch reputation of Mountain View-Los Altos, and said one of his goals going forward was to play a big role working with other local agencies.

Since then, the district has worked closely with the city of Mountain View on how to best handle fast-increasing enrollment caused by the city’s housing

boom. Along with fighting to make sure developers in North Bayshore help offset the costs of building new school facilities, Harding and the school board have frequently met about leasing land for the district’s digital arts and media-focused Freestyle Academy.

Harding led the district through a critical time when California transitioned to the Common Core standards, and students went from taking the old STAR tests — which yielded a three-digit grade for each school — to the new digital testing format with an entirely new set of results.

Many of the district’s longest serving, highest-ranking administrators, notably former associate superintendents Joe White and Brigitte Sarraf, retired from their roles at Mountain View-Los Altos, leaving the district with a relatively new leadership team in recent years.

School board president Fiona Walter said in a statement that Harding has set in motion a lengthy list of initiatives, from new classroom construction to tech upgrades and student mental health initiatives, and that the board wishes him the best after nearly four decades in education.

Harding said in the statement that he plans to travel and spend time with family and friends, and pursue part-time “professional projects” like leadership coaching for current and aspiring school administrators. Former superintendent Groves took a similar route, “retiring” from the district before working at the Association of California School Administrators in Burlingame.

District officials are expected to begin an executive search for a new superintendent sometime in the coming weeks. ■



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OBITUARY

VIRGINIA D. MONTANA

Virginia D. Montana, a longtime Mountain View resident, died Oct. 31, with her son-in-law Billie James by her side. She was 101.

She was born April 10, 1917, to Patsy and Paula De Ramo, in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. She completed high school, receiving two scholarships for art and nursing, and married Nicholas Montana. They moved to California, where she was a homemaker. The couple first lived in San Francisco, then moved to Mountain View, where she spent the next 66 years of her life. She enjoyed baking, sewing, needlepoint, gardening, romance novels and crosswords, and good political discussions, her family said.

She was preceded in death by Nicholas, her husband of 62 years, and her grandson Christopher Montana. She is survived by her children, Ron Montana (Jan) and Pat Bishop (Billie James); and grandson Bret Montana (Renee).

A celebration of life ceremony will be held at a future date. Arrangements were by Cusimano Family Colonial Mortuary.



Virginia Montana

County supervisors irate over internet throttling during wildfires

LOCAL FIRE OFFICIALS SAY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS HARMED BY VERIZON

By Kevin Forestieri

Santa Clara County supervisors say more needs to be done to ensure Verizon and other internet services providers never again restrict public safety agencies communications during emergencies. But it's an open question whether Verizon could be compelled to do anything about it.

Verizon officials continued what amounts to an apology tour at the county's Oct. 31 Finance and Government Operations Committee meeting, admitting that the company's conduct during massive wildfires earlier this year was unacceptable. County officials revealed in August that Verizon had slowed the county fire department's wireless internet communications to a crawl during the Mendocino Complex Fire, the largest combined wildfire in state history. The fires tore through 280,000 acres of Northern California in July.

Like most data plans, the Santa Clara County Fire Department had a contract with a data cap, meaning its internet speeds would be significantly throttled after a certain amount of data usage during a billing cycle. But there was supposed to be an exception: In the event of an emergency, the throttling was supposed to end, but Verizon's associate general counsel Jesus Roman told supervisors that the cap was never lifted.

"Though we had a process to make exceptions in exigent circumstances for first responders, that process failed," Roman said. "We are contrite in making every effort to ensure that this never happens again."

The Mendocino Complex Fire wasn't the first time, either. Fire Chief Tony Bowden described how the department had been throttled multiple times going back to December 2017, and had a representative from Verizon on the phone each time trying to sort out the problem. In each instance, Verizon representatives said that the fire department might need to upgrade to a more expensive plan, including a limitless data plan that charged on a pay-per-use basis after bumping into the cap.

Considering the number of devices and amount of data usage required by the fire department, Bowden estimated the "unlimited" plan could end up costing

the county \$800 for each device, totaling close to \$200,000 to \$250,000 per month.

The throttling was so significant that download speeds reportedly dropped to 0.2 megabits per second, meaning it had "no meaningful functionality," according to an email to Bowden by fire Capt. Justin Stockman. Another crew member with a non-throttled Verizon phone, doing a side-by-side comparison, was getting 20 megabits per second. During the June 2018 response to the Pawnee Fire, Bowden said firefighters were "monitoring the billing cycle to figure out when connectivity would resume" and using "personal devices and phones to allow them to have connectivity back to the internet."

Despite getting assurances from Verizon at the time that the throttling would be lifted in times of emergency, the department's connection was once again halted to a near-standstill at the Mendocino fires.

County Supervisor Joe Simitian made clear that public safety was put at risk, and that Verizon should do more than just make it a "goal" to make sure it never happens again. Simitian said the Oct. 31 meeting was intentionally set well after the throttling problem was revealed to allow time for Verizon to figure out a possible fix, but he made clear that the company is on notice for what happened.

"I think if this ever does happen again, all hell is going to break loose, and it should," Simitian said. "Everyone's on notice right now that both folks in the first responder world and the public generally (were) put at risk unnecessarily, and that can't be allowed to happen again."

Along with assurances that throttling will be lifted in future emergencies, Verizon's plan includes providing a special, unlimited access plan to emergency responders at all times. Public safety organizations are recognized among 14 so-called North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, and four have been picked by Verizon as recipients of unlimited, unthrottled internet access, according to Dave Hickey, Verizon's vice president of business and government sales. The remaining 10 public safety "codes" would get unlimited access in emergency situations, but are otherwise stuck with the publicly available plans.

Supervisors questioned the logic behind picking and choosing public safety organizations that get to benefit from the

unlimited plan, and what kind of emergency scenario would end throttling on the groups.

"We obviously have life-or-death situations without the declaration of emergency from the governor, and there are a lot of folks who keep people safe besides the four categories of first responders like firefighters, law enforcement and EMS," Simitian said. "So I'm concerned about whether or not the decision-making is going to be ad hoc for those ten codes."

Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez said she was concerned that Verizon would rationalize, either from a financial or a network management perspective, that some public safety operations shouldn't move at full capacity at all times. She said these organizations can't wait 20 minutes for an emergency declaration when critical life or death situations come down to seconds.

"The idea to me that any public safety entity could ever be throttled at any time is just so unbelievable," Chavez said. "I can't even process it, because I can't imagine when we would tell people 'We didn't have an option but to throttle and find the right rep to upgrade the plan so that then we could finish our work.'"

The representatives for Verizon shied away from nuanced details of how internet traffic works, but Hickey said the company needs to be careful about how many of the 14 public safety codes are allowed unlimited access. He said the company looked "internally" and consulted with public safety experts and concluded that giving access to all 14 could clog up network capacity and slow down everyone's connection.

Verizon officials want to make sure that individuals on the front line, who need the highest data speeds available, have it available, Hickey said. "You live in this world where if everybody has unlimited, nobody has unlimited, and so we wanted to make sure that we were in a scenario where this group absolutely had the best possible service," he said.

The analogy used throughout the meeting to describe data throughput limitations was a busy highway, with various vehicles all trying to get on the road at the same time. The analogy broke down, however, as Chavez inquired about why the company throttled connections even during low-traffic times when the "highway" was completely open.

Ernesto Falcon, legislative counsel with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, told supervisors that Verizon was muddying the

waters between billing practices — charging over a certain amount of internet usage or throttling connections purely to boost the company's bottom line — and technical engineering requirements to manage the network.

"The data caps and the throttling that follows after you exceed a certain amount or the overage fees — they are not coupled with congestion at all," he said.

Bowden said that Santa Clara County's fire department still hasn't signed up for this new plan, noting that he had concerns Verizon may still end up quashing its connection. He said the plan won't throttle connections for "actively engaged and deployed" firefighters, police and emergency medical technicians, but its unclear what that

actually means. He said the plan also states it can exclude "dedicated internet connections," particularly fixed internet routers, which would be a big problem for the department.

"Are our fixed internet routers, that are permanently affixed to our fire engines, considered a fixed stationary wireless networking device, and therefore excluded from the plan?" Bowden asked. "Because as I read it, it is a fixed device. It doesn't get pulled out, it never leaves that apparatus."

Bowden said he sought clarity in writing from Verizon on both of his concerns, but hasn't received a response a month after his request. Simitian asked Verizon representatives to make

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Mountain View/Los Altos Union High School District has prepared an Initial Study (IS) to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project identified below, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study concludes that the project described below would not have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore, the Mountain View/Los Altos Union High School District proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The project site does not contain a listed toxic site.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the Mountain View/Los Altos Union High School District's intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project, and to provide an opportunity for public comments on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study.

PROJECT TITLE: Mountain View High School Expansion Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Mountain View High School campus is located at 3535 Truman Avenue in the City of Mountain View. The project site is located on a 37-acre area bounded by Oak Avenue to the south, Bryant Avenue to the north, Truman Avenue to the west and residential properties to the east.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Mountain View/Los Altos Union High School District expects an increase in enrollment of 410 students at the Mountain View High School campus, from 1,969 students to 2,379 students. The proposed project includes the expansion of school facilities to accommodate the expected increase in student enrollment at Mountain View High School campus. The project proposes to construct a new 55,000 square-foot two-story classroom building, a one-story 7,648 square-foot engineering building, an approximately 43,700 square-foot student services building, and an approximately 10,350 square-foot auxiliary gymnasium building on the Mountain View High School campus. In addition, the project proposes to repurpose the existing cafeteria into a Performing Arts classroom, modernize Packard Hall, make alterations to and repurpose the existing small gym, install artificial turf at existing fields, and convert the current spaces that are proposed to be vacated in the existing Student Services building to future library use. The expansion of Mountain View High School would require the demolition of existing athletic storage building, 200A, 200B, 300 Administration buildings, and 10 existing portable classrooms in eight buildings. There would be a net addition of 15 classrooms on the campus.

The 30-day review period for the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on Friday, November 2nd and closes on Monday, December 3rd. The Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration and project are tentatively scheduled to go before the MVLA Board of Trustees on Monday, December 10th, 2018. Persons having comments concerning this project, including objections to the basis of determinations set forth in the Initial Study, are invited to furnish their comments summarizing the specific and factual basis for their comments, in writing to MVLA. Please provide your contact information and send your comments by 5 pm on Monday, December 3rd to:

Mountain View/Los Altos Union High School District
Attention: Mike Mathiesen
1299 Bryant Avenue Mountain View, CA 94040
Phone: (650) 940-4667 or Email: mike.mathiesen@mvla.net

The Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and appendices are available for download from the District's website: <http://www.mvla.net/>

The documents are also available for review at the following locations:

Mountain View Public Library
500 Castro St
Mountain View, CA 94041
(650) 903-6300

MVLA District Office
1299 Bryant Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94040
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MVHS Administrative Office
3535 Truman Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94040
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later told her the coworker could be fired immediately, as long as he held a less important role on the team than her.

Both women said they hoped telling their stories would galvanize victims of abuse, as well as their allies.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai told employees earlier in the week the company was aware of the protest and participants would receive support.

"Employees have raised constructive ideas for how we can improve our policies and our processes going forward," Pichai said in a statement. "We are taking in all their feedback so we can turn these ideas into action."

Google came under fire after a New York Times report on Oct. 25 revealed a \$90 million payout for a employee Andy Rubin, who had been accused of sexual harassment. One man held a sign that said, "Happy to Quit for \$90 million, no sexual



NATALIA NAZAROVA

Google employees walk out of the Mountain View offices to protest the tech giant's treatment of women at 11:10 a.m. on Nov. 1.

harassment required."

After the New York Times report was published, women at the company organized the protest in about five days. Offices in Singapore began the protest at 11:10 a.m. local time, with other protests happening at offices around the world.

"We chose 11, one, or 11:10, because we believe that one story is too many and we've heard thousands as part of this

movement," O'Neil-Hart said, explaining that the movement began on internal channels, but quickly spread to more than 60 percent of Google offices across the world.

The protest in Mountain View ended with a roaring chant of "Time's up!" following on the heels of similar movements against perpetrators of abuse in Hollywood and other industries. ▀

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a commitment to respond to Bowden's concerns by Dec. 1, and said the company should meet that deadline.

"I'll just be very clear," Simitian said. "I'll be communicating this with folks at the legislative level, so I think you will be well served to take that step. This is not the end of this conversation today."

Concerns over net neutrality repeal

The context surrounding Verizon's throttling during public safety emergencies is a larger concern that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is not longer interested in monitoring companies suspected of wrongdoing.

At the Oct. 31 meeting, Falcon argued to supervisors that the 2015 Open Internet Order — which included protections against throttling speeds based on the content or services, known generally as net neutrality — put a nationwide ban on "unjust, unreasonable business practices." Under that law, Falcon said Verizon could have faced penalties for throttling of firefighters earlier this year, and that the FCC could have written up rules to prevent it from happening again.

That power was taken away in 2017, when the FCC issued its Restoring Internet Freedom order, which knocked out the agency's legal authority to police internet service providers over issues of competition, privacy

and public safety, Falcon said.

The resulting dynamic is what played out at the meeting — county officials hoping that Verizon will take the public's interest to heart and make internal adjustments to its business practices to the benefit of residents. That's a far cry from when Verizon had a legal obligation not to engage in unjust or unfair business practices, Falcon said.

"The things that happened in Santa Clara — the extent of the throttling that happened with the fire department, the upselling in the middle of an emergency, the four weeks of back and forth — these are all things that a previous FCC would investigate and would have the power ... to enact some sort of penalties to punish the company," he said.

"When you are seeking assurances, there is nothing hanging in the backdrop right now as a legal power to compel such assurances."

Roman, responding to Falcon, argued that the net neutrality laws that were wiped out last year have nothing to do with the problem at hand, which is throttling a fire department that had knowingly agreed to plan that included slow speeds after hitting a certain amount of data use. The company could face penalties if it had knowingly hid that fact, though that was not suggested at any point during the meeting.

After the meeting, Falcon told the *Voice* that it was likely the intent of Verizon representatives to conflate net neutrality rules with the Open Internet Order and reject that it had anything to

do with the throttling of public safety internet access. He said the company is seeking to concede just enough to make public entities like Santa Clara County happy, like un-throttled connections for first responders — while shifting blame away from the loss of the 2015 internet rules.

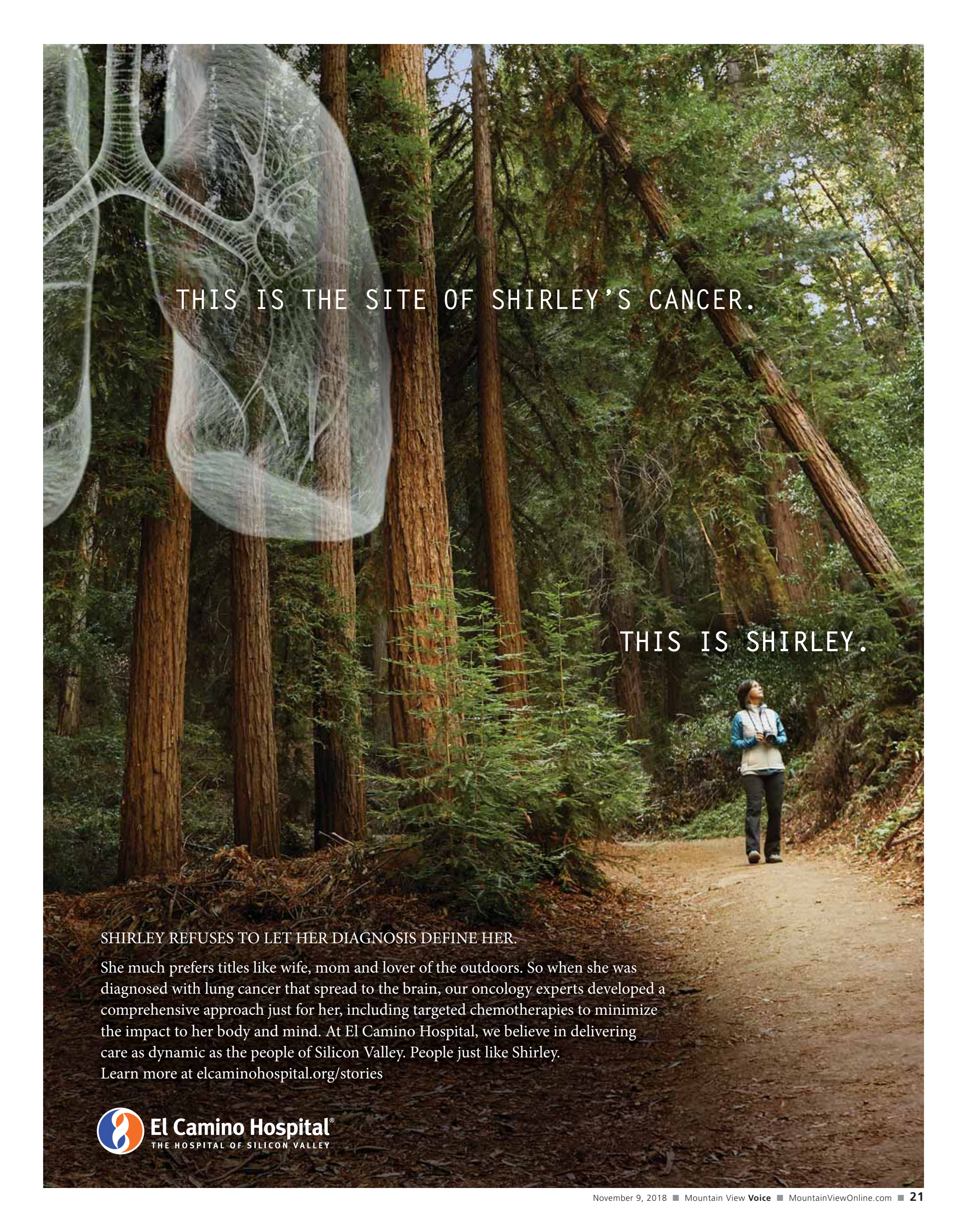
"It's totally intentional," he said. "What they hope is not going to happen is that policy makers are going to figure out getting rid of the 2015 rules was a bad idea."

One big question hanging over the meeting, though never explicitly mentioned, was the recently passed SB 822, which was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown as a means of restoring net neutrality protections at the state level. Whether the law will go in effect is contingent on the lawsuit Mozilla Corp. v. FCC, which challenges the 2017 Restoring Internet Freedom order. One possible outcome, Falcon said, is that the courts will decide the FCC can abandon its policing job over internet service providers but cannot preempt states from regulating the companies, which means the county could request that state Attorney General Xavier Becerra investigate the Verizon incidents.

Until then, Falcon said there really isn't much recourse for Santa Clara County.

"I'm glad the county had this hearing, but the county can do nothing about Verizon," he said. "There is no legal remedy for the county. Verizon is handling this purely from a PR perspective." ▀

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A composite image of a forest with a human lung overlaid on the left side. The forest consists of tall, thin trees with green foliage. The lung is shown in a light, translucent color, highlighting its intricate branching structure. The text "THIS IS THE SITE OF SHIRLEY'S CANCER." is overlaid on the lung.

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crash, pending an investigation. The crash is the first fatal collision reported on city streets so far this year, although a driver was killed in a multi-vehicle crash on Highway 101 in Mountain View in March. The last collision involving a Google bus was on Dec. 27 last year, when a motorcyclist struck a Google bus at North Shoreline Boulevard and Plymouth Street and was killed. City traffic data going back to January 2017 shows there was only one other reported collision at the intersection of Charleston Road and Huff Avenue, on Oct. 13, 2017. The crash occurred during morning commute hours shortly before 8 a.m., and was also a case where a vehicle struck

and injured a pedestrian.

Anyone who witnessed the collision is encouraged to provide information to police by contacting Officer Kevin Solomon at kevin.solomon@mountainview.gov.

FRAUD SUSPECT ARRESTED, AGAIN

A 44-year-old woman who allegedly pretended to be the victim of domestic violence in order to steal from unsuspecting men has been arrested again, according to police.

The suspect, Sunmee Kim, was arrested by Mountain View detectives while she was in a hotel in Burlingame on Monday, Nov. 5. Kim was originally arrested by the Mountain View

Police Department in June, but she failed to report to her probation officer for court appearances related to charges filed against her in Southern California, police said.

Kim is suspected of meeting victims using the online dating website KoreanCupid.com, where she goes by several monikers, and luring them into a relationship. Kim then would allegedly call police and claim she was attacked by her partner, only to steal his valuables once the accused partner was out of the home.

Kim is accused of doing this to “numerous” men throughout California, including one similar incident in Mountain View that occurred in January, which is when Mountain View police got involved. The man accused in the

Mountain View case was ultimately determined not to have committed a crime, police said.

Officers who arrested Kim this week allegedly found her in possession of multiple credit cards belonging to additional victims, police said.

“Kim’s abuse of services that should be used to help real victims of domestic violence is appalling, and we will do all we can to ensure she cannot ensnare and victimize again,” said Lt. Mike Canfield of the Mountain View Police Department.

BAR FIGHT ARREST

Police arrested a Morgan Hill man Nov. 2 following reports that he repeatedly punched another man at O’Malley’s Sports Pub.

Police received reports of a

fight at the bar around 2:40 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 2. The victim, a 25-year-old San Jose man, told officers that the suspect, 27, had punched him multiple times and had since left the area, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

One of the officers en route to the bar found a man matching the suspect’s description walking down Rengstorff Avenue, who was identified and eventually arrested on suspicion of battery. He was later booked into Santa Clara County jail.

Employees at the bar told police that both men involved were asked to leave because of their level of intoxication, Nelson said. Neither the victim nor the suspect gave police a statement on what caused the fight.

—Kevin Forestieri

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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He has been directly involved in the city’s rent control program, as well as its immense challenges. In 2016, as hundreds of frustrated tenants were demanding something be done to stop skyrocketing rents, Ortiz — then a member of the city’s Human Relations Commission — helped channel that anger toward legislation. He helped organize the campaign for the rent control initiative known as Measure V, which passed in November 2016.

Ortiz later put himself forward for a seat on the inaugural Rental Housing Committee, and he became one of the most contentious picks among about two dozen candidates. Some City

Council members questioned his impartiality, pointing to his advocacy for rent control as a sign he would be biased toward tenants.

Ortiz was initially assigned to be the committee’s alternate member, essentially a benchwarmer. Councilman Chris Clark changed his mind at the last minute, swinging the vote, and Ortiz was appointed to a regular seat on the committee. The last 18 months of Rental Housing Committee meetings have been grueling for committee members, with many meetings stretching late into the night. As the five-person committee made a string of policy decisions on rent control, Ortiz and committee member Emily Ramos were often on the minority side in 3-2 split votes.

Ortiz is now the second rental

committee member to resign. In August, Tom Means announced he was leaving to move to El Dorado Hills. Following that departure, the City Council appointed the committee’s alternate, Julian Pardo de Zela as a replacement. The Rental Housing Committee currently lacks an alternate to replace Ortiz.

Ortiz said he had been told that the City Council would begin the process next month to appoint a replacement. He will still participate in all the remaining meetings for 2018, he said.

GOOGLE DEBUTS CLIMATE-CHANGE TOOL

In a dire report published last month, the United Nations

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change described a cascade of worldwide impacts that are likely imminent, such as worsening floods, wildfires and food scarcity.

Halting these climate-change impacts will require swift measures, including a suite of new technologies to track and then remove greenhouse gases from the air. On at least that first step, Mountain View is showing some signs of progress.

This week, a partnership between the city and Google debuted Environmental Insights Explorer, a new web-based tool that provides a snapshot assessment of the local contributors to climate change. The tool uses Google’s vast trove of mapping data to track vehicle trips,

building density and solar-power generation. Mountain View is now the fifth city to have the tool.

In total, the environmental explorer estimates that Mountain View produces just over 1 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions per year. About 237,000 tons of emissions are mitigated through solar-power generation in the city.

The full Environmental Insights Explorer tool can be viewed at <https://insights.sustainability.google>.

—Mark Noack

COPS AND GOBBLERS

The Mountain View Police Department is seeking donations for its Cops and Gobblers fundraiser, a Thanksgiving food drive that supports needy Mountain View residents.

The event has been providing food for families in the city for more than two decades. Now in its 22nd year, Cops and Gobblers is aiming to benefit hundreds of families through charitable donations.

Every \$50 donated can feed a family of four during this holiday season, according to a press release from the police department.

Anyone interested in donating may visit the Mountain View Public Safety Foundation website at mvpsf.org/donate.php and select “Cops and Gobblers” as the cause. Residents may also mail checks to Mountain View Police Department, Attn: Amber Wilson, 1000 Villa St., Mountain View, CA 94041.

The fundraiser includes an event at the police department on Nov. 18 at 9 a.m., which will be held “rain or shine,” according to the department.

Anyone with questions about the fundraiser can contact Amber Wilson at Amber.Wilson@mountainview.gov.

—Kevin Forestieri

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EMBARRASSED BY GOOGLE

For many years I have been a proud resident of Mountain View. Not that many years ago Google put Mountain View on the map and made us proud.

Now I am ashamed of that glory. The recent news of Google covering for and rewarding a high-level employee involved in a sexual harassment allegation has left me embarrassed for our city and angry.

I think Google has lost its moral compass in the most despicable manner on the way to international success.

It never fails to surprise me what it takes for those in power to put aside those everyday people who helped them become so successful. Where did we fail our leaders as parents, teachers, religious advisers and friends?

*Nancy Hardyck
Yorkton Drive*

NORTH BAYSHORE PROJECT

I'm sad the Mountain View City Council caved in to the huge development company, Sobrato, on its North Bayshore project ("Landmark North Bayshore housing project wins approval," Oct. 26). It shows a real lack of foresight, and no planning for the future. The council continues to look at one project at a time, not the overall picture or long-term consequences.

Regarding the Sobrato project, a simple calculation from building costs shows the project costing \$500 million to \$1 billion, depending on land costs. If Sobrato wants a 10 to 20 percent annual return, they're expecting revenues of \$50 to \$200 million per year, and could have afforded the one-time charge for the in-lieu fees for parks and the school fees out of first year's revenues. Instead the council has set the precedent that a sufficiently large development firm can extract significant concessions from the city on various city development fees, and have the residents of Mountain View subsidize them.

This follows the decision by the city to waive the hotel tax for the Hope Street development for 10 years, for a boutique hotel likely producing huge profits. Wait until someone else wants to build a hotel in Mountain View — they're going to want the same deal. The next Sobrato-scale

development will expect the same deal, and down the road the residents of Mountain View will pay the cost. I think we need a council with some backbone, that will stand up to the large development firms, and one that has some knowledge of real long-term, comprehensive planning for the city.

*David Lewis
Oak Street*

MARIJUANA IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

Twenty years ago I would have agreed with many of you that we do not need any marijuana shops in Mountain View. But 19 years ago I had breast cancer with a mastectomy and four rounds of chemotherapy about three to four weeks apart. For those of you who have never had this experience, all of us who have hope that none of you will have to endure the complete exhaustion and the nausea that increased many-fold with each treatment. Several people have mentioned that marijuana would have helped me, but it was unthinkable and illegal at the time. Looking back on that experience, I wish there had been a way to find out if it would have helped.

Losing my breast was the least of my problems. The constant threat of full-blown lymphedema in my arm (from removing all the lymph nodes under my arm) from lifting too much weight or repeating an activity too many times, but more importantly the constant throbbing pain in my chest from the cutting of all the nerve endings. Much to my amazement, I learned this year that a cannabis cream could remove the pain for 10 to 12 hours at a time. Also, the cream could be used on my numb and painful toes to relieve the pain that began 19 years ago from the chemotherapy. Now there is just one problem. The cream I used to obtain by a friend, illegally from a caring soul that raises organic marijuana and makes this helpful cream. I would love to buy some legally from a reputable, local store. One that qualifies for the standards that our Mountain View City Council is asking to have and the continued monitoring that will be in place from our police department.

Please support our current council and the in-depth research they have done, along with our police department, to enable

all of us to legally obtain these products from a healthy and well-monitored shop. It is up to all of us to help protect our youth from all drugs, including alcohol, and these two shops will not bring more illegal drugs to Mountain View. If anything, there may be less.

*Bonnie Laster
Carol Avenue*

READY TO HELP

We all want to improve this situation with the vehicle dwellers. Our lack of affordable housing has translated to more of our Mountain View service workers having no place to sleep except their vehicle. There, but for the grace of God, go I.

Our neighbors who temporarily are vehicle dwellers are our brothers and sisters. I choose to treat them with respect and compassion. It must be very hard for them to maintain a reasonable level of human dignity, living in such a difficult environment, but still they try to somehow do the right thing for themselves and their families. They are simply doing what they know how to do. My hope is to have the privilege of helping them more as they search for some way out of their extreme poverty, while they work hard to better their situation. Fortunately, there are some of us who are ready to help.

*Steve Chandler
Sierra Vista Avenue*

SEWAGE DUMPING

In the past two years RVs in Mountain View have more than doubled. Ever wonder where all their sewage goes? We should, given the weekly need for sewage disposal and with the nearest disposal facilities in Redwood City, Fremont and San Jose.

Actually we should be concerned, because there are sightings of sewage dumping in our streets by those who behave badly when they think no one is looking, including a container of sewage left on Crisanto Avenue and sewage dumped in the Rengstorff Park bathroom until it backed up and flooded the bathroom. Luckily these health/environmental hazards were reported and decontaminated by our fire department (thank you, MVFD!).

So how many sewage hazards have been reported in the past two years? How many are scattered throughout our neighborhoods?

Have they increased with the growing numbers of RVs?

In the Cuesta Park neighborhood, when some RV dwellers thought no one was looking, sewage has been deliberately dumped on our streets and in storm drains. This summer a group of men from an RV next to a church were seen urinating in church bushes every morning for several weeks until forced to move (thanks, MVPD!). However three months later, that area still reeks of urine. Hopefully their behavior has changed at their new location?

And it's not just human waste. At the same church, another RV with three large aggressive dogs used the church grounds as a dump site for their dogs' waste. Everywhere they park their RV, they leave piles of their dogs' waste for homeowners to clean up.

Most recently, a man was spotted dumping his RV sewage in the recycled water drain at the car wash behind the Valero gas station. Thankfully this was reported, but how many cars have been unknowingly washed with sewage? That's disgusting.

More importantly, how often is sewage deliberately dumped undetected throughout our neighborhoods? Since those discovered in Cuesta Park were only by chance, we don't really know — and if they're not discovered and reported, we're unknowingly exposed to sewage.

*Yee Wai
Miramonte Avenue*

BAN BAGS AT FARMERS MARKET

I love our amazing farmers market! And I'm not the only one. We are a community that values farm-to-table and pay well for our farmers' produce. We can, however, make our market environmentally better. Let's stop with the single-use plastic produce bags and switch to paper bags. A quick search on Amazon shows that rolls of plastic produce bags cost \$0.03/bag, while paper produce bags cost \$0.055/bag. This is a difference of 2.5 cents per bag, and a huge environmental win! How do we make this happen?

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*Ellyn Berner
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