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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Peipei Yu, center, stands with schoolchildren and parents who walked out Monday morning to protest a deal that would give most of the Egan Junior High campus in Los Altos to Bullis Charter School, settling a long-running dispute over facilities.

Parents rally against moving Egan to Mountain View

BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL WOULD GET JUNIOR HIGH CAMPUS IN EXCHANGE FOR ENROLLMENT CAP

By Kevin Forestieri

A huge crowd of parents slammed a proposal to give the Egan Junior High School campus to Los Altos' growing charter school, calling it a bad deal that gives

up the "crown jewel" of the Los Altos School District while getting little in return.

Emotions ran high throughout the two hours of public comment at the board meeting Monday night, April 8, with boisterous cheering when

speakers suggested that they would rather get sued by Bullis Charter School and fight a legal battle than give up a campus that has been a pillar in the community for half a century.

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Council may send rent control back to voters

By Mark Noack

Rent control may be enshrined in Mountain View's charter, but its future is uncertain.

The question will be put to voters next year on whether they still support restricting rents under the Measure V ballot measure approved in 2016.

Local voters could see at least two ballot measures in 2020

seeking to curtail or heavily revise the city's rent control provisions. At last week's City Council meeting, elected leaders agreed to consider a city-sponsored ballot measure to revise rent control.

Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga brought up the idea at the April 2 meeting, saying she wanted to address lapses in the rent control law.

"I didn't support Measure V,

but I was told by proponents that it would take care of all the issues. Clearly it has not," she said. "I think this is important enough that we should consider it."

Reached for comment after the meeting, Abe-Koga explained that she saw many shortcomings with the city's implementation of rent control that needed to be addressed. She cited rent control as the main factor behind a

recent string of redevelopments that displaced tenants. More apartments will likely be torn down in the future, she warned, especially as older apartments require costly improvements such as seismic retrofitting.

A new ballot measure would be an opportunity to ensure those costs can be passed through to tenants. City attorneys say this would be an opportunity to clean up the language of Measure V to

provide more clarity, Abe-Koga said.

Any prospective measure put forward by the City Council could also be sharing the ballot with a landlord-backed initiative to roll back the law. That ballot measure blocks the ability to put a cap on rent increases when the city's vacancy rates exceed 3 percent — and there's

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Bring in the drones

COUNCIL BACKS PLAN FOR USE BY POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS AND BUILDING INSPECTORS

By Kevin Forestieri

Seeking a new vantage point to solve everyday challenges, the Mountain View City Council gave the green light Tuesday evening to allow the use of drones — provided it doesn't infringe on the privacy rights of the people below.

The proposed pilot program, put forth by city staff, says that Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), better known as drones, could be a valuable asset to the city's police, fire and even public works departments. The birds-eye view, along with thermal imaging and infrared cameras, could assist the city in a myriad of tasks ranging from mundane — like roof and gutter inspections — to disaster management and mass casualty events.

For the police department, drones could bring an important aerial vantage point during the pursuit of a suspect, according to the staff report. If someone escapes from a crime scene, a drone with thermal imaging and a high-resolution camera would "greatly improve" chances of finding a suspect when K-9 search dogs and officers on foot are not enough. It could also come in handy when handling suspected explosive devices and documenting crime scenes and

vehicle collisions.

Showing off the potential uses at the April 9 council meeting, Lt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department screened a short film showing the use of drones to inspect buildings and peer through thick clouds of smoke to pinpoint hot spots in a major fire. In one incident, law enforcement officials stopped at a home while a drone flew overhead, which revealed that the suspects had fled through the backyard and onto a nearby street.

Council member Alison Hicks said her privacy concerns centered around random patrols, and worried that police drones would be permitted to buzz around single-family residential neighborhoods the same way a cop car patrols the roadway.

"Could it possibly become fairly common that drones would be flying over our houses instead as you do your job?" Hicks asked. "Because I think that that is something that could be problematic."

Jaeger said the intent is not to use drones for patrolling purposes, but in response to a specific incident. The drones likely won't be taking off from police headquarters on Villa Street and

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“Ocean Trilogy” will be performed at Stanford University on April 13.

CHOREOGRAPHY MEETS CLIMATE CHANGE

Art-SCI, a new Stanford University endeavor (short for “Art as Science Communication Initiative”) to support the intersection of arts and sciences, is hosting its first event, a workshop and performance of “Ocean Trilogy” and excerpts from “Rap Guide to Climate Chaos,” on April 13.

The performance is a collaboration between SpectorDance and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute. “Ocean Trilogy” explores the environmental challenges facing the oceans and the latest scientific research on combating those challenges.

“Based on filmed interviews with ocean experts, ‘Ocean Trilogy’ merges factual and aesthetic elements including stunning underwater film footage, audio sound bites from ocean researchers, contemporary classical and rap music, and a variety of dance styles including contemporary, ballet, and urban,” according to a press release.

“Rap Guide to Climate Chaos” is a theatrical performance that uses the language of hip-hop to playfully communicate information about climate change and what individuals and society as a whole can do about it.

Art-SCI was founded by Stanford graduate students Colette Kelly and Cansu Culha, studying earth systems science and geophysics, respectively. In addition to their passion for science, the two are also dancers who seek to use dance as a medium through which to creatively explore scientific topics.

“We hope in the future, we will be able to support other artists who are trying to communicate science and researchers who are trying to find alternative ways to communicate their research,” Culha said.

The free performance will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 8 p.m. at Roble Gym, 375 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. For more information, go to tinyurl.com/artsci4-13.

—Karla Kane

ALAN CUMMING’S ‘SAPPY SONGS’

Whether from his work in the theater or on the large or small screens, you know Alan Cumming — but do you really know him? On April 14, the Scottish-born star is bringing his critically-acclaimed one-person cabaret show, “Alan Cumming Sings Sappy Songs,” to the Oshman Family JCC in Palo Alto.



Alan Cumming

“I wanted to signal to the audience that I was going to be emotional and go for it. The show is authentic and vulnerable but the title is tongue-in-cheek. It is a funny show,” Cumming said. “I’ve done a lot of shows like this over the years and I’ve learned that the more authentic and vulnerable you’re able to be, you can really connect with an audience when you’re being yourself. It’s the same when you’re an actor: The more of yourself that comes through the role you’re playing, there’s less and less of a veil between you and the audience. That doesn’t mean you have to ‘play yourself.’ But good acting is being prepared to be vulnerable.”

“Sappy Songs” first premiered in 2015 in New York City, and Cumming has since toured it across the U.S., Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom, as well as recorded a live album. The show has been in hibernation while he works on his new show, “Legal Immigrant,” which premiered in 2018, but he’s waking it up for a special performance in Palo Alto just as winter gives way to spring.

“Alan Cumming Sings Sappy Songs” will be performed Sunday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

Tickets are \$150. Go to paloaltojcc.org/Events/alan-cumming-sings-sappy-songs-1.

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■ **CRIME BRIEFS**

BURLARY ARRESTS

A man and two juveniles were arrested after property from two recent residential burglaries was found in their car during a traffic stop, Los Altos police said on Tuesday.

A Los Altos police officer pulled over a white BMW with no license plates on April 1 near the intersection of St. Charles Court and St. Matthew Way. A search of the car turned up items from two burglaries that had just occurred in Mountain View and Los Altos, according to a press release by Los Altos police. All three were arrested on suspicion of burglary and possession of stolen property. The man was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail and the two boys were booked into Juvenile Hall.

Anyone with additional information about the case is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Brian Jeffrey of the Los Altos Police Department at 650-947-2770 or use the anonymous Los Altos Police Department Tip-Line at 650-947-2774.

—Mountain View Voice staff

PARKS STAFFER NEARLY HIT BY CAR

A Mountain View city employee told police that a driver tried to run him over at Shoreline Park last week. Police are still looking for the suspect.

The 49-year-old who works on the city's parks staff said he saw the suspect run a stop sign near the park and reprimanded him around 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. The driver then attempted to run him over, forcing the employee to jump out of the way of the car, according to the report.

Police say the suspect is a Hispanic man with short hair in his 20s, and was driving an older Chevrolet sedan. The victim was not injured.

—Kevin Forestieri

■ **POLICE LOG**

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON
2900 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 4/2

AUTO BURGLARY
2500 block California St., 4/1
1000 block Grant Rd., 4/3
Bryant St. & Mercy St., 4/3
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 4/4
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 4/4
200 block Escuela Av., 4/4
2400 block Charleston Rd., 4/4
300 block Castro St., 4/4
W. Middlefield Rd. & San Pierre Way, 4/5
400 block Hopper Way, 4/5
500 block N. Rengstorff Av., 4/5
500 block N. Rengstorff Av., 4/5
2500 block W. El Camino Real, 4/5
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 4/6
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 4/7

BATTERY
2200 block California St., 4/3

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY
700 block Moffett Blvd., 4/4

CRIMINAL THREATS
400 block Calderon Av., 4/7

INDECENT EXPOSURE
Jackson St. & Stierlin Rd., 4/2

POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY
100 block E. El Camino Real, 4/8

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY
100 block Waverly Pl., 4/1

STOLEN VEHICLE
1900 block California St., 4/1
1 block Evandale Av., 4/2
1000 block Williams Way, 4/2
1900 block W. El Camino Real, 4/3
800 block Shary Av., 4/4
400 block W. Evelyn Av., 4/6
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■ **COMMUNITY BRIEF**

NEW MVLA SUPERINTENDENT

Mountain View-Los Altos High School District board members unanimously agreed to hire Nellie Meyer, a longtime California school administrator, to be the district's next superintendent, according to a Monday statement by the district. She begins her new role in July.

Meyer has served for six years as the superintendent of the Mount Diablo Unified School District, a district in the East Bay with more than 32,000 students and five high schools. She previously worked in multiple administrative roles at San Diego Unified School District.

The three-year contract, which board members unanimously approved Monday evening, includes an annual base salary of \$302,500.



Nellie Meyer

—Kevin Forestieri



MAGALI GAUTHIER

THE QUIDDITCH PITCH

No one is flying on brooms during a quidditch game in the non-wizarding world of the Silicon Valley. But just like Harry Potter, local Muggle athletes are avoiding bludgers as they dart down fields in Mountain View and Palo Alto, passing a quaffle (like Chewy Shaw, above) in hopes of scoring a goal and racing to catch the Snitch. The Bay Area Breakers and another local quidditch team, the Silicon Valley Vipers, are competing in the 12th US Quidditch Cup in Round Rock, Texas, on Saturday, April 13. Games can be viewed live at youtube.com/c/USQuidditch. The Breakers, nationally ranked 24th out of 131 teams, play at 10:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. The Vipers, ranked 56th, play at 9:45 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Council takes aim at RV sewage leaks

INHABITED VEHICLES CAN NOW BE TOWED AWAY AT OWNER'S EXPENSE

By Adam F. Hutton

Three weeks after declaring a citywide shelter crisis, the Mountain View City Council voted to make it easier to remove some of the vehicles hundreds of its residents call home.

The council amended city code at its April 9 meeting to make it illegal to park an RV, trailer or other vehicle with a toilet or septic system that leaks sewage on city streets.

Council members adopted the

change Tuesday night without controversy after a unanimous decision to move the proposal forward at its March 19 meeting. City officials say the new law was adopted to give its agencies another enforcement tool to address a public health issue.

On Wednesday the mayor defended the council against charges that it is using a dubious claim that RV dwellers are a major cause of so-called “waste discharge incidents” and pose a serious threat to public health as

an easy way to launch a discussion about banning RVs from city streets.

“Homelessness is a complex issue that Mountain View and many jurisdictions have been grappling with for several years,” Mayor Lisa Matichak told the *Voice*. “The council has already spent about \$1 million to help those living in vehicles by providing outreach, connecting them with services, homelessness

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School district threatens to revoke Bullis Mountain View's charter

By Kevin Forestieri

Bullis Mountain View has dropped plans to open a new charter school in Mountain View this fall, but that hasn't stopped the Mountain View Whisman School District from threatening to revoke its charter.

The Mountain View Whisman School District's Board

of Trustees voted unanimously April 4 to put Bullis Mountain View (BMV) on notice, accusing it of several violations that could lead to the revocation of its charter petition.

The 5-0 vote includes firing off a letter to the nonprofit BMV, accusing the school's officials of 10 violations ranging from failing to comply with information requests to attempts to “illegally”

circumvent the approved charter.

The district intends to revoke the charter if the school “fails to remedy such violations” by May 5, the letter says. It's not clear if scrapping the existing charter would eliminate the school, given that BMV could then appeal the decision to the Santa Clara County Board of Education or

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Supervisors seek to chip away at sanctuary policy

MOST IN PACKED MEETING OPPOSE EVEN LIMITED COOPERATION WITH ICE

By Kevin Forestieri

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 Tuesday afternoon to consider a policy that allows an arms-length working relationship with federal immigration enforcement. The vote came after an emotional four hours of public testimony, most of it opposed to the idea.

While proponents called it a common-sense approach, many of the speakers at the April 9 meeting urged county supervisors not to erode its “sanctuary” policies, arguing it would damage community trust and roll out the welcome mat for a rogue federal agency. Board member Susan Ellenberg was the sole vote against the motion, calling it a harmful policy with minimal benefits.

Based on two similar proposals by county supervisors Mike Wasserman and Dave Cortese, the board's action came as a direct response to the killing of 59-year-old Bambi Larson, a San Jose woman who was stabbed to death in her home. The suspect, Carlos Arevalo-Carranza, was in the U.S. illegally and had 10 prior convictions in recent years, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials told media outlets last month.

The vote was procedural and doesn't change anything yet. Instead, county staff is set to come back with a policy for the county to notify ICE with the date and time it will release inmates suspected of being in the country illegally, but only those who have been convicted of a serious or violent felony.

Seeking to distance himself from the larger debate about illegal immigration, Wasserman said his proposal is targeted solely at what most people in the county want, which is to keep undocumented immigrants convicted of serious crimes off the streets.

“My reason for this referral is to put forward that, should an undocumented individual end up in our jail — and is in fact undocumented and has committed, and been arrested and convicted and served time for a

serious or violent crime in the past — that we call up ICE and notify them that so-and-so is getting out Wednesday at 12 o'clock,” Wasserman said.

Cortese was less committed, saying he wasn't sure he plans to vote for whatever staff comes back with. While he supports in concept notifying ICE when dangerous criminals suspected of being in the country illegally are released from county jail, he worries that there may be no way to do it without ICE relying on racial profiling.

“I have been unable myself to figure out how to operationalize any kind of notification program without profiling,” Cortese said. “I'm not sure it is possible, so therefore the referral is not asking us to take any concrete action.”

A majority of the roughly 160 public speakers at the meeting opposed the idea, arguing that ICE has a track record for breaking protocol, depriving detainees of due process and terrorizing families. Several speakers described enforcement raids and arrests as federally sanctioned kidnappings that sow fear in the immigrant community, and would betray long-standing trust between local law enforcement agencies and undocumented residents.

The whole premise that working with ICE will protect the community is misguided, said Francisco Ugarte of San Francisco's public defender's office. San Francisco stopped working with ICE in 2014 and violent crime has plummeted since. Despite having vibrant sanctuary city laws, urban crime rates are down across the board, Ugarte said, because criminal activity is not closely tied to immigration status or place of birth.

“It is pure fallacy to think that whittling away sanctuary protections will protect public safety,” Ugarte said. “Every legitimate study on sanctuary issues has concluded there is no correlation between crime rates and deportation.”

Mountain View resident Caitlin Neiman said she was proud to live

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flying to a location — just as a K-9 police dog wouldn't be sent running to a crime scene from the police station while officers drive there — and would instead be stuffed into the trunk of a police car and pulled out at the scene.

Council member Chris Clark, who agreed drones could be a valuable asset that could save lives, said he wanted clarity on whether incidental crimes or violations discovered by a drone could be "actionable." City Attorney Jannie Quinn said it would be largely contingent on whether the people involved had a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Several law enforcement agencies in the Bay Area are already using drones, and the nearby Santa Clara Police Department and Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety are seeking to adopt drone programs of their own. The Mountain View Police Department dabbled in using drones last July during the two-day Audiostic music festival at Shoreline Amphitheatre, partnering with San Jose-based Aptonomy to fly a patrol drone around the venue in short intervals.

The department was cautious to describe it as a "one-time demo," but said in a statement that it could be a valuable tool for detecting suspicious activity ranging from car break-ins to drug deals around the perimeter of the concert and surrounding parking lots. The drone itself was pretty big — weighing 30 pounds with a 5-foot wingspan

— and was designed to fly autonomously, avoid obstacles and detect "anomalies" without human interaction.

The department didn't write a lengthy report on lessons learned from the demo, but generally observed that the technology could be a valuable tool for Mountain View's law enforcement, police spokeswoman Katie Nelson told the *Voice*. She said the city isn't looking specifically at Aptonomy's drone and accompanying software as its first option, in part because it may already be yesterday's technology.

"The incredible thing about UAS technology is that it advances so quickly, and it is entirely possible that things we saw a year ago would be outdated or obsolete should a program be adopted by either us, the fire department or the city," Nelson said.

From the outset, city staffers are suggesting several limitations on drone use and equipment. The city would not, for example, turn the drones into a flying version of "RoboCop" by arming them with weapons, and surveillance for the sake of random scouting expeditions would be prohibited. The staff report goes on to say that police would be barred from using drones to target people based solely on their race, ethnicity, religion or country of origin, and would be able to use the drones only for city-related business.

Would the use of a drone monitoring Shoreline Amphitheatre amount to a "proactive" surveillance activity that would

be barred under a future city policy? Nelson said it's too early to say, but it's possible that the City Council may decide to pass more restrictive policies that prevent the use of drones during concert season to manage traffic flows and identify "problem spots."

"The departments are nowhere near that point, however," Nelson said.

What's still to come is a privacy policy to govern the collection and retention of data and evidence by the devices, which have the potential to infringe on the privacy rights of residents. The plan would need to have clear precautions on how to avoid "inadvertent" recording or transmitting of images and video, and a review process for requests to delete accidental recordings.

As technology becomes more ingrained in law enforcement activities, council member Ellen Kamei said the city might need to adopt an overarching framework that establishes clear ground rules for use of surveillance devices. She said the city could emulate Santa Clara County, which requires all surveillance technology to receive approval and outline authorized and prohibited uses; data collection, protection and retention; public access; and third-party data sharing. The policy was proposed by Supervisor Joe Simitian in 2016, and has been used as a framework for approving everything from license plate readers and trail cameras to fingerprint machines and records systems. ■

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prevention, and rehousing support."

Matichak noted Mountain View's efforts to help relocate RVs from city streets to designated "safe parking" areas, but so far there are only two such locations with a total of eight spots for cars and none for RVs.

"The city also helped create a nonprofit to implement a safe parking program," Matichak said, praising the city's leadership role and "compassionate" approach.

At least one council observer believes it is using sewage as a smoke screen to shield its members from criticism that it is cracking down too harshly on some of its most vulnerable residents.

"It was a less objectionable opening to the oversized vehicle ban discussion," said North Whisman resident Alex Brown,

who attended last month's meeting. "They knew they'd get push-back on that, so they introduced something that would get a 7-0 vote."

Brown lives in Santiago Villa mobile home park near two small clusters of RVs the city identified in its recently published survey of Mountain View's vehicle-dwelling population. Santiago Villa is also near the city's future — and only — safe parking site on Terra Bella Avenue. City-wide, a December count found almost 300 vehicles being used as homes, including 192 RVs.

"We do have a lot of vehicles parked near us, but I've never seen any leaking sewage," Brown said. "(But) it helped frame the issue of RVs as being related to public health."

According to city staff, in the last fiscal year there were 75 reports of waste discharge incidents recorded across three city departments — police, fire and public works. The city was only

able to identify the source of those leaks in 39 cases and more of those came from permanent residences than from vehicles.

The issue came to a head in October when an unsuspecting Shoreline West resident opened a 5-gallon drum that had been left near a home in the neighborhood. The container was brimming with human waste and the story she shared on social media generated hundreds of responses that were mostly from her neighbors, with many complaining specifically about RV dwellers.

It may have also been a factor in the November election in which two City Council members who had been reluctant to impose new restrictions on RV dwellers were ousted by newcomers seen as more sympathetic to homeowners' concerns.

City staffers say the law will allow the city to tow vehicles in violation of the new code at the owner's expense. ■

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Dolores "Dodie" Alexander died March 20, 2019. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She served as a co-founder, and then Executive Director, for the Community Health Awareness Council in Mountain View, California from 1973 to 1992. In 1982 she was awarded the Community Service Award, and in 1997 she was named by the Town Crier to the Honor Role of 50 Who Made a Difference.



She is survived by her 5 children, her 8 grandchildren, and 1 great grand child. She was recognized by the California State Legislature for her many contributions to youth.

Services will be on Saturday, April 27, 11:00 am, at Christ Church Los Altos, 1040 Border Rd, Los Altos, CA. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Community Health Awareness Council in Dodie's name. <http://www.chacmv.org>

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RENT CONTROL

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no reliable data showing that vacancies have ever dipped below 3 percent in Mountain View, meaning the measure would essentially block the existing rent control from ever being enforced.

Despite being dubbed a "sneaky repeal" by tenants and their advocates, supporters of that initiative successfully collected signatures last year and submitted it for a 2020 ballot. It is up to the City Council to decide whether to schedule it as part of the March 3 primary election or the Nov. 3 presidential election.

Asked about the landlord-backed ballot measure, Abe-Koga said that some elements could be incorporated into a future city measure. She pointed out that the 3 percent vacancy rate has been controversial and she suggested it could be adjusted.

Council members have singled out a number of problems regarding rent control. In particular, city officials have blasted the law for being inflexible, as it was intentionally designed to prevent them from making revisions. Measure V is vague on which types of housing are applicable, which created many problems for mobile home park residents as they waged an unsuccessful political and legal campaign for nearly two years to be included under the law's protections.

Most controversial of all has been the impact the rent control law has on the local housing market. From day one, landlords have warned that restricting rents would cause apartments to be torn down and replaced with for-sale housing or newer rentals that would be immune to the law.

Proving this assertion is difficult, and it depends on how you parse the data. Since rent control passed, the number of apartment properties being sold has risen: In 2015-2016 there were 58 apartment properties sold in Mountain View; in 2017-18 there were 71.

But the number of apartment units being sold has sharply decreased from prior years. In 2015-16, there were more than 1,300 apartment units sold, but fewer than 800 in 2017-18. This means that smaller apartment properties with fewer units were sold after rent control passed.

The Mountain View City Council is expected to discuss a future rent control measure at its April 23 goal-setting session. ▣

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resubmit its petition to Mountain View Whisman.

The school board reluctantly approved BMV's petition to open a charter school in the Mountain View Whisman School District late last year, imposing a series of conditions that charter school officials never agreed to implement. Among them, the district required the school to give top enrollment priority to low-income students residing near Monta Loma, Castro and Theuerkauf elementary schools, followed by low-income students throughout the district.

Other requirements include having a governing board where a majority of its members reside in Mountain View, requiring BMV to use the same benchmarks and reading assessments as the district and requiring students across all subgroups to perform better than district students on those tests by "not less than 5 percent."

Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph told school board members at the April 4 meeting that he believes Bullis Mountain View had made no progress towards implementing those requirements and may intend to ignore them. Describing mounting frustration and a complete loss of communication between his staff and charter school officials, he said the rumor is that BMV was being coy about the requirements and telling parents not to worry about restrictions on higher-income families seeking to attend the school.

Attempts to get clarity through information requests, including via the California Public Records Act, shed no light on the school's activities, he said. There are signs that Bullis Mountain View's board of directors are meeting to discuss major decisions, but no posted agendas or meeting minutes exist to verify these meetings are taking place, he said.

"Bullis' actions between January and today have been one of secrecy, have been one of clandestine activities, have been one of obfuscation to make sure we do not have any information on their operations," Rudolph said. "And as an authorizer, by law, they are required to provide us with any information that we request in order for this board to do their job."

BMV officials maintained for months that they could not — and later explicitly stated they would not — follow the district's demands, arguing they ranged from untenable to illegal. Jennifer Anderson-Rosse, BMV's head of school, told trustees at a March 7 school board meeting that the district doesn't have the

authority to approve the charter while simultaneously rewriting details in the document, and that the requirement to "mirror" the demographics of the district would amount to discriminatory enrollment preferences.

The March meeting came at a critical moment, in part because BMV officials had just postponed the admissions lottery to determine which 168 students could attend the school in its inaugural year. It was also the first public admission that the district and the charter school had made no progress in settling their differences since December. Just weeks later, Anderson-Rosse sent a letter to parents and the district stating that BMV would not open in fall 2019 as originally planned, blaming the unresolved concerns she had with the district's demands.

What didn't make sense to district officials, Rudolph said, was the claim by BMV on March 21 that the conditions amounted to a "fundamental" change to the charter petition that amounted to a denial of the petition. A denial, in this case, could give the green light to BMV to appeal to the Santa Clara County Board of Education, which would serve as an end-run around the district and its demands.

The evidence seems to support the contrary — that BMV leaders, at least through February, had interpreted the board's action as an approval of the charter petition, Rudolph said. The school sent a letter to the district thanking the staff and showing a willingness to accept the facilities offer under Proposition 39, ran student registration events, hired staff and applied for an official school code from the California

Department of Education.

"All of those actions indicate they were planning to open in the coming year," he said.

The district fired a warning shot on March 19, sending a strongly worded letter admonishing BMV for what Rudolph called an attempted "end-run" around the district to swap oversight agencies. The letter claims that charter school leaders had secretly met with County Superintendent Mary Ann Dewan and her staff to discuss the possibility of operating a school with the county's approval instead, spurred by "its dissatisfaction with the governance and enrollment requirements" imposed by the district.

"BMV's actions amount to a bad faith lobbying effort to undermine the district's oversight authority because of its own inability and/or unwillingness to comply with the charter and the promises made," Rudolph said in the letter.

Following the vote, Anderson-Rosse said she maintains that the district's "untenable" conditions amounted to a rejection of the charter, and that the school board cannot revoke a charter that was never approved in the first place. She said BMV has no further intention of responding to the district or participating in a back-and-forth over the terms of revocation, and that the district's latest actions amount to a "wasteful spectacle."

"Unfortunately, it's the families who wanted this educational opportunity that the district has harmed," she said.

In a short letter to the district April 4, Anderson-Rosse also suggested the warnings by the district contained numerous false statements, including the

claim that BMV representative held a secretive meeting with the county superintendent.

Shortly after scrapping plans to open the school in fall 2019 as originally planned, Anderson-Rosse told the *Voice* that there

was no clear decision on what to do next, and said she could not clarify whether the announcement postpones the opening of the charter school or officially ends the effort to open the school. ▣

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EGAN

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Board members expect to vote later this month on a long-term agreement to cede Egan's facilities to Bullis Charter School, which has grown to more than 900 students in recent years and is seeking to increase its enrollment to 1,200 students.

The charter school is currently housed in portable classrooms on portions of the Egan and Blach Intermediate School campuses, and school officials have long desired a single, permanent site. In exchange for Egan, Bullis officials would ditch long-term growth plans and agree to an enrollment cap of 1,111 students until 2030.

Egan wouldn't technically be closed in the process, and would be relocated to a new school site planned in the San Antonio shopping center area of Mountain View. The move would happen no sooner than 2023, according to the agreement.

Calling it the best of many bad options, school board members said that the deal would end years of expensive litigation and annual fights over facilities, and bring some much-needed surety that Bullis won't be allowed to grow unchecked. But for parents attending the April 8 board meeting, it seemed like an

immensely unpopular giveaway and a big loss in the long-running battle against the charter school.

"I have not met two people who are in support of moving Egan," said John Woolfrey, a Santa Rita parent. "Tonight, I still haven't met two people who support moving Egan."

Parents made the case throughout the evening that they chose to move to Los Altos and pay a fortune for the real estate because of the strong neighborhood schools embedded within the community of mostly single-family homes. To push the campus north into Mountain View not only betrays that model, but it also poses serious safety concerns, they claimed.

"I want my kids to bike to school," said Warren Yang, a district parent. "I don't want them riding across El Camino, I don't want them riding down San Antonio Road during rush hour — it's too scary."

"There's a good chance that we'll start looking at private school, God forbid, maybe even BCS," he said.

About one-fifth of Egan's students come from Mountain View, and it's likely that the remaining 80 percent of families will be driving their children north from Los Altos into the traffic-heavy shopping center for pickup and drop-off, said parent

Robert Burdick. Bullis Charter School draws families from all over the district and most parents drive their kids to the school, he said, so a couple of extra traffic stops north won't make much of a difference to them.

Other parents felt a long-term commitment and a big concession to the charter school would be a mistake at a time when California may be on the cusp of curbing the power of charter schools. They argued Gov. Gavin Newsom and state Superintendent Tony Thurmond are more willing to curtail the ability of charter schools to open and grow, and the state Legislature is currently considering several bills — including AB 1505 and AB 1506 — with the same aim.

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JOHN WOOLFREY

With so much in flux, the district could be making a grave error by inking the 10-year agreement, said Bill Bassett, a parent and longtime district resident. The tide has turned, he said, and the playing field will change.

"How are you going to feel if you sign a 10-year agreement and 10 months from now the rules change and it's on your side?" he said.

Closest to the sentiment in the room was board member Vladimir Ivanovic, who described it as a bad deal where Bullis gets most of what it wants rather than everything it wants. He said he is also convinced that charter school officials can circumvent the enrollment cap with relative ease by splitting Bullis into two charter schools and reconstituting enrollment between the two.

And even if Bullis outright violates the agreement, what can the district really do about it, Ivanovic asked. The district can't exactly evict 1,111 students with no alternative place to go.

"We don't have any place to move them," he said. "What are we going to do if we decide to terminate the agreement? It is a remedy that has no teeth."

Board member Bryan Johnson, one of two board members who helped craft the agreement with the charter school through a mediator, said he was still uncommitted and didn't know how he planned to vote.

"I haven't decided yet whether I think we should go through with this," he said. "What I haven't found yet is an option that I'm

sure will do less damage to the school district in the short term and the long term."

While Johnson said he heard the message loud and clear — families do consider Egan a neighborhood school and that relocation would amount to a closure — he worried that Bullis' growth in the upcoming years amounts to a serious threat that needs to be addressed. He pointed out that Bullis, by growing to about 1,100 students in 2019, is expected to enroll about 20 percent of public school kids, and that the district may be on a path where Bullis itself becomes a "shadow" district sharing district school sites throughout Los Altos.

"I feel like there is an inflection point here about whether BCS is going to be a charter school or a charter school district — a school or a school district," he said. "As the (Bullis) board president has said repeatedly, they should be able to enroll anyone they want."

Johnson said he struggles to think of a way to give Bullis its own single school site without displacing another school. The new campus being considered in Mountain View made sense last year when Bullis had an enrollment cap of 900 students, but at 1,100 students, it simply doesn't fit.

Board president Jessica Speiser and board member Shali Sirkay both argued that whatever decision is made, there needs to be some kind of enrollment cap on Bullis. Sirkay added that it's a risky move to wait for legislation that has yet to be crafted, let alone passed by the state Legislature and approved by the governor, and that Bullis would be allowed to grow in the interim. "Capping BCS' enrollment is a top priority," she said.

The significant opposition to the 10-year agreement Monday evening was hardly a surprise. For hours that morning, several dozen parents and children lined W. Portola Avenue outside of Egan with signs protesting the proposal. Children from nearby elementary schools who would be directly affected participated, and event organizers estimate as many as 150 people showed up during the peak of the four-hour walkout.

Amber MacDonald, a parent and one of the organizers, said she and others were surprised to find out that Egan was on the chopping block as part of the negotiations with Bullis Charter School. After all, when Bullis requested Egan in its entirety in November last year, the district was swift to call the request unreasonable. An online petition calling to "Save Egan" collected more than 5,000 signatures in the days that followed.

Similarly, a district task force

had considered the idea of relocating Egan to the proposed school site in Mountain View in order to make room for Bullis, but the idea was swiftly rejected by a majority of the task force members. Trustees later criticized the task force for even considering it as an option.

"Six months later, we're at the worst case scenario in a lot of peoples' heads," MacDonald said. "Five thousand signatures clearly didn't mean anything."

For MacDonald, the San Antonio shopping center in Mountain View just doesn't seem like a viable home for a junior high school, with the high-density housing and commercial buildings, traffic snarls and a constant churn of people in and out of the area. She believes many families bought homes in Los Altos expecting to go to the school next door and may choose private school or the charter school instead.

"I don't feel safe sending my kids there, and that's not what I envisioned when I moved to Los Altos," she said.

Peipei Yu, a parent who also attended the walkout, said she felt the 10-year agreement was an admission by the district that it simply couldn't keep funding another round of lawsuits with the charter school over facilities. She said she understands the desire to end the fighting and sign the agreement in order to stop paying millions of dollars in legal fees, but it feels like the wrong reason to give up a school like Egan, particularly when the charter school lacks the same level of accountability.


"I don't think we should be making decisions about our children based on who has bigger coffers to purchase attorneys," Yu said. "I've got to trust the (district) board, but I'm unhappy because on the other side, the Bullis Charter School board isn't publicly elected. They aren't even elected by their families."

Turning her sights to the larger debate over charter school power, Yu said she is fighting for reform at the state level, which she said is the source of the problem and the reason why the 10-year agreement simply hits pause on Bullis' growth and demands for school facilities.

"The only reason I'm doing this is because I don't want any other children to go through this," she said. "I think we absolutely have to have charter school reform, otherwise this is going to keep happening."

More than a dozen public meetings are scheduled to solicit feedback on the 10-year agreement. The meeting information can be found online at tinyurl.com/Eganmeetings. ■

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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Mountain View City Council has scheduled a **Budget Study Session for Thursday, April 25, 2019** to consider the Fiscal Year 2019-20 recommended budgets for the General Operating, Development Services, Shoreline Golf Links and Restaurant, Shoreline Regional Park Community, Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Management Funds, including recommended utility rate adjustments, City Reserves and related fee recommendations. The study session is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like the City Council and staff to know your views, please send a letter to the City Council at P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039 or an e-mail to city.clerk@mountainview.gov by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2019.

Copies of the report will be available for review by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2019 at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office, 500 Castro Street, 3rd floor, Mountain View during normal business hours, and during public hours at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View, and on the City's website at <http://www.mountainview.gov/depts/fasd/budget/current.asp>.

The City of Mountain View Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Schedule remaining (tentative) is as follows:

April 23: Public Hearing: CDBG/HOME Funding

April 25: Study Session: Fiscal Year 2019-20 Narrative Budget Report – General Operating Fund, Other General, Special and Utility Enterprise Funds, Reserves, and General Operating Fund Forecast

April 25: Study Session: Proposed FY2019-20, Planned FY2020-21 through FY 2023-24 Capital Improvement Program

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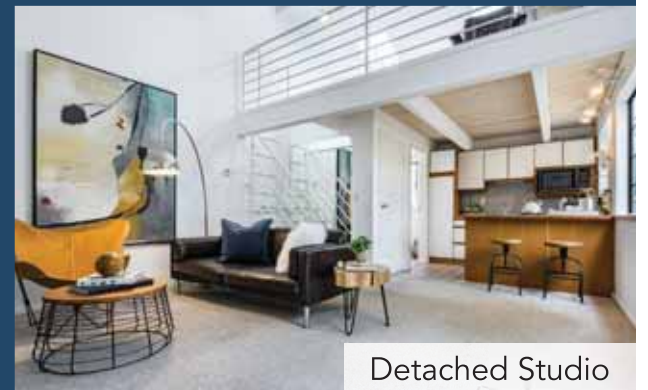
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ICE

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in a county that sends a clear message that it will protect immigrant communities. She said she was uneasy with the idea that Larson's death in February is being used as an argument against those protections.

"Community safety is not related to immigration, so I find it very upsetting that the anti-immigrant forces are trying to capitalize (on) our community's recent tragedy to roll back these long-standing sanctuary policies," she said.

Eve Lindsay, a teacher and

San Jose resident, said ICE does not need the help of Santa Clara County, and that cooperation only threatens already marginalized members of the community. In a possible sign that ICE enforcement is escalating, Lindsay said she has three students this year whose parents have been deported.

"I can tell you right now that is tearing apart their families, our community, and destroying their educational opportunities this year," she said.

On the other side were city and county law enforcement officials, including District Attorney Jeff Rosen, who said that ICE notifications could be a valuable public safety resource, particularly for the immigrant communities that largely oppose the policies. San Jose Police Chief Eddie Garcia said his goal is to protect residents regardless of immigration status. He acknowledged that many residents living in Santa Clara County are law-abiding citizens in spite of violating civil immigration law, but said it's difficult to protect residents when those convicted of serious and violent felonies are released back into the public and avoid deportation.

"We should not be shielding the small percentage of undocumented individuals that cause pain and suffering by committing serious, violent or significant crimes in our communities from deportation," he said.

Mountain View Police Chief Max Bosel, speaking as a representative of the Santa Clara County Police Chiefs' Association, said that his department does not participate in immigration enforcement. The proposals by Cortese and Wasserman, however, could be an opportunity to minimize "incidental" contact between ICE and residents in the community. In other words, if immigration enforcement agents are allowed to pick up convicts as they exit county jails, ICE won't have to do early-morning raids at homes in the community.

"We made a commitment not to enforce civil immigration law, and we do not engage in that enforcement," Bosel said. "However, ICE is still in the communities and they're making arrests, and this dialogue and discussion in which there may be a safe transfer of individuals from county custody to federal custody will minimize those incidental contacts."

In a letter co-signed by more than 140 state and national organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the coalition urged county officials not to erode any of the protections set forth in the county's sanctuary policies. Doing so would be more harmful than ever, given the immigration policies established

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by the Trump administration. ICE has a track record of coercing detainees into signing their own deportation papers, and federal enforcement officers rarely identify themselves, according to the statement.

ICE has plenty of power and more funding than the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Secret Service and all other criminal enforcement agencies combined, the ACLU said, and hardly needs the help of Santa Clara County.

“We are already in a crisis of confidence between law enforcement and communities of color,” the letter states. “A bright line of ‘no cooperation’ is the clearest message that the county can send to ensure that community members have assurances to feel safe.”

Rosen did not contest many of the claims in the letter and even agreed with some of the arguments. In a statement released during the meeting, Rosen said he too is “outraged” by the demonization of immigrants and the stories of ICE agents scouring courthouses seeking to deport people — something he describes as unsafe and wrong.

But Rosen goes on to say that serious and violent felons are a “common enemy” and that the removal of these convicted felons through deportation makes the community safer for all. Between November 2014 and March this year, he said, federal authorities sought notifications for the release of 6,243 inmates, which were denied, and more than 600 of those inmates went on to commit another violent offense after release.

He described one suspect with a decadeslong criminal record who was shielded by the county’s existing policies, was released, and subsequently kicked a man in the head, causing injuries that led to his death five days later.

“Two years after that, he was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon for beating a woman in her head with a 4-by-6-foot wooden post,” Rosen said in the statement. “Is this the kind of person we want to harbor here?”

Board president Joe Simitian, whose district includes Mountain View, has long held that convicted felons who commit egregious crimes and are in the country illegally warrant limited cooperation with ICE, and didn’t pivot away from his views Tuesday night. He said he fully acknowledges that immigration enforcement agents have been tough to trust in recent years, but reminded the audience that these are undocumented immigrants convicted of murder, rape, arson, grand theft with a firearm and other serious crimes.

“We don’t want to undermine the larger confidence in

the community that our mostly hands-off policy has helped us create,” Simitian said. “That being said, when we are given somebody who is undocumented the benefit of the doubt, and then they have committed and been convicted of a serious or violent felony, I’m prepared to say we need to talk about public safety and how we provide that.”

Ellenberg said the sanctuary policy is working, and that the city of San Jose and Santa Clara County as a whole have relatively low crime rates. In the case of Bambi Larson’s alleged murderer, Ellenberg said notifications to ICE wouldn’t have been triggered because he had been charged — not convicted — of a serious or violent felony, which wouldn’t have prevented the tragedy that spurred the discussion Tuesday.

“I believe that public safety would be minimally impacted, but the impact on tens of thousands of vulnerable law-abiding residents and on vulnerable children on our county would be substantial, traumatic and lasting,” she said.

Cortese’s primary concern was whether working with ICE would inadvertently make Santa Clara County complicit in a campaign of racial profiling by immigration enforcement officials. In looking at requests from ICE that have been ignored since 2011, 91 percent of the 7,500 requests were for Latino inmates. In a county that has 800,000 foreign-born residents and 360,000 residents who are not citizens — including residents with student visas and H1B work visas — that is troubling, Cortese said. Other counties, including San Mateo County, honor ICE notification requests, but if it’s reliant on so-called 247N notifications that deems someone suspicious solely based on surnames, he said he couldn’t support the policy.

“I don’t think we can use detainers to tell us when to make a phone call to ICE because the detainers are skewed on an ethnic and racist basis in the first place,” Cortese said. “We’re understanding that these 247N notifications that some of our neighboring counties get from ICE are doing the same damn thing, so how do you sign up for that?”

Simitian lamented that the discussion on working with ICE had to happen at all, and that it’s the result of inaction on the part of Congress to implement comprehensive immigration reform. The existing system leaves many willing to “look the other way” on civil immigration violations, he said.

“We wouldn’t be having this conversation if we didn’t have an utterly dysfunctional immigration system in this country,” he said. “It has been more than 30 years since we’ve had anything

that you could remotely characterize as comprehensive immigration reform, and that was an imperfect effort at best.”

A recurring challenge

The proposals put forth Tuesday are similar to a policy proposed — and ultimately scrapped — less than four years ago. In November 2015, Cortese proposed amending the county’s policies to honor ICE requests for notification on the planned release of a county inmate suspected of being in the country illegally. The policy would have been limited to inmates convicted of a serious or violent felony, and only if ICE had “probable cause” to remove them from the country.

‘Community safety is not related to immigration, so I find it very upsetting that the anti-immigrant forces are trying to capitalize (on) our community’s recent tragedy.’

CAITLIN NEIMAN,
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The 2015 proposal came shortly after the shooting death of Kate Steinle in San Francisco, but there were already plenty of reasons to revisit the county’s policy. Numerous court rulings and changes to state law are not reflected in the county’s 2011 immigration policies, and the wording itself — that the county is willing to detain inmates after their release date for federal immigration officials — is disingenuous and not put into practice.

The board policy explicitly states it would honor these so-called detainer requests only if “all costs incurred by the county in complying with the ICE detainer shall be reimbursed.” To date, ICE has not arranged to pay for the costs, effectively nullifying the policy.

Neither Wasserman’s nor Cortese’s proposals Tuesday for an arms-length relationship with ICE would detain inmates past their judicial release date, acknowledging precedent-setting court decisions that found the practice violated constitutional rights and a state law that bars the practice.

Cortese said the language is ambiguous in the existing policy and, paradoxically, does allow the potential for ICE notifications

today. It states that “county officials” can notify ICE of the time of release of an inmate if they have a “legitimate law enforcement purpose” unrelated to immigration laws. Not only does no one know precisely who these “county officials” are, he said, but it’s unclear what criteria should be used to judge whether someone may be undocumented. County law enforcement agents could ask everyone who comes through the system whether they are a citizen or non-citizen, he said, but that would be a radical move.

“We don’t even support that in the census, let alone in a criminal or deportation setting,” he said.

Cortese’s proposal requests that the county cast a wide net for feedback, including from Sheriff Laurie Smith and District Attorney Rosen; the San Jose Police Department; leaders from the Santa Clara County Police Chiefs’ Association; the county’s Office of Immigrant relations; and other “interested stakeholders.” In addition to notifications, Cortese is seeking a framework for the safer transfer of convicted felons to ICE in instances where federal immigration officials provide a judicial warrant or court order.

Many immigrant rights organizations have already made their stance clear. A group called the Santa Clara County FIRE Coalition released a statement on March 28 expressing “profound condolences” to the family and loved ones of Larson while simultaneously urging the Board of Supervisors not to “distort or politicize” the tragedy through changes to the civil detainer policy. ICE already has plenty of power to apprehend residents, and has a track record of wielding that power in a way that has “terrorized our local communities and committed untold atrocities against immigrants,” according to the statement.

Tuesday’s deliberations were a departure from the county’s typical adversarial role with the federal government as it relates to immigration law. Shortly after

President Donald Trump had been sworn in, county officials sued the Trump administration after he signed an executive action threatening to cut funding to “sanctuary” jurisdictions that refuse to cooperate with immigration authorities.

The Board of Supervisors has also set aside money to help legal advocacy groups provide legal representation for residents facing immigration court proceedings — unlike the criminal justice system, immigration courts do not guarantee a legal defense. The board also authorized, and later significantly boosted, funding to help community members alert one another when ICE is suspected of engaging in enforcement activity. The Santa Clara County Rapid Response Network is tasked with carefully watching and documenting ICE enforcement activity for any wrongdoing, and can help connect families with legal representation on short notice.

The network has been busy in Mountain View lately. A man well known in the community was detained in late February by ICE agents in the Castro neighborhood. Rapid Response Network members believe he was an “incidental” arrest as ICE sought another man who had previously lived at the address. Reports of ICE activity, apparently a false alarm, popped up again on March 14 along Crisanto Avenue, where many residents live in RVs.

ICE agents were reportedly seen again on Escuela Avenue in the morning on March 26, but did not appear to arrest anyone. A day later, Mountain View’s food pantry and homeless services agency, Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos (CSA), sent out a statement acknowledging the increasing ICE activity while assuring residents that CSA is a safe place to seek assistance and does not inquire about immigration status. ■

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'Safe Lot' bill is a start

With the high costs of attending California state universities and the difficulty of achieving admission to them, the state's 114 community colleges are playing a larger role than ever before, serving more than 2 million enrolled students.

Shockingly, almost one community-college student in five is living without a regular residence to go home to. These homeless young people are couch surfing with friends, living on the street or sleeping in their cars, if they have one.

And most are already under enormous stress and financial strain because they are working full- or part-time jobs while also attending college.

A recent survey of 40,000 students released by the Community Colleges Chancellor's Office found that that 19 percent were homeless at some time during the previous year. Extrapolated to the total community-college population, that means that as many as 400,000 may have faced homelessness.

Three years ago, to provide some support for these students, the legislature approved a law (AB 1995) requiring community colleges to open showers at campus athletic facilities for two hours a day to homeless students even if they aren't participating on sports teams or in physical-education classes.

The Student Senate for California Community Colleges has now enlisted Palo Alto Assemblyman Marc Berman to carry a bill, AB 302, that would require each community college to allow registered students to park and sleep in their cars in one or more designated

campus parking lots.

As sad and uncomfortable as this idea seems, it is an innovative initiative that, if implemented appropriately, could be an important strategy for supporting students at risk of dropping out of school and losing the opportunity to obtain the education needed to pursue better employment or admission to a state university.

Berman, who chairs the Assembly Select Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education in California, conducted hearings throughout the state last legislative session and heard many stories of students sleeping in their cars because they could not afford housing. One local student attending Foothill College has described the two years he spent working full-time and maintaining a full school schedule and having to search for a safe place to park his car and sleep every night.

Setting up areas on community-college campuses for students to sleep in their cars is obviously not a solution to the housing problem, but it is a way to address a basic need of vulnerable students who have the most to gain from a college degree.

There are many details to be worked out, and Berman's preference is to give each community-college chancellor flexibility in implementing the requirement. It calls for each college to designate an area for overnight parking, establish hours of operation, provide accessible bathrooms and security, require that students agree in writing to follow rules established, such as no alcohol or drugs, and limit use to students enrolled for a minimum number of units who are in good standing

with the school academically and financially (if not on fee waivers).

The bill is crafted so that the community colleges will be entitled to reimbursement from the state for their costs in implementing the program. This should allow campuses to provide the appropriate security and other services without it impacting their budgets, but the potential expense to the state is a major question that still needs to be answered.

Berman and other supporters of the legislation also hope that colleges will enhance the program by connecting the homeless students with other available resources such as assistance with food, transitional housing and counseling services, but details are left to each campus.

On April 2, the bill received unanimous support from all 10 members of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will be heard by the Appropriations Committee in mid-May.

The "Safe Lot" bill is not a housing solution for homeless students, but it's a step worth trying to help them feel safe. Only a few community colleges have on-campus student housing. Some very inexpensive dormitories or even gym or other facilities opening at night during winter months might be a partial answer in the future.

But for now, Berman's bill is a small but important step toward valuing these young people and addressing a problem that has become a major obstacle to their completing a college education.

Council has moral obligation to address housing crisis

By Job Lopez

The Mountain View City Council did it again: At its April 3 meeting, it sadly approved the demolition of 59 apartments located at 2310 Rock St. so that 55 townhomes

can be built and sold for about \$1.5 million each. On March 26, the council approved the demolition of 33 apartments at 1950 Montecito Ave. And at its Dec. 11 meeting, council members approved the demolition of 20 apartments at 2005 Rock St.

In less than four months the City Council has approved the demolition of 112 apartments, displacing dozens and dozens of low-income families that will not be able to buy the \$1.5 million townhouses that will be built in the place that has been their home for many years.

Under the argument that

landlords have the right to get out of the rental business if they so desire — and that the demolition projects are in full compliance with the city of Mountain View zoning and building codes

and therefore its only option is to approve them — the council is making the already horrible housing crisis worse. As a result, low-income families are being displaced and pushed out of the city that has been their home for many years, the city where they work and where their children were born, go to school and have all their friends and many relatives.

Council member Lucas Ramirez was right when he brought up on April 3 the need to "identify a policy solution to mitigate this impact." Council member Chris Clark was also right about the "need to fundamentally change the rules." But

they need to start working on it now instead of just talking about the need for change. All the council members have the moral obligation to explore and identify now what can be done.

If the current zoning and building codes in the city books prevent the council from denying approval of demolition projects as it says, then those zoning and building codes should be changed or updated now according to the current socioeconomic realities and needs of our city. Don't point at the city's rent control law (Measure V) as the culprit behind the demolition projects you have approved.

Councilman John McAlister was wrong when he said April 3 that "rent control devalues a person's property, and if someone wants to buy it they can't get more than a 3 percent increase." The fact is they can get authorization to get much more than 3 percent if they present legitimate

petitions to the Rental Housing Committee.

Council members, be brave and start working on those changes now if you really care and believe in the diversity of Mountain View. If you do so, it will raise Mountain View's status as a "human rights city" and its "diversity flags." If you don't, and instead keep doing what you did on Dec. 11, March 26, and April 3, you are causing a perfect storm of demolition approvals. And don't blame it on the city's rent control law or start thinking and talking about abolishing it in 2020. If you do, you will be the opposite of brave and will become the greedy landlords' accomplices to the detriment of Mountain View's diversity, values, and housing justice. You will be raising the flags of hypocrisy and inhumanity.

Job Lopez is an advocate for housing justice who lives in Mountain View.

FOOD FEATURE



The accidental gluten-free baker

ASIAN BOX CHEF GRACIE JONES PIVOTS TO CELIAC-FRIENDLY BAKERY

Story by Anna Medina
Photos by Veronica Weber

After ogling the goodies on display at Gracie Jones' Gluten Free Bake Shop, you might notice some charming drawings with "Thank you, Gracie" in unmistakable crayon kid-scrrawl decorating the front register area. Sure, it's widely known that kids love baked treats, but how many bakers receive personal thank-you notes from them?

Maybe it's the ones who make treats for kids who otherwise wouldn't be able to enjoy the

average chocolate chip cookie — kids with celiac disease, an immune disease that prevents people from eating gluten because of the damage it causes to the small intestine.

It was such a kid who inadvertently brought celiac disease to chef Gracie Jones' attention, just under a decade ago when she was transitioning from working as a fine-dining chef to opening up the fast-casual Asian Box.

"When we started with the project of Asian Box... (it) became gluten-free because of a family we met. That same year, they found

out that their son, who was 4 at the time, had celiac," Jones said. While cooking at this family's home as part of the process of developing the Asian Box menu, Jones and the team decided to keep it gluten-free, especially since the change was straightforward. They eliminated just two ingredients from the menu, soy sauce and noodles. Asian Box's menu is still completely gluten-free, though that fact is not explicitly advertised.

Jones, who has devoted her life to "cooking nonstop" for 20 years, did not intentionally set out to

Above: Gracie Jones, the chef for Asian Box, switched focus to gluten-free baking after meeting a child with celiac disease. **Top:** Gracie Jones Gluten Free Bake Shop in Palo Alto offers treats such as cookies, vegan muffins, jam donuts and cinnamon-apple galettes.

open up a gluten-free bake shop. When she moved into the space at 2706 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto, she was in charge of opening up a commissary to produce sauces for Asian Box. Confused about the nature of the space, customers would come in, looking to eat at Asian Box, so she started to offer some dishes and used the space as a test kitchen.

Over time, she noticed people asking about desserts, and Jones, who has a passion for baking but had not had the chance to pursue it, began experimenting.

“I was keeping an eye on Asian Box, but in my free time, I would just bake certain little things to see what people thought,” she said, adding that she enjoyed the challenge of gluten-free baking.

“My goal is I want to make sure that people can’t tell the difference,” Jones said. “I won’t serve it until it tastes exactly the way I want it.”

Because Jones is not personally gluten-free, she knows what an item with gluten should taste like, so she starts from there. Jones refers to recipes with gluten and then, through trial and error, goes through many iterations of a single item before she is satisfied with the gluten-free result. And because gluten-free recipes call for many different ingredients to create the flour equivalent, she has created her own gluten-free flour mix made from brown and white rice flour, sorghum and potato and tapioca starch.

Jones’ assortment of baked goods is subject to change depending on her latest experiment, but she does regularly stock customer favorites like chocolate chip cookies, sprinkle donuts and paleo bagels. The oatmeal cookie, sampled by this reporter, achieved the perfect combination of chewiness and crispiness. If she’s working on a special request, customers might see a new item in the display case, such as lemon bars, pies or brownies. In addition to baked goods, she offers savory lunch items, including a banh mi sandwich — a recipe she has been working on for years.

“I finally feel like I came up with a sandwich of bread that is comparable to a banh mi,” she said of the Vietnamese sandwich traditionally made with a French-style baguette. “It wasn’t easy. I was testing it for a long time.”

You can also find Jones’ sourdough and brioche bread locally at The Market at Edgewood, or her focaccia at Palo Alto Italian restaurant Vino Enoteca. She also provides gluten-free pizza flour to Pizzeria Delfina’s five locations, including in Palo Alto. (You can also buy the dough mix at the bakery to make your own gluten-free pizza at home.) Her cookies and rice pudding are

sold at Asian Box, and she takes online orders for cakes at gracie-jonesbakeshop.com.

Jones is clear on one thing: She’s not baking for the gluten-free skeptics.

“I would suggest for them not to try it; they’re going to try it, but

then they’re always going to be negative about something,” she said.

Instead, she’s focused on making delicious food, in its own right. ▣

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The crispy rice cake bowl is served with spring vegetables, tofu, scallions and peanuts at Gracie Jones Bake Shop.



The steak-and-egg kimchi banh mi sandwich is served on a gluten-free roll.

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'PETERLOO' RESURRECTS A HISTORICAL TRAGEDY

★★★1/2 (Aquarius)

Seven-time Oscar nominee Mike Leigh ("Topsy-Turvy") makes no concession to the passive viewer with his new historical film "Peterloo." Instead, he bustles his audience into a time machine and transplants them to a time and place — 1819 England — for full immersion into the physical and social landscape where the politically charged Peterloo Massacre played out between a pro-democracy working class and an elitist government.

The film's early passages establish a hardscrabble existence for those who aren't landowners and lack the power of the polls to protect their own interests. Lacking suffrage, languishing under policies like a bread tax (a.k.a. the Corn Laws) and subject to draconian "justice" for petty crimes, the underclass in Manchester, England, begins to agitate. Leigh's screenplay takes us back and forth from government officials (in offices, in Parliament, in the proverbial smoke-filled rooms) and a citizenry (in their cramped dwellings, street stalls, and taverns) that chooses to organize in the face of powerful opposition.

With his appropriately decentralized narrative, Leigh gives us the lay of the land, rigorously guiding his actors through a combination of well-researched oratorical and written rhetoric of the day and the director's practiced use of improvisation. The results can feel like a living textbook, heavily stentorian and at times long-winded and repetitive, but this is the stuff of political debate, after all, and the actors' thorough commitment to the specificity of early 19th-century discourse gives the history a dimensionality that belies the lack of conventional character depth.

Through their public words and actions, we learn all we need to know of men like

Henry Hunt (Rory Kinnear) — the celebrity radical known in his day as "the Orator" — and Samuel Bamford (Neil Bell), the local activist who bristles at Hunt's superior manner. Leigh also poignantly — and ironically — frames the film with the experience of a young Mancunian veteran (David Moorst) from the Battle of Waterloo who continues to wear his red uniform to his hometown's battle — dubbed Peterloo for its town-square setting of St. Peter's Field. There, in the film's stomach-turning climax, British cavalrymen set upon an unarmed crowd of 60,000, bloodying and, in some cases, killing men, women and children. The massacre, which occurred during a peaceful pro-democracy rally, turned into one of the most notorious episodes in British history.

The personality clashes within the opposing groups add texture to the otherwise dryly recounted economic realities, rabble-rousing and dissent-squelching speeches, and political skullduggery. Leigh wisely allows for the dissent within both camps as to courses of action and distinctions within the beliefs that motivate them. Underpinning it all, Leigh's team of artists collectively puts many period films to shame with their unshowy but astonishingly detailed work, including the beautiful photography of Dick Pope and the just-so costumes of Jacqueline Durran.

Leigh again proves an extraordinarily adept purveyor of period drama despite having made his career as a chronicler of contemporary England. If "Peterloo" is somewhat medicinal, with no spoonfuls of sugar in sight, it also is richly realized, a remarkable achievement of dramatized history with the understanding that the more things change, the more they stay the same. *Rated PG-13 for a sequence of violence and chaos. Two hours, 34 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese



■ MOVIE REVIEWS

SHAZAM! ★★★
Nearly 78 years after his first live-action appearance, "Shazam!" returns to the big screen to share the same cinematic universe as Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, The Flash, and Aquaman. Played by Zachary Levi, Shazam is the magically adult form bestowed on 14-year-old foster child Billy Batson

(Asher Angel) by an ailing wizard also named Shazam (Djimon Hounsou). The older Shazam — last of the Council of the Wizards, keeper of the Rock of Eternity — needs someone "strong in spirit, pure in heart" to assume the mantle. The old wizard passes over young Thaddeus Sivana (Ethan Pugiotto) in 1974, but the boy remains obsessed with the great power that escaped him. Grown into his 50s, the present-day Sivana (Mark Strong) keeps a watchful eye for the power of Shazam, but settles for

the power of the Seven Deadly Sins. Meanwhile, young Philadelphian Batson gets the power Sivana craved for decades. At over two hours, the film goes on a bit long, but the setting and circumstances of the climactic action sequence have a nice thematic ring to them. "Shazam!" plays like DC's answer to Marvel's "Ant-Man": a family-friendly, comical comic-book adventure. *Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of action, language and suggestive material. Two hours, 12 minutes.* — P.C.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT

■ PYT'S 'CHECK PLEASE'

Peninsula Youth Theatre presents "Check Please," which follows two characters on a series of unbearable blind dinner dates. April 13, 7:30 p.m. and April 14, 1 p.m. Peninsula Youth Theatre, 2500 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

THEATER

'The Grapes of Wrath' Bus Barn Theater presents "The Grapes of Wrath," adapted from John Steinbeck's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a family that finds itself reduced to poverty during the Great Depression, abandoning their Oklahoma farm for the promise of a better life in California. April 11-May 5; times vary. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

'Hershey Felder: A Paris Love Story'

"Hershey Felder: A Paris Love Story" chronicles the personal journey of virtuoso Hershey Felder while also exploring the life and music of impressionist composer Claude Debussy. Through May 5; times vary. \$40-\$120; discounts for seniors, adults under 35. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

'The Addams Family' "The Addams Family" takes Charles Addams' classic characters and places them in an original musical. Wednesday Addams, the child of sorrow, is no longer a child, but rather a young woman in love with an "ordinary" man, Lucas, from an "ordinary" family. April 12-14 and April 18-20; times vary. \$24.99; discounts available. Stanford Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra St., Stanford. musical.stanford.edu

'PROOF' "PROOF" is the story of a young woman's quest to step out of her father's shadow in the backdrop of a mysterious mathematical proof. April 19-21; times vary. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. tickets.mvcpa.com/

CONCERTS

Concerts on the Plaza The concert series takes place on the first and third Friday of the month through September. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair. In addition to the music, there will be a food truck, a "pop-up park" area for children and for adults, beer and wine. April 19, 6-7:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

The Complete Piano Sonatas of Beethoven Axel Schmitt, a Community School of Music and Arts faculty member and pianist, performs piano sonatas of Beethoven. This is the fourth in a series of concerts leading up to the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth in 2020. April 20, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Community School of Music and Arts, Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org

MUSIC

'Alan Cumming Sings Sappy Songs'

The Oshman Family JCC presents Alan Cumming in his cabaret show, joined by Emmy Award-winning musical director Lance Horne and cellist Eleanor Norton. April 14, 7:30-9 p.m. \$150; discount for members, J-Pass holders. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org

America's Greatest Composer at 120:

Duke Ellington Loren Schoenberg, senior scholar at the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, uses film and music to support the case that no other American composer captured the 20th

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Community Singing In this singing session of simple songs that describe the connection between people and the Earth, instructors use the call-and-response teaching method. Ability to read sheet music is not required. April 20, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

D-Cup Divas: Cabaret benefit The D-Cup Divas present their American Cancer Society fundraiser cabaret, "Every Heart, A Story." April 19-20, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$20; \$25 at the door. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org/cabaret

Emmet Cohen Trio with Sheila Jordan Jazz pianist and composer Emmet Cohen and his trio will join forces with NEA jazz master Sheila Jordan. April 12, 7 p.m. and April 13, 9 p.m. \$45; discounts available. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. live.stanford.edu

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Cardinalpalooza Stanford University hosts its annual spring sports festival, Cardinalpalooza, beginning with the Cardinal and White Spring football game in Cagan Stadium. The day also features a fan fest, baseball and softball games, a beach volleyball match and more. April 13, noon. Cagan Stadium, 641 Nelson Road, Stanford. gostanford.com

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TALKS & LECTURES

Abby Wambach New York Times bestselling author, two-time Olympic gold medalist and FIFA World Cup champion Abby Wambach delivers a talk focused on women empowerment. April 16, 7-9 p.m. Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Emscadero Road, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

CSRE Poetry Reading: Robin Coste Lewis Poet and author Robin Coste Lewis will read her original works. April 17, 6 p.m. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Lane Lecture Series Presents: Kevin Young Reading As part of the Lane Lecture Series, poet and director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Kevin Young, will read his original works. April 15, 8 p.m. Encina Hall, 616 Serra St., Stanford. events.stanford.edu

'This is Now' with Angie Coiro: The Future of Cannabis Kepler's Literary Foundation's news and culture series "This is Now" invites experts David Downs and Dr. Danielle Ramo to discuss the regulatory issues with cannabis and how they might be affecting the underground market, as well as the health implications for all. April 17, 7:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

USGS Evening Public Lecture Series Scientist Kristin Byrd will discuss how images from space can be used to help understand changes to California's coasts, rangelands, forests and wildlife habitats, as well as how they can help to predict future changes and what more can be learned from advances in earth observing technologies. April 18, 7 p.m. U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/

'The End of HIV?' Dr. Seema Yasmin Stanford professor Dr. Seema Yasmin will discuss the trajectory of the HIV pandemic. Her latest book, "The Impatient Dr. Lange," is an account of the last effort to cure HIV/AIDS by a doctor killed on Malaysia Airlines flight MH1. April 16, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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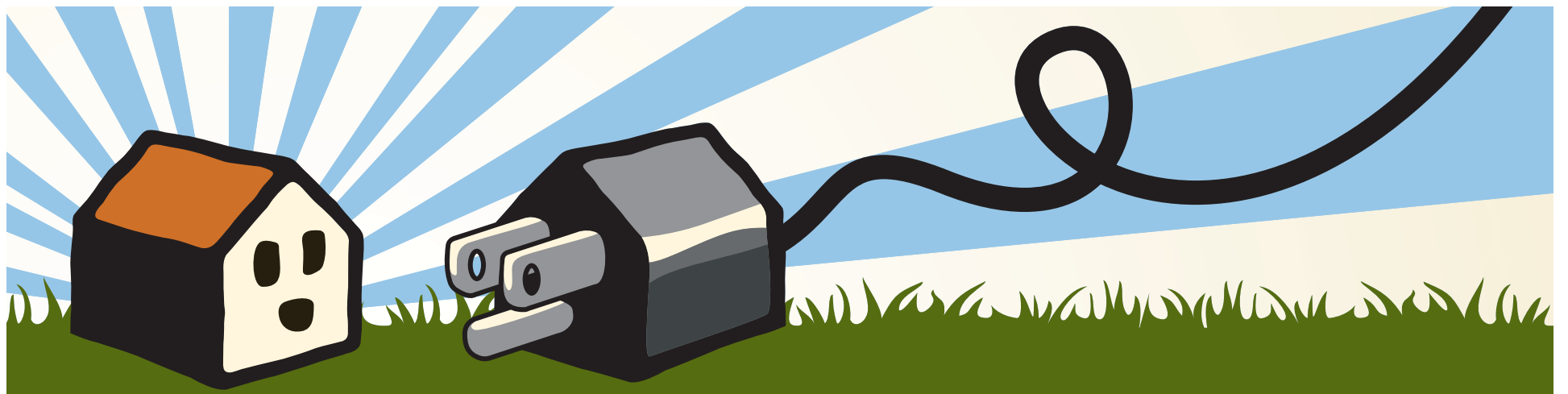


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