

Re: Old Palo Alto RPP Pilot

October 16, 2019

Dear Mayor Filseth and Council Members:

The PAN Executive Committee has been in conversation with the residents in Old Palo Alto (“OPA”). Even though the RPP to be discussed at the October 21st City Council meeting does pertain to only one neighborhood, PAN believes that parking is of interest to all residents and is therefore a Palo Alto-wide concern. With this in mind, the PAN executive committee, as well as the PAN membership, overwhelmingly support Council giving prompt approval of the Old Palo Alto RPP pilot as described in the staff report.

Why does PAN join OPA residents in advocating for the RPP?

- The portion of Old Palo Alto nearest the California Avenue tunnel experiences significant parking intrusion due to Caltrain commuters and spillover from the adjacent Evergreen-Mayfield RPP.
- Residents have been working with the city on this problem since 2017.
- Resident support for this RPP is overwhelming and consistent:
 - Aug 2018 Resident petition shared with PTC in March 2019: 91% favorable with 72% participation rate
 - Aug 2019 City survey results: 89% favorable with 59% participation rate
- Staff occupancy studies demonstrate parking in boundary areas is a real and significant problem, with some streets at 100% capacity.
- Residents, who have not been not been overly prescriptive/demanding regarding a particular approach, support the staff recommendations.
- Delaying a November implementation for the RPP pilot is unfair to residents:
 - Residents have played by all the rules, as outlined in the municipal code.
 - Implementation of a pilot should not be held hostage for policy questions and/or analytical rigor beyond what has been expected of other RPPs. Residents were emailed the municipal code and told to follow the process, which they did.
 - Staff has said any further delay would push the pilot implementation date to March 1st (unnecessary as well as unfair).
 - As this is a pilot, changes can be made as appropriate (as they have for other RPPs).
 - Consistency in approach and adherence to the municipal code and existing RPP process that residents were asked to follow should be respected.

Frankly, we see no possible reason not to approve the pilot program. We urge you to do the right thing and approve it.

Kind regards,

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