



## STAFF REPORT

### City Council

Meeting Date: 3/21/2026

Staff Report Number: 26-038-CC

Regular Business: Annual City Council priority setting workshop

### Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council establish priorities for fiscal year 2026-27, receive an update on implementation of the Environmental Justice (EJ) Element, and consider additional topics related to financial sustainability and the City of Menlo Park centennial.

### Policy Issues

The City Council's annual priority setting workshop provides direction to the city manager on aligning resources and work plans for the next year.

### Background

The City Council held its annual priority setting workshop March 22, 2025. The City Council set the following top five priorities for fiscal year 2025-26, listed in alphabetical order:

- Climate action – mitigation, adaptation, and resilience
- Downtown vibrancy
- Emergency and disaster preparedness
- Housing
- Safe routes

Advancement of City Council priorities through the funding of projects, services and staffing was detailed during the fiscal year 2025-26 budget adoption process. Additionally, the fiscal year 2025-26 work plan based on top priorities was presented to City Council July 8, 2025, with subsequent updates on Oct. 7, 2025, and March 10 (Attachment A). The City Council's adopted budget principles (Attachment B) are also used to inform the development of the work plan and fiscal year budget, which is adopted in June each year.

During the March 2025 workshop, a "bike rack" of items was created to record topics of City Council interest that were outside the immediate scope of the workshop (Attachment C).

A dedicated webpage (Attachment D) provides transparency on priority setting by the City Council. The webpage includes updates on progress throughout the year.

### Analysis

The workshop is organized by the following topics with the main objective to establish City Council priorities for fiscal year 2026-27.

Workshop topics

- Welcome
- Fiscal year 2025-26 overview – accomplishments and challenges
- Employee engagement survey
- Financial update
- Community input results
- Public comment
- EJ Element update
- Top priorities for fiscal year 2026-27
- Employee engagement survey
- Menlo Park centennial celebrations

Community input

The City encouraged public participation in the priority setting process through a variety of public communication platforms including the Weekly Digest newsletter, email, social media and website listings. According to the City Council Policy #CC-26-030, Public Meetings Accessibility, transportation and Spanish interpretation services for both in-person and virtual attendees are also provided for the workshop itself.

From Feb. 12 to March 6, the City gathered input on community-identified priorities through an online feedback form, which was available in English and Spanish. Staff distributed additional hardcopy forms in both languages to multiple City facilities. The City received 361 responses, including one workshop-related email to CCIN. Table 1 provides an overview of responses to the first question in the online form which asked if top priorities for fiscal year 2025-26 still applied for the next year. One hundred and fifty seven (157) respondents indicated top priorities still applied (43%) and 184 respondents indicated top priorities did not still apply (51%). In both cases, 59% of respondents identified additional topics to consider for priorities in the open-ended question in the form.

Table 1: Responses to "Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?"			
Response	Number of responses	Percent of total responses	Percent that identified additional topics
No	184	51%	59%
Yes	157	43%	59%
No response or mixed response (submitted 2+ forms with "no" and "yes")	20	6%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>361</b>		

A portion of respondents (109) who indicated top priorities did not apply for the next year also went on to identify additional topics of importance in the open-ended question in the survey. Some of those topics were existing top priorities. Table 2 provides data on additional support for existing top priorities from this subgroup of respondents.

**Table 2: Respondents who indicated top priorities did not apply, but expressed support for certain existing priorities**

Top priority	Additional support for top priorities	Percent of this subgroup
Downtown vibrancy	87*	80%
Emergency and disaster preparedness	18	17%
Safe routes	17	16%
Housing	11	10%
Climate action - mitigation, adaptation and resilience	8	7%

\*Respondents indicated support for the theme of downtown vibrancy and revitalization, including expanding permitted uses/updating zoning on Santa Cruz Avenue.

A total of nine additional topics were indicated as important by 10 or more respondents each (Attachment E). After current top priorities, the topic of public safety received the next highest level of support, particularly related to crime prevention (cameras/ALPRs, patrols, and burglary prevention) with 87 responses. Additional public safety topics received fewer responses and were related to traffic enforcement (14 responses), restrictions on ICE (11 responses), and terminating the use of Flock cameras (10 responses). The next highest-ranking topics include ceasing the downtown affordable housing project with 66 responses and revisiting high density housing sites with 54 responses. Remaining topics received 30 or fewer responses. All public feedback received is provided in Attachment F.

Public comment during workshop

The workshop will include an opportunity for the public to comment on the agenda item. With a robust agenda of multiple topics and discussions by the City Council, individual public comment times will be set to two minutes maximum to enable the City Council proper and sufficient time to carry out its work during the workshop. Feedback from individuals who submitted online survey responses to the City Council is already summarized in this report and all responses are available in Attachment F. Further public comment from these individuals reiterating the same points already submitted in writing may limit opportunities for others who were not yet able to submit comments to contribute to the proceedings.

For groups of individuals attending the workshop to provide public comment in favor of a shared goal or topic, the City’s strong preference would be for groups to identify a single commenter to represent the broader interest, in an effort to use limited time efficiently. The commenter could identify the number of supporters in attendance at the meeting, and supporters could also stand during that particular comment to show support. Donated speaking time is not permitted per the City Council procedure manual.

Priority setting by the City Council

Priority setting is informed through public participation, input from City Councilmembers, input from staff based on City Council actions and direction, needs identified in various master planning efforts, and review of remaining work plan items from fiscal year 2025-26.

The City’s current work plan (Attachment A) includes 58 items of which nine (16%) are complete, 43 (74%) are in progress, and 13 (22%) are ongoing. Many work plan items include projects that span multiple years.

It is important to note that core services represent the majority of overall staff workload, and the City currently has a 12.9% staff vacancy rate. Onboarding of newly hired staff may decrease the vacancy rate

slightly in the next month. Vacancies are due to high cost of living, changing workforce trends, and a highly competitive labor market. Overall, vacancies reduce organizational capacity citywide. Staff will present more information on vacancy status, recruitment, and retention efforts at a City Council meeting in June as part of the annual budget process.

In addition to the work plan, the City Council annually adopts the City’s five-year capital improvement plan (CIP), which outlines the vision for short- and long-range development, maintenance, improvement, and building of new infrastructure assets. The CIP provides a long-term approach for prioritizing and selecting new projects in the City, and is consistent with both the City Council’s budget principles and top priorities. The CIP contains seven categories of projects: city buildings and systems, environment, parks and recreation, stormwater, streets and sidewalks, traffic and transportation, and water. The CIP is available through the City’s public budget portal (Attachment G). An informational update on CIP projects is expected at an upcoming City Council meeting in April.

Environmental Justice Element

On Sept. 24, 2024, City Council adopted the City’s first General Plan Environmental Justice (EJ) Element (Attachment H), as part of the overarching Housing Element Update project. Table 3 identifies the three top community-identified priorities for advancing EJ.

Table 3: Menlo Park EJ Element community-identified priorities and goals		
Goal ID	Goal text	Priority #
EJ5	Provide safe, sanitary and stable homes	1
EJ4	Promote access to high quality and affordable food	2
EJ2	Reduce pollution exposure and improve air quality	3

City staff developed a comprehensive Action Guide to manage and coordinate City efforts to accomplish the goals, policies, and programs outlined in the EJ Element. Implementation is guided by community needs, funding opportunities, and ongoing community outreach in particular from Menlo Park’s underserved communities. A focused Action Guide featuring the top three community-identified EJ priorities currently in progress is available in Attachment I. This attachment reflects the latest updates and provides a comprehensive view of progress made on EJ programs and action items in 2025.

*EJ Element webpage and online Action Guide*

The City website includes a dedicated webpage for the EJ Element (Attachment J), which provides an executive summary of the element and highlights the top three community-identified priorities in tiled boxes (Goals EJ5, EJ4 and EJ2). Each priority tile links to a separate page where community members can learn more about the goal and supporting policies, programs, and action items to advance EJ, along with the 2025 implementation activity (i.e., a condensed online Action Guide). The EJ Element webpage also includes a drop-down menu linking to the full Action Guide with all seven EJ Element goals and supporting policies, programs and action items listed, along with implementation status, and more details for lead/supporting roles, potential funding sources and estimated time frames.

*City Council consideration of EJ priorities*

EJ Element program EJ7.L indicates the City Council will consider community-identified environmental justice priorities at the annual workshop. To support EJ element implementation, staff will continue to work across departments and with the community to evaluate programs and action items, assess capacity and timelines, and identify potential funding sources. Recommendations for funding may identify the EJ Element

Implementation Fund, which was created by City Council June 25, 2024, with a \$1 million transfer from the Bayfront Mitigation Fund. Further reporting on EJ Element implementation will occur annually through the Annual Progress Report (APR). The EJ APR will be considered by the Planning Commission March 23 and City Council March 24.

### Menlo Park Centennial

Staff are actively planning a comprehensive 2027 calendar of events and activities to mark the 100-year anniversary of the second (current) incorporation of the City of Menlo Park, which occurred on Nov. 23, 1927. (The original incorporation covered a larger geographic area and lasted approximately two years.) Proposed centennial celebrations include activities incorporated into seven existing City-sponsored events, kicking off in December 2026 and continuing throughout 2027, leading up to a main Centennial Celebration in November 2027 (Attachment K). Staff are partnering with the Menlo Park Historical Association and plan to engage local businesses and community groups. Staff will also provide more details to the City Council in August as part of the annual update on City-hosted community events and observances.

### Next steps

A staff report will detail outcomes and next steps from the workshop. Staff will use workshop results to prepare a work plan for City Council consideration at a future meeting, as part of the fiscal year 2026-27 budget development process.

### **Impact on City Resources**

There is no impact on City resources to conduct the workshop, but it is important to note that City Council direction on priorities will inform the creation of the fiscal year 2026-27 budget and citywide work plan.

### **Environmental Review**

This action is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §§15378 and 15061(b)(3) as it will not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

### **Public Notice**

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

### **Attachments**

- A. Hyperlink – March 10 Staff Report #26-036-CC work plan update:  
[www.menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2026-meetings/20260310/i2-20260310-cc-city-council-2025-26-work-plan-update.pdf](http://www.menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2026-meetings/20260310/i2-20260310-cc-city-council-2025-26-work-plan-update.pdf)
- B. Adopted fiscal year 2025-26 budget principles
- C. Hyperlink – April 15, 2025 Staff Report #25-056-CC workshop final report:  
[www.menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2025-meetings/20250415/n2-20250415-cc-annual-city-council-priority-setting-workshop-final-report.pdf](http://www.menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2025-meetings/20250415/n2-20250415-cc-annual-city-council-priority-setting-workshop-final-report.pdf)
- D. Hyperlink – City Council priority setting workshop webpage: [www.menlopark.gov/priorities](http://www.menlopark.gov/priorities)
- E. Community input analysis by topic
- F. Community input submissions
- G. Hyperlink – CIP: [stories.opengov.com/menlopark/published/yIRrT4u008](https://stories.opengov.com/menlopark/published/yIRrT4u008)

- H. Hyperlink – Sept. 24, 2024 Staff Report #24-165-CC EJ Element adoption:  
[www.menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2024-meetings/agendas/20240924/g1-20240924-cc-ej-and-safety-elements-adoption.pdf](http://www.menlopark.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/2024-meetings/agendas/20240924/g1-20240924-cc-ej-and-safety-elements-adoption.pdf)
- I. Focused EJ Element Action Guide
- J. Hyperlink – EJ Element webpage and online Action Guide: [www.menlopark.gov/EJElement](http://www.menlopark.gov/EJElement)
- K. City of Menlo Park Centennial celebrations

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# FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET PRINCIPLES

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<b>1. Promote the City's long-term fiscal sustainability</b>
<p>A. Implement the annual payment necessary in the budget to achieve amortization of the CalPERS Net Pension Liability in accordance with the actuarial 15-year amortization schedule. This is consistent with the City Council's previously adopted budget principle to plan for an accelerated reduction of the unfunded accrued liability (UAL).</p> <p>B. Invest in technologies that minimize low value-add processes, increase transparency in communications and most efficiently utilize our talented staff.</p> <p>C. Strive to achieve City Council cost recovery goals for fee-based services.</p> <p>D. Continue to evaluate the most cost-effective method to provide services at a specified level that provides the City with flexibility in all economic conditions, including the use of contracted services, shared services, and regular and limited-term employees.</p> <p>E. Proactively manage the loss of institutional knowledge by documenting procedures, practices and processes and succession planning efforts including the ability to provide for overlap in critical positions at the discretion of the city manager.</p> <p>F. Incorporate programs and initiatives that strengthen Menlo Park's standing as an employer of choice to retain highly qualified personnel.</p> <p>G. Evaluate the long-term structural balance of revenues and expenditures to maintain a sustainable General Fund</p>
<b>2. Provide city services and infrastructure that contribute to quality of life in Menlo Park</b>
<p>A. Implement ordinances and City Council adopted initiatives and strategies to contribute to the quality of life in Menlo Park now and in the future.</p> <p>B. Proactively maintain and improve existing infrastructure to minimize maintenance costs, decrease the City's greenhouse gas emissions, and increase the City's long-term disaster and climate resilience.</p> <p>C. Strive to balance the resources and requirements of each area of the city in an equitable manner through the use of equitable tools and ongoing collaboration with the Countywide Equity Working Group.</p> <p>D. Evaluate one-time revenues for highest and best investment recognizing the benefit of leveraging near term investments for long-term gains in financial sustainability and/or quality of life.</p> <p>E. Commit to continuous improvement in the communication of City financial information through a variety of media acknowledging that the City's professional staff and consultants are obligated to conform to accounting and reporting standards in order to provide balanced financial information that informs policymakers.</p> <p>F. Strategically identify and align financial resources to implement City Council-identified top goals.</p>
<b>3. Revenue sources and grant accounting</b>
<p>A. State the fund's surplus/(deficit) balance to show annual results and use of fund balance.</p> <p>B. Identify revenue sources for the initial year of all capital projects.</p> <p>C. Ensure a fund's fiscal year-end balance estimate is positive.</p>

Community input analysis		No. of respondents
Topic		
1	Downtown vibrancy	244
2	Emergency and disaster preparedness	175
3	Safe routes	174
4	Housing	171
5	Climate action - mitigation, adaptation and resilience	165
6	Public safety	112
	crime prevention (cameras/ALPRS, patrols, burglary prevention)	87
	traffic enforcement (e-bike and vehicle)	14
	ICE/CBP restrictions and community protections	11
	terminate use of Flock cameras	10
7	cease downtown redevelopment/housing	66
8	revisit high-density housing sites	54
9	Dumbarton rail bus line (SamTrans)	30
10	pickleball (additional/permanent/maintenance/upgrades)	22
11	maintenance of trees, trails, parks, greenspace/fields, tennis/pickleball courts	19
12	transportation/traffic mitigations (flow, access, routes, public transit)	18
13	main library improvements and increased hours	15
14	infrastructure maintenance and repair	13

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on 14 February 2026, 10:42AM  
Receipt number 1  
Related form version 1

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Move forward on expanding permitted uses on Santa Cruz Ave. This contributes to what should be the number one goal for the city council this year: downtown vibrancy

Name kimberly lytikainen

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	14 February 2026, 11:21AM
Receipt number	2
Related form version	1

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Our downtown needs a facelift: repave the sidewalks & all 8 parking lots, plant grass in the front of Fremont Park, plant flowers in the park and planters up & down Santa Cruz Ave., make sure trash bins are emptied every day, etc. "Vibrancy" is not about crowding the downtown w/massive low-income housing projects. Instead: bring back the summer fairs we always had, bring back the weekly French Market Ali created, buy a real stage for events in the park like we used to have and get a pro to do audio so concerts won't burst people's eardrums; let Ali arrange live music in the 600 block-- or just open up the street if you're planning to put in hopscotch like your consultant suggested. And press the "pause" button on the ill-conceived and highly unpopular parking lot housing plan. Bad optics to be railroading it through before the people get to vote. Totally undemocratic & like spitting on the voters. As for your top priority: Start representing the residents instead of the developers!

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Name	Cherie Zaslowsky
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	14 February 2026, 11:23AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please, please fix the potholes in University Drive between Cambridge and Partridge.
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Name	Lucile Spurlock
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	14 February 2026, 1:36PM
Receipt number	4
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	We can only look after others as well as we look after ourselves and our homes (Housing) are a direct reflection of how well we look after ourselves, and others. Therefore, all the other four priority areas revolve around "Housing". Especially "Climate action - mitigation, adaptation and resilience", if these attributes can be cultivated and embodied in each of us, they will translate as a natural extension of who we are towards everything else. Perhaps by using the "Preferences" for eligibility in Affordable Housing, programs for continuous improvement could be a requirement for continued residence in Menlo Park.
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Name	Charles Chapa
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	15 February 2026, 3:39PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Please consider adding biosafety to the planning code to cover all zoning that allows Life Sciences / Biotech laboratories within city limits. The issue of bio lab safety came up recently in the city's review and approval of the SRI Master Plan where the city decided to ban all BSL-3 & 4 laboratories within the SRI Campus. We'd now like to see that ban citywide.
2. Also, please consider adding to the zoning code requirements to ensure Dark Skies and bird-safe design in all future developments.

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Name David Crabbe representing Sierra Club's Sustainable Land Use Committee

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	15 February 2026, 3:49PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>There needs to be renewed emphasis on the local environment in 2026. Climate action is a long-term priority, but degradation in our urban environment has immediate health and wellness impacts. Please prioritize measures to improve environmental health for residents and wildlife:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Restrict biological laboratories to biosafety level 1/2 throughout the city.</li><li>* Implement Dark Skies and bird-safe design requirements for all construction</li><li>* Strengthen protections for heritage trees and for San Francisquito Creek</li></ul>
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Name	Naomi Goodman
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	16 February 2026, 8:58AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Safety. There have been too many break in in our neighborhoods. City should install cameras, speed bumps, and more police monitoring in Menlo Park.
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Name	Camelia Coupal
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	17 February 2026, 8:00PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Priority should be to downtown, getting businesses in the empty buildings
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Name	Alison Blank
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	17 February 2026, 1:54PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown Vibrancy was set as a priority last year but nothing has been executed on to date. We have offered to replant the planters since at our cost since October 2025 but the city has yet to meet with us to discuss the logistics of this. The City Council and City staff have dropped the ball for decades on maintaining the heart of our town. The Downtown Menlo Fund is ready to work with the city on substantive improvements but we can't do anything with out dialog.
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	18 February 2026, 7:16AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Stopping the Willow Park project at the old Sunset site is top on my list. Housing yes, that particular project NO. That project would damage the character of Menlo Park and especially the adjacent areas. We need to provide housing in many places and in many creative ways, but not this project.
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	18 February 2026, 8:41AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing: If a proposed development is "mixed use" rather than strictly housing, it essential for Menlo Park to review its probable impact on the jobs/housing imbalance. Menlo Park needs to avoid developments that put us even further behind on housing.

There also seems to be inadequate communication about the risks to Menlo Park if the state-submitted housing plan isn't met. Freeing developers from Menlo Park requirements is asking for more monstrosities like the development proposed for the former Sunset site. Most people seem to be unaware that delays have real consequences.

Safe routes: The promised pedestrian/bicycle tunnel at Middle Ave. needs to be high priority. The intersection of Ravenswood & El Camino Real is already dangerous & it will only get worse with added housing at the SRI, former USGS, & other nearby sites.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	18 February 2026, 4:34PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Affordability for current residents (generally, including services & beyond housing) Housing for current residents (including affordability & fair leases) Maintaining Trees, Trails, Parks, Nature-aspects of City (for mental health & well-being sake) Maintaining Peace, Quiet & Calm (for mental health & well-being sake)
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Name	Kim Novello
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	20 February 2026, 12:45AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I'd like to see the city focus on creating third spaces for tweens and teens..middle school through high school. Our kids need places to go outside of school. Not just sports fields, but engaging and modern programs and social outlets that motivate them to hangout IRL.
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	22 February 2026, 9:38PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would deprioritize climate action and focus time and resources on the more tangible things that impact our community. I would ADD identifying or creating more third spaces for middle and high schoolers. We need to have more ways to get our kids off screens. Places for them to go - both green spaces and programs like a Reikes Center style. Maybe this can fall under downtown vibrancy by attracting a few new businesses downtown that speak to young people. I'm also very concerned about the big developments planned along Middlefield without any traffic mitigation plans for that corridor. Transportation mitigation needs to be baked into these plans or else those who live east of Middlefield won't be able to travel west of ECR.

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Name Julie Hartstein

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 3:54PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I don't think we should focus our energy on climate change. I would replace Climate action with a focus on OUR YOUTH - which also bleeds into downtown vibrancy and safe routes. That means thinking intentionally about the environments we're creating for them...safe streets that allow kids to walk and bike to school or across town, green spaces where they can gather, play, and spend time outdoors instead of on screens, and community programs that engage not just the youngest children but also middle and high school students. It also means considering the kinds of businesses and gathering spaces we attract. Older kids (middle and high school) need places to go that feel welcoming and age-appropriate. Places to meet friends, spend time, and feel part of the community rather than simply congregating outside of Walgreens. Investing in spaces and opportunities for young people is an investment in the health, safety, and vitality of our entire community.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 8:52AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Burglaries and police support in our neighborhoods
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Name	Linda K Itskovitz
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 9:00AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	First priority: Select alternate sites for state mandated apartments. Stop considering downtown parking lots for state mandated low cost apartments. Fill the vacant stores in downtown Menlo Park. Downtown parking lots are NOT SURPLUS LAND.
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Name	Michael DeMoss
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 9:08AM
Receipt number	17
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Burglaries and police presence
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Name	Christianne Mares
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 9:28AM
Receipt number	18
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Safety, increase police patrol for West Menlo where burglaries hit that area the hardest, set up a police kiosk inside that giant fire station on Alameda Ave, it can reduce the response time drastically, please help our neighborhood, we are literally locking ourselves inside our own homes.
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Name	Shirley Chiu
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 11:53AM
Receipt number	19
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Burglaries prevention and better protection and better police protection in our neighborhood
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Name	Saadiya Zaki
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	1 March 2026, 10:31PM
Receipt number	112
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Burglaries are rampant in our city which undermines our safety, security and privacy. This needs to be top priority. Also make menlo park downtown vibrant and exciting - allow more small boutique shops, small pop up eating places -
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Name	Saadiya Zaki
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 1:28PM
Receipt number	20
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Safety - reduce number of burglaries / break-ins should be #1 by far
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Name	Kamran Zaki
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 1:30PM
Receipt number	21
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	All the robberies in Sharon Heights. We have now been burglarized twice in 2 and 1/2 years. 9/2023 and again last night.
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Name	Taraneh Razavi
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 2:24PM
Receipt number	22
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Crime especially in Sharon Heights
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Name	Heidi Butz
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 2:24PM
Receipt number	23
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Added security from burglary. License plate readers.
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Name	Synthia Wong
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 2:31PM
Receipt number	24
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Burglaries and police support for our neighborhoods needs to be the top priority. Then downtown vibrancy, emergency preparedness, housing.
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Name	Kimberly Birn
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 2:41PM
Receipt number	25
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Crime and safety. Inordinate number of robberies in our neighborhood in Sharon Heights!
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Name	Steve Fioretti
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 2:42PM
Receipt number	26
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Home break-ins and police presence in neighborhood Street maintenance Emergency and disaster preparedness Downtown vibrancy
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Name	Julie B
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 2:44PM
Receipt number	27
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Suggest addition of safe neighborhoods - many neighbors in Menlo Park recently have had homes robbed. Agree with environmental priority and emergency preparedness (including robust infrastructure esp in light of recent sewage disasters elsewhere an known vulnerability of CA electricity)
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Name	Rebecca Boyle
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 2:44PM
Receipt number	28
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Safety of homes and residents
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Name	pom vattasingh
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 2:45PM
Receipt number	29
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	We need more Menlo Park police presence in Sharon Heights area. My neighbor got robbed twice in the past few years, and even license plate of the thief's car that was captured by the camera has been expired for a few months!
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Name	Bahram Ben Darya-Bari
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 2:50PM
Receipt number	30
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Residential burglaries - investigation and having patrols close enough to respond to any residence in 5min.
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Name	George H John
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 2:56PM
Receipt number	31
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Crime
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Name	Neil Mahon
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 3:03PM
Receipt number	32
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Yes, adding a police sub-station with easy, fast access to Sharon Heights and who ACTIVELY patrols the area DAILY.

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Name Sylvia Dickinson

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Email

[REDACTED]

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 3:07PM
Receipt number	33
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Neighborhood security and police patrols to prevent break ins.

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Name Sonali Vijayavargiya

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 3:33PM
Receipt number	34
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Residential burglaries - investigation and having patrols close enough to respond to any residence in 5min.
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Name	Radha Bhaman
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 3:57PM
Receipt number	35
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes, home burglaries are a problem. We need more police presence in Sharon Heights. We should have license plate readers like in other communities. We must deter crime to keep our kids safe.
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Name	Aaron Timm
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 3:58PM
Receipt number	36
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Residential burglaries - have patrols close enough to respond to any residence in 5 minutes. Sharon Heights has had lots of break ins over the last 18 months. Would it be possible to have a police substation at the Fire Dept building in Alameda de las Pulgas?

2. Park protection and enhancement. With all the additional higher density housing coming to the city, its increasingly important to protect and enhance our parks so that our residents that don't have private yards have ample and well maintained public park spaces. This should include the park protection ordinance that the city council agreed to implement some time ago, but hasn't done yet.

Thank you.

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Name Brian Kissel

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Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 4:02PM
Receipt number	37
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Crime surveillance and protection especially in Sharon heights.
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Name	Tracey seymour
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Submitted on	3 March 2026, 4:20PM
Receipt number	178
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	We need to prioritize crime reduction and prevention and filling downtown commercial vacancies.
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Name	Tracey seymour
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 4:10PM
Receipt number	38
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	More police presence, particularly in Sharon Heights area where there have been many break in incidents.
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Name	Letitia Peypoch
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 4:51PM
Receipt number	39
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Downtown Vibrancy. Need a vision other than second hand stores, rug stores, and design stores. Look at San Carlos and Los Altos.
2. Safety- keep neighborhoods safe from crime.
3. Emergency preparedness.

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Name Scott Rash

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 6:12PM
Receipt number	40
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Yes, crime prevention.

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Name Rachel Keane

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Email

[REDACTED]

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 6:32PM
Receipt number	41
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Public safety Lowering energy cost Downtown vibrancy Lowering property taxes
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Name	Alberto Farronato
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 7:00PM
Receipt number	42
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Yes. I live in Sharon Heights, and we have had a series of burglaries in the last few years, the most recent was last night. My top priorities are:  
1. Police support in our neighborhood - there are never patrol cars seen here. We need patrols close enough to respond to any residence in 5 minutes  
2. A police substation nearby, whether at the fire station on the Alameda or at the Sharon Heights Shopping Center

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Name Diane Vocker

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	21 February 2026, 8:23PM
Receipt number	43
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Burglaries and police support in our neighborhoods
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Name	Kavya
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	22 February 2026, 1:49AM
Receipt number	45
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Safety and security. A number of break ins occur regularly now. Police response time to west MPK.
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Name	Jason Hartlove
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Submitted on	23 February 2026, 3:27PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

We need to be thinking ahead about how we will fund and build the larger capital improvement projects (downtown parking garage, redeveloping municipal buildings in the next housing element cycle, the bike/ped undercrossing, grade separations, and community recreational spaces) necessary to support our community as we stretch to accommodate significantly more residents. Santa Cruz just built a library+housing+parking on a downtown lot but it's been a 15-year project. I'd also like to see us working with the county, Caltrans, and other jurisdictions to reduce speed and improve safety (and add bike/ped facilities) along the collector/connector streets through town (especially Marsh and El Camino and Willow but also Ringwood, portions of Santa Cruz, Bay, Newbridge, Hamilton, Olive, etc.) I'm enthusiastic about Samtrans plans for Dumbarton Corridor and hope we can make that more permeable so folks in D1 can access Marsh Manor and city rec facilities safely and conveniently.)

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Name	Katie Behroozi
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	23 February 2026, 5:21PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this discussion. I agree that these are the priorities we should focus on. In particular, I would like to see the City and its Commissions reduce operational silos and identify actions that move the needle on multiple goals. Here are two examples of how this might look:

- 1) Building housing at all levels of affordability, near services and transit helps with housing, downtown vibrancy, and climate action.
- 2) Creating safe routes for bicyclists and pedestrians help with both safe routes and climate action initiatives.

In the past I believe our emergency and disaster preparedness efforts have focused on things like earthquakes and wildfires. I would like to see these efforts expand to preparing for other unexpected emergencies that we may find ourselves in.

Thank you.

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Name Nancy Larocca Hedley

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Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	23 February 2026, 5:32PM
Receipt number	49
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please include train-noise abatement measures as a priority. Although the transition to electric trains is a positive development, it has resulted in increased train and crossing noise affecting nearby residential areas. Given that proximity to the Menlo Park transit hub is a key selling point for new home placement and development I respectfully request that the City work with the relevant agencies to identify quieter, safety-compliant solutions, particularly for overnight and early-morning operations.
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Name	Dawn Emms
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	23 February 2026, 5:37PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Creating a vacancy tax on empty storefronts. Hanging zoning rules for storefronts to include gyms, arcades, etc.
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Name	Katherine Glass
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	23 February 2026, 5:39PM
Receipt number	51
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would like to see some rules set and enforced regarding e-bikes. The kids on them are an absolute menace.  
Also traffic enforcement on Santa Cruz Ave & area

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Name Janet Davis

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Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	23 February 2026, 5:56PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes, these priorities still apply with one caveat. It's not just housing but affordable--housing that most people in Menlo Park can afford--whether rental apartments or residential homes. It's increasing the supply of non-luxury homes, condo's, apartments.
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Name	Charles B Schaff
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	23 February 2026, 6:17PM
Receipt number	53
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown small business retail and gathering places revitalization. Deregulation and incentives to make more middle income housing for first time home owners (not more rentals please). Emergency & disaster preparedness.
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Name	Dolores Bernardo
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	23 February 2026, 9:44PM
Receipt number	54
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Please move beyond climate action as being the top priority. People are climate conscious already, so remove that one from the list. There are way more important things to deal with. We need a vibrant downtown with stores, restaurants, and a walkable street. As the city council, you need to find a way to fill our vacant store fronts by whatever means necessary - carrot or stick. Find a way to bring more stores into our community. We need more of everything! If we don't evolve, we will "die". we are a stagnant community that deserves more vibrancy. We've made a great start, but we need more! Also, create some rules surrounding e-bikes on the roads & bike bridge. They are dangerous and the Stanford workers in the morning are dangerous on their bikes over the bridge. Of course it's important to emergency plan but you are not thinking creatively with your priority list. These have been the same priorities for years. I've lived here for 20 years & hardly anything has evolved. It's time!

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Name Erica Galles

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Email

[REDACTED]

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	23 February 2026, 10:14PM
Receipt number	55
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Improve the permitting process, which is incredibly slow, inconsistent, and near impossible for homeowners to navigate as staff doesn't respond to phone calls or emails.

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Name

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Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	24 February 2026, 6:28AM
Receipt number	56
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Infrastructure: paint the faded pink curbs that are supposed to be red, clean the sidewalks downtown, repair parking lots downtown and re-stripe them for easier parking.

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Name

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Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	24 February 2026, 6:33AM
Receipt number	57
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Revitalize downtown Menlo Park for Menlo Park residents, not for Atherton residents. Encourage more affordable small businesses and food establishments that serve the middle class and students, not the well healed - like teriyaki take-out, fast casual restaurants, family diners, ethnic grocery stores, beer hall, etc.

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Name David Kastanis

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	24 February 2026, 7:24AM
Receipt number	58
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	PRESERVE DOWNTOWN PARKING - STOP HOUSING PLAN! ONLY! JTM
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Name	JOHN THOMAS MEHIGAN MD
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Submitted on	28 February 2026, 8:30AM
Receipt number	83
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	OF OVERWHELMING CONCERN IS DOWNTOWN PARKING - EVERYTHING ELSE ACTUALLY DEPENDS ON RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER FIRST...
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Name	JOHN THOMAS MEHIGAN MD
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	24 February 2026, 4:02PM
Receipt number	59
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>I would like to see the city prioritize emergency preparedness over climate action. We have a fragile electrical grid that is becoming more stressed and we are encouraging citizens to convert to this fragile infrastructure. This leaves the majority of our citizens without any kind of heating/cooling or power in an emergency.</p> <p>We also need to prepare for emergencies. We seem to have a single city employee that concentrates on emergency preparedness without any significant budget.</p>
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Name	Owen
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	25 February 2026, 3:19PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown vibrancy should be a top priority for Menlo Park. It is what attracts families and people to our town. If we don't have that we don't have a vibrant community as people will go to the neighboring cities to gather.
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Name	Karla M
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	25 February 2026, 8:45PM
Receipt number	61
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The Main Library should be on the list of projects the City Council prioritizes for 2026-2027. It is way past time for Library improvements to be made and ideally to build a new library. So many area cities and towns have found a way to build new libraries that are community centers and places for all the activities that are found in modern libraries. I've been on the Menlo Park Library Board since 2011 and urge Menlo Park to start the process of improving the Library as other Bay Area towns and cities have done.

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Name Monica Corman

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Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	26 February 2026, 8:36PM
Receipt number	62
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please focus on traffic. The lack of a road from 101 through El Camino is a major problem in Menlo Park (unlike Palo Alto, for example, which has both Oregon Expressway and Embarcadero). The focus on increasing housing really concerns me as it is premature when our city is not planning for population growth by changing traffic routes first. The ringwood to ravenswood junction is a major problem, as is Marsh road through Middlefield and Willow - not to mention how unsafe they are for bikes and pedestrians, lacking safe bike lanes as well as sidewalks. Please focus on addressing these slow, single lane, very congested roads before increasing housing - we're not equipped yet!
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Name	Eleanor de Jong
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 10:23AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Home security, with a rise in burglaries should be number 1-5.
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Name	Scott Fross
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 6:33PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Home burglaries Police enforcement
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Name	Kristin Cashin
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 8:44PM
Receipt number	67
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Residential safety. No more robberies. Climate change should be last and if necessary not on the list at this point given other priorities
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Name	Alexa Leon-Prado
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 8:44PM
Receipt number	69
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Neighborhood watchdog and more police surveillance. Protection of public parks from housing developments
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Name	Alireza Mahdian
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 8:51PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Reduction in burglaries
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Name	elizabeth blandford
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 9:00PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Crime and burglary in our area of Sharon Heights and surrounding areas in our community. Our downtown area needs more businesses and perhaps a makeover to make it more inviting and attractive. No more housing since parking there is a problem, for the businesses and public along with too much traffic now.
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Name	Karen Ramirez
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 9:51PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

In Menlo Park, there are only a few parks with playgrounds that properly serve different age groups. This is especially true in Sharon Heights, where the neighborhood has only a very small playground. The current space and equipment are not sufficient for the growing number of young families moving into the area.

As more families with toddlers and school-aged children settle here, the need for larger, well-designed, and age-appropriate play spaces is increasing. A bigger playground with diverse equipment, open space, and seating for caregivers would better support children's development and strengthen the sense of community. Expanding and upgrading this park is now a necessity, not a luxury.

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Name	Maryam Veisi
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 9:53PM
Receipt number	73
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Low presence of polices in residential areas has increased the number of robberies in Sharon heights
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Name	Maryam veisi
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 9:55PM
Receipt number	74
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Address the many many robberies occurring in West Menlo. Many of us are living in fear and feel that we're living in a Third World country instead of Menlo Park. And nothing is done. As for housing, I have tried for two years to build an ADU and there are so many costly consultants and barriers then, unless you have a manufactured home brought in it's about impossible.
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Name	Louise DeDera
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 10:17PM
Receipt number	75
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Safety/crime #1 Everything else is a distant 2nd, 3rd, etc.
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Name	Nicole Pack
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 10:48PM
Receipt number	76
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Agree with emergency and disaster preparedness and safe routes. Suggest to add stricter enforcement of petty crime and traffic enforcement (running stop signs and speeding) in our neighborhoods.
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Name	Jennifer Barsanti
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 12:26AM
Receipt number	77
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1) As a Sharon Heights resident for over 25 years, I am horrified at the level of home break-ins in Sharon Heights and, as I read the posts on Next Door, the absence of police presence, and timely follow-up to these break-ins, and when people caught on residents' cameras. 2) The fact that the Downtown parking lot issue has been able to make it onto the ballot, with what I perceive is no support of the City, speaks volumes that a) people understand and want to support affordable housing, but gutting our downtown to do it is not the way to go. Compared to Los Altos, Burlingame, and San Carlos, I feel ashamed of our downtown, the outdoor restaurant set up I totally support, yet it looks like a shanty town. I still cannot work out why Santa Cruz Avenue, driving east, forces us to turn right before Walgreens because the street is closed.

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Name Jennifer de St Georges

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 8:02AM
Receipt number	78
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	some should still remain was priority just like improving downtown Menlo Park. But there needs to be improvement in security around residential areas and managing the coyote population around Sharon Heights neighborhood. priority needs to be given in better managing speed around all Menlo Park.
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Name	caroline lacoste
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 8:05AM
Receipt number	79
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Crime reduction (burglaries and home break-ins) in Sharon Heights and West Menlo Park

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Name

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 8:13AM
Receipt number	80
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Yes: Neighbourhood safety

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Name Vivek Bhaman

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 8:15AM
Receipt number	81
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Residential Burglaries
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Name	Scott Oesterling
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 8:22AM
Receipt number	82
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. License plate readers in Sharon Heights
2. Police petrol
3. Faster Police response to break ins/burglaries in Sharon Heights

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Name Ramon J Peypoch

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Email

[REDACTED]

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 8:36AM
Receipt number	84
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Menlo Park public safety should be #1!

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Name Bob Finocchio

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 8:44AM
Receipt number	85
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Revitalize downtown use town and country as a model look what they did. Turned around a ghost town it's vibrant. Look at all the sales tax revenue you are losing w vacant store fronts. We are opening a business and it sure won't be in downtown Menlo Park. It's a sad site for a Silicon Valley hub. Compare yourselves to sister cities and you fall short of all standards. Own up to your disastrous policies and priorities
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Name	Ciryisuft [REDACTED]
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Submitted on	28 February 2026, 8:47AM
Receipt number	86
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I am concerned about the seeming uptick in crime (robbery/burglary) in the Sharon Heights area, and possibly all over Menlo Park.
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Name	Colleen Grant
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 8:59AM
Receipt number	87
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Home break-ins in Sharon Heights are at epidemic levels. While the 5 top priorities listed here are worthy of attention, it's hard to see any of them making MP a better place to live if you don't feel safe in your own home. Reducing/eliminating home break-ins must be in the top 5. Since the state-mandated housing effort will receive attention regardless, perhaps it could be replaced.
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Name	shanda bahles
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 9:02AM
Receipt number	88
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Home break-ins in Sharon Heights

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Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 9:03AM
Receipt number	89
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>Safety and security of residents should be one of the top priorities for next year. We live in Sharon Heights and security and safety have been less than desired.</p> <p>Replacing parking lots with housing does not make any sense. We try our best to keep the businesses alive in that area and removing parking spaces would make visiting those businesses very difficult.</p> <p>We also need to preserve the open spaces we have.</p>
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Name	Jackie Tornes
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 9:19AM
Receipt number	90
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1) Protecting our parks. As we build more housing, we need more open spaces for people to exercise and relax. The parks have been discussed for housing in the past. We need a measure to protect our parks and open spaces from development. After are, our name is Menlo... Park.

2) Safety remains a concern. In the past 2 years there have been a disturbing number of break-ins. How is the city protecting its citizens and what efforts are we taking to catch these criminals?

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Name Edie Goldberg

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 9:20AM
Receipt number	91
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes. Preventing crime particularly home break-ins, burglaries, and home invasions (break-ins while owners are at home).
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Name	Derek Marsano
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 9:39AM
Receipt number	92
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Continued Crime reduction efforts
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Name	Andrea Wilcox
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 11:32AM
Receipt number	93
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name MaryAnn Miotto

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 8:46PM
Receipt number	378
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

A major priority I would like to see addressed is the renovation of the DO Menlo Park Library. Today's libraries are built to provide meeting rooms, student study rooms, cafes, maker spaces and vibrant ESL programs. Libraries are a lot more than research facilities of the past. They're evolving into places where people work on projects, quiet rooms to write college papers and socialize. What better place to congregate than at the library centrally located downtown.

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Name MaryAnn Miotto

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 1:41PM
Receipt number	94
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	stop the rash of burglaries improve communication with police upgrade 911 capabilities
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Name	Lori Rafield
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 1:53PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

#1 A is meeting the short term Ca housing deadlines. #1B is a long term vision (10yr?)and tactical plan for the city that includes housing requirements (public and private land), traffic evaluation/ recommendations, and environmental initiatives. We are missing the vision which is hampering the discussions between citizens and the city council and causing citizens to feel that the plans are not well thought through.

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Name Lizzie Bradley

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 9:08PM
Receipt number	303
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Increased home safety and prevention of burglaries especially in West Menlo and Sharon Heights where home break-ins have double from 2024 to 2025.
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Name	Liz
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 2:43PM
Receipt number	96
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Honestly, I believe that the council has done so little to help downtown that we now find ourselves with building proposals that have created monster controversy.

First Menlo Park needs to take on parking. At least one of those open lots should have been built out to a full parking garage decades ago. I don't care what the naysayers have to say about preserving a "small town feel", even small towns have parking structures.

And what ever happened to the sidewalk widening that the city was going to do? Oh yeah, parking.

Second, the city needs to work on a long term plan to implement an East-West mass transit solution.

Third. The city needs to step into the 21st century and push back on the vocal minority that want to feel like they live in a 1950's town.

Fourth. The city needs to have a plan to implement the movement of all utilities to underground services.

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Name KENNETH BAKER

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 3:44PM
Receipt number	97
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Downtown vibrancy would be my top. We've seen a shift already with dining options like Clark's, Yeobo coming in. I hope to see this continue. It was tough to see beloved places like Carpaccio's close, somewhere I went as a child and hoped to take my child now that we live in Menlo Park too. I hope there will be more places like that coming in and staying. I'm also eager to see things come in to the stretch of downtown that is all "Vacant". Would be great to open it up to exercise studios, more caffes/fast casual places, etc. I know something has to change to allow the workout studios but would be in favor of that shift. Beats a bunch of vacant rug shops which are just a stain on Santa Cruz ave.

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Name	Lauren Hall
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 4:30PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Neighborhood safety and property crime prevention

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Name Sonia K Sandhu

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 5:12PM
Receipt number	99
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name Glenn Haegele

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 5:16PM
Receipt number	100
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Top priority should be continuing to increase downtown vibrancy. There have been some new restaurant openings but we have a long way to go. The parking issue is a problem, and that is before the parking lots are taken away by the housing plan favored by the city council and opposed by many Menlo Park residents
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Name	Terri Goehner
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:50PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Broaden downtown to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies.  Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.
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Name	Terri Goehner
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 7:29PM
Receipt number	101
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Create a Dark sky ordinance to cut down light pollution of our skies and causing light nuisance to neighbors and animals. It's also good for the planet!

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Name

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 7:59PM
Receipt number	102
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>Skip the climate action. Menlo Park does not have enough money or expertise to make a difference. Downtown vibrancy will make us all proud of our town. Housing done by the private sector is one of the top priorities but the town must not erect barriers in the form of unjust regulations and mindless requirements. (Do I recall correctly that during Covid the town allowed construction by town crews but disallowed private construction, even outdoors?)</p> <p>Appears a new mindset is required at city hall if anything productive is to be done.</p>
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Name	Carolyn Poe
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 8:09PM
Receipt number	103
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown vibrancy should be the top priority, traffic flow so cars can move through town, basic infrastructure including schools, outside play spaces, grocery stores (not just restaurants and coffee shops), basic life needs.
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Name	Kristin Smith
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 9:34PM
Receipt number	104
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	1 March 2026, 7:04AM
Receipt number	105
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Crime including home burglaries and robberies
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Name	Suzanne E. Taylor
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	1 March 2026, 7:41AM
Receipt number	106
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name Elizabeth Moslander

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	1 March 2026, 10:19AM
Receipt number	107
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	West Menlo Park burglary rise.
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Name	Marina Nagy
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	1 March 2026, 1:01PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name Eric Butler M. D.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	1 March 2026, 3:44PM
Receipt number	109
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Crime prevention to address burglaries in Sharon Heights
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Name	Janice Buckley
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	1 March 2026, 8:04PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	The recent rise in assaults and burglaries and the lack of action from the city. The police is not visible in the neighborhood unless it is at Starbucks, no patrols to be seen to the point that citizens are hiring private security companies. This unacceptable. The other one is downtown vibrancy.
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Name	Christine Arnould
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	1 March 2026, 10:12PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Safety
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Name	Geeta Banda
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	1 March 2026, 11:26PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Crime - home burglaries should be added to the list too. We are seeing a dramatic rise in Central Menlo. We need a coordinated police and community approach and response. Thank you
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Name	Colleen Foraker
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	2 March 2026, 8:09AM
Receipt number	114
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

One. In central and West Menlo Park, the MPPD has failed to address the growing volume of residential burglaries, which is now at or near 50 for the last two years. An unacceptable number. If we're not putting a double – digit number of officers on the street, why is Menlo Park buying paying for and servicing approximately 17 marked units, plus the unmarked cars? We can do better than that.

2. The planning department and council are not taking seriously the housing controversy over municipally on parking lot. The spend pattern is consistent with pushing a problem down to the next council, and failing to support the current council so they have more than 17 minutes of background to chew on during a public meeting. This is the critical spend issue for next year.

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Name Lee Altschuler

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	2 March 2026, 10:03AM
Receipt number	115
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I believe the City has made good progress on several of the previously identified priorities. Now, in addition to continuing to address "Downtown Vibrancy," the City should add to the list the Menlo Park Main Library. For almost a decade, the Main Library has been described by residents, City staff and outside experts as inadequate to meet the needs of the Menlo Park community. The efforts of the library staff are exemplary, but the short, medium and long term needs of the Library now deserve focus by the City. This need is especially critical as new housing is developed and many more residents will be served by a building that is outdated and in need of upgrades and a long term plan for renovation or replacement. Patrons of the library have responded to city surveys pointing out the need for upgrades and improvements at this most-used City facility. The time has come to move this City hub to the top of the priority list.

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Name	Carol Orton
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	2 March 2026, 11:07AM
Receipt number	116
Related form version	2

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Upgrading and modernizing the Menlo Park Library.
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Name	Luther Orton
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	2 March 2026, 3:04PM
Receipt number	117
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please make the Menlo Park Main Library a focus because it needs upgrading, expansion, and modernization to be a resource for our growing city. The main library doesn't match the currency of the rest of the city. We sit in the heart of Silicon Valley, a neighbor to world-class Stanford University, and adjacent to hubs of tech innovation and investment, and yet our public library is aging and tired and not a match for the community and its public schools.
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Name	Carol B
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	2 March 2026, 4:36PM
Receipt number	118
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please include upgrading the Alma library facility and programs to prepare for the future as Palo Alto has done. I really appreciate the online Libby system and my husband borrows books weekly. There are so many educational opportunities which could be housed in the library for students and adults. Especially important is access to internet and AI services for our low income housing residents.
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Name	Lily Hurlimann
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	2 March 2026, 5:05PM
Receipt number	119
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Climate action should not be the city's top priority--I would like to see the streets in better condition and the downtown cleaned up. I've noticed a public water fountain in one of the parking lots has been in disrepair for more than a month. Public safety needs to be added to the priorities--there have been too many burglaries and not any real response from the city or the police. Last year those topics were considered business as usual--they need more attention.
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Name	Marcia Ryles
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	2 March 2026, 8:12PM
Receipt number	120
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name Lennard Hachmann

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	2 March 2026, 9:35PM
Receipt number	121
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Nealon par tennis courts 1 and 2 have no lights. 60% of light bulbs are not working. It's hard to see anything, especially on court 1! It would be great if we could fix it, so there would be no accidents regarding to this issue

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Name Liza Voloshyna

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Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	2 March 2026, 10:50PM
Receipt number	122
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

One additional priority I would emphasize for City Council is strengthening equity through thoughtful, coordinated planning. Poor planning often leads to wasted public funds, duplicated efforts, and initiatives that fail to meet residents' needs. It also consumes valuable staff time and asks community members to repeatedly engage in processes that do not produce meaningful results.

The Council should prioritize clear goals, measurable outcomes, inclusive engagement, and transparent reporting. By centering equity from the start and committing to thorough planning, the City can maximize impact, reduce inefficiencies, and build stronger trust with residents.

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Name	Eduardo Hernandez
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	2 March 2026, 11:26PM
Receipt number	123
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Improving pickleball play at Nealon Park.
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Name	David Yoshida
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 7:28AM
Receipt number	124
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Nothing much happened with the list. Many ADU'S, city needs to ensure they are rented and count as housing. Needs to be ongoing inquiry. A city that cares about the maintenance of the entire city not just downtown. Menlo Park is run down, Willow Road is an embarrassment, weeds, poorly pruned plants into balls. We need a major, ongoing cleanup for all of Menlo. Need art commission, murals, painted utility boxes, art gatherings. There used to be an art festival on Santa Cruz each year. More gatherings in general to bring people here who spend money. Develop a strategy to require commercial buildings be rented. More popups? This should be part of downtown. We need dark sky's. Palo Alto is so far ahead with mural painting and dark skies. Care more about trees as part of climate action. Safe routes? There should be a crossing guard at Bay and Ringwood. In general Menlo has no money, stop waving fees, giving breaks on required fees like streeteries. Lack of income affects everything else.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 7:55AM
Receipt number	125
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown Vibrancy does not go with the City Council's housing plan to fill our three parking lots with Section 8 housing. On Saturday night we drove through the parking lots closest to Roma twice before we found an open slot. PLEASE LET THE PEOPLE OF MENLO PARK DECIDE HOW TO USE THE PARKING LOTS!
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Name	janeene johnson
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 8:12AM
Receipt number	126
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 12:10PM
Receipt number	127
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Continue the priority to support street safety, including using QuickBuild methods to advance bike lanes on El Camino Real. Menlo Park is a lovely place for pedestrians if we can align our infrastructure with that of a world class city
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Name	Jessica Beeli
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 1:12PM
Receipt number	128
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>Make progress toward completion of the Middle Ave tunnel a priority task. The city made a mistake years ago by not ensuring completion of the tunnel as part of ECR development. The Middle Ave Plaza was designed with with a tunnel expected. As far as cost goes, Palo Alto is actively considering a new bike/pedestrian tunnel and Menlo Park has a partial design. Complete the design steps and figure out how to get the tunnel funded by working with Stanford as the property owner whose buildings and residents will benefit from a completed tunnel. Cross-town connectivity has been abandoned by MP for too long. Make it a priority.</p>
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Name	John Kadvany
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 12:45PM
Receipt number	129
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Flashers at crosswalk between Oak Grove and Mills ave like further up the block, as cars regularly blow past pedestrians.</li><li>2) If possible, changing the Caltrain stop to be a quiet stop, at least at night (depending on cost of modifications)</li><li>3) Continue to move multifamily housing developments forward and streamline process, including downtown developments.</li><li>4) Hardening bike lanes with reflective plastic dividers</li><li>5) Support the regional transit funding measure given the importance of Caltrain to downtown.</li><li>6) Terminate the use of any Flock cameras due to safety and privacy concerns.</li><li>7) Adopt rules for use of "smart glasses" in public locations.</li><li>8) Ban ICE/CBP from staging or otherwise using city resources and establish a reporting plan to public and the press if ICE/CBP violate state or city law ala South San Francisco</li><li>9) Streamlining permitting to allow additional mixed use in new and existing development, particularly near or in downtown.</li><li>10) Sidewalk access for M-A students.</li></ol>
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Name	Christopher Porter-Carlton
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 12:48PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I would like safe routes to be a higher priority - but matched with creating more and better walkable spaces in town. I not only support the existing plaza on santa cruz, but I think we should eliminate the single travel lane after the first block from ECR. We need more third spaces in this town where kids can hang out and people can meet up without having to share the space with car exhaust. And safe routes MUST have enforcement because way too many cars still routinely drive and park in bike lanes. I also think it would be great if we weren't the last town on the peninsula to add protected bike lanes to ECR. Quick builds are a good way to start.
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Name	Jacqui Cebrian
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 12:58PM
Receipt number	131
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I still do not understand why all three affordable housing projects must be located on an already busy street (Oak Grove Ave) in parking lot space which serves essential businesses (post office, hardware store etc.) Is there truly NO OTHER location where young families might want to live?? Why couldn't unit be built downtown for folks who don't mind living on a busy street and the other two be built accessible to public transport and amenities but less in the middle of the busy downtown. - perhaps in space near the main library area or the duck pond?
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Name	Moira Cullen
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 1:27PM
Receipt number	132
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	We need to have crime prevention as our top priority. Also in order to minimize risk, police should be able to respond in 5 minutes. Suggest having a substation in or near Sharon Heights.
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Name	Maya Sewald
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Submitted on	3 March 2026, 1:55PM
Receipt number	133
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please support LOW INCOME housing. It is desperately needed. And we need to support seniors who are low-income too. Too many are single, isolated , and not eating healthy meals.
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Name	Roberta Ahlquist
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 1:59PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I am interested in building as many housing units as is possible. I want my city to do its part in addressing California's housing shortage - as quickly and efficiently as possible!
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Name	Lusann Yang
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:18PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	No more housing please
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Name	Boris Dynin
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:19PM
Receipt number	136
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Dont take away the downtown parking!!!
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Name	Sara herman
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:19PM
Receipt number	137
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Open Santa Cruz Avenue up since traffic is so bad. And please let any new business come to downtown Do not ruin our downtown with low income housing
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Name	Keri
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:22PM
Receipt number	138
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>These top priorities are vague and unfortunately seem to represent progressive causes and not the real challenges of our community.</p> <p>I am in favor of Broaden downtown zoning Support the Sam Trans Proposal Explore alternative sites for low income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses</p>
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Name	Richard Draeger
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:24PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	downtown seems to be improving. continuing with helpful zoning and filling vacant spaces will keep the town strong. looking to build affordable housing in alternate sites is essential to keep the downtown strong, vibrant and growing. Building housing in the parking lots will decimate downtown for years to come.
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Name	mitchell bearg
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:28PM
Receipt number	140
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Maintain the character of Menlo Park's neighborhoods rather than turn them into high density housing;
2. Enhance crime prevention, especially home invasion property crimes, e.g. install license plate readers;
3. Take care not to increase traffic and parking problems, e.g. by overbuilding residential and commercial properties without adequate parking and traffic flow;
4. Find the least intrusive areas to build additional housing to comply with the state's mandate.

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Name Stephen Ellingson

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:29PM
Receipt number	141
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Keep the parking lots in downtown. Do not turn them into housing
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Name	Charles Linker
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:33PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.
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Name	Annetta McCarty
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Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:35PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Let's try to be more specific to shorten the amount of mulling time spent. - Update the downtown zoning to reflect the current circumstances - Take SamTrans up on using the abandoned RR line from RWC to East MP as a bus corridor - Require licensing for e-bikes that being ridden at motorcycle speeds - Address the challenge of burglaries that have overrun Peninsula police forces
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Name	Mark Bernstein
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:37PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses. Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies.
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Name	Katie Gardner
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:48PM
Receipt number	145
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Loosen up downtown zoning to be more like Los Altos. Get busses going on the old freight line. Forget climate issues, they are more effective at a larger geography, like the state, or the entire bay area.
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Name	Susan E Woodward [REDACTED]
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:49PM
Receipt number	146
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The most important priorities are:

Downtown vibrancy / retail-friendliness  
Emergency and disaster preparedness  
Housing  
Safe routes

I think these are more critical than climate action at the local level.

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Name Michael Kramer

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Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:52PM
Receipt number	148
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I am very interested in seeing the main library be modernized for today's needs, especially given the large amount of new housing planned for the areas around the library. Properly designed and updated, it could serve many needs or our population.
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Name	Leigh Flesher
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:54PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	With all the burglaries in Menlo Park, we need to have more police and more patrolling. This is not the same Menlo Park as it used to be, so we can not have the status quo in police patrol. Your residents really need you to step it up.
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Name	Kiran Kapany
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 2:56PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown vibrancy is great wording. The new retail and restaurants in downtown have been an amazing add to our small community. Getting rid of parking lots to jam 1,000 units into downtown will forever change what everyone loves Menlo Park for today. Quaint/wholesome downtown. I know most of the shop owners and they know my kids as we frequent downtown daily. With construction congestion and parking limitations, we will lose our vibrancy and people will stop going to downtown and opt for other convenient options.
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Name	Kyle Caldwell
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Honestly, I think the most important issue facing Menlo Park right now is the threat to the vibrancy / efficacy / utility of the downtown shopping area, due to the irrational plan to put affordable housing (with minimal parking space) into the parking lots behind commercial entities that face Santa Cruz Ave.... this is not only irrational but also destructive to the lives of the citizens of Menlo Park... if that kind of housing is needed, it should be place in parks west of El Camino Real rather than anywhere near the commercial areas around MP downtown
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Name	Jon Woodruff
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:02PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that do not jepordize downtown businesses.
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Name	Mary
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:05PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	My order of importance would be Housing first then: Downtown Vibrancy Climate Action Emergency and disaster preparedness Safe Routes
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Name	Wendy McPherson
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I think we need to be more community driven in our decisions. Community-serving business that are now prohibited could be welcomed tenants to downtown and fill vacancies. Win Win. I do not like the downtown development plan which takes away very needed parking lots for housing. I understand the need for low-income housing but when is enough enough? Menlo Park is already incredibly crowded with horrible traffic, congested (and thereby) unsafe streets at school commute hours. I'd like to see growth in areas of real estate vacancies and increased bus service lines instead of housing.
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Name	Gail Morey
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:08PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	A police presence downtown, obviously not always. But often enough so drivers feel less compelled to go right through stop signs. It's not always safe to just walk if you are disabled and older.
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Name	Nancy Davenport
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:10PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies.
2. Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City.
3. Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.

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Name Ravi Majeti

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:12PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

What did the City actually DO to in 2025-2026 to improve Downtown vibrancy? It approved in July 2025 a project to create a new public plaza on the 600 block of Santa Cruz and eight months later NOTHING has been implemented. City Councils simply do not care about the poor conditions in our Downtown, e.g., streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and parking lots are neglected. A wealthy city deserves a lot more! It is shameful.

Also, they City needs a credible plan for meeting its affordable housing requirements by 2031.

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Name	Dana Hendrickson
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:13PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	*preserve the downtown area parking lots; or build parking structures in the near term *broaden downtown zoning. We do not need more rug stores. Retail only zoning has not worked
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Name	Samuel L. Wright III
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:17PM
Receipt number	159
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown vibrancy - top priority Housing - should NOT be a top 5 priority
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Name	Remo Julian Giuntoli
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:25PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Don't not defy reality but declaring downtown parking lots surplus property. No one can build on downtown lots, as city property, unless the council ignores reality, misuses a legal loophole of "exempt" surplus property, and turns its back on residents and small business to make a colossal gift to developers who prey on tax loopholes and government subsidies. Forsaking downtown this way to build housing projects makes the whole idea worthy of the Cabrini-Green name.

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Name

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:26PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.
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Name	Peter Enemark
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:31PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.
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Name	YUNG-HUA CHU
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:39PM
Receipt number	163
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>Rather than these 5 generic priorities, I would focus on the following: Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies. Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City. Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.</p>
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Name	Philippe Poux
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:40PM
Receipt number	164
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies.</p> <p>Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City.</p> <p>Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses and parking lots</p>
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Name	Daniele Levy
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:44PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name Todd R Morey

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:47PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies now!  Immediately explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses. Focus on building mixed income housing throughout the city on all available lots.
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Name	Christopher Maxcy
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:47PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Top priority should be Emergency and disaster preparedness. Such preparation, or lack of it, affects human life, our neighbors and ours. This must be top priority
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Name	David Fogel
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:49PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I think climate action should be last. We need to focus on safe Streets, housing, and other priorities. As much as we want to be climate conscious, it should not be a priority. Money should be spent elsewhere
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Name	Anna Alioto-Hogan
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:52PM
Receipt number	169
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies. Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City. Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.
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Name	Bella Maxcy
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 3:55PM
Receipt number	170
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown vibrancy should be the main goal. Eliminate the dining areas taking up parking spaces on Santa Cruz. More parking brings more people. And, these areas are ugly.
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Name	Bradford G Phillips
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on 3 March 2026, 3:59PM  
Receipt number 171  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

As a property owner of 825 & 827 Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park I would like to see the following.  
Currently all Garbage Cans, Recycling Bins, and Grease/Fat Containers are placed outside in the back on the sidewalk in the rear of the buildings. This does not make the rear areas, for all the businesses, inviting for customers, and is really an unwelcoming sight to see. It is a cluttered mess. Also, most, if not all, stores cannot place these bins inside their premises for obvious reasons due to sanitary and health issues.  
I would like to see if the City of Menlo Park can recommend to build a storage area using a parking space or two to allow these cans to be stored away from the buildings. The City of Burlingame has these refuse storage huts for businesses and they blend in to make the areas cleaner and aesthetically pleasing.  
A change is needed here, and hopefully, the City of Menlo Park can assist in improving the storage of the garbage and recycling cans.

Name JOHN ZARO

Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 4:00PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I believe Menlo Park needs to expand the zoning for downtown to include more than just retail. I've heard rumors of arcades and studios that would bring life to downtown and I think those should be acceptable uses in the stores.
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Name	Chrissy Bertolli
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 4:01PM
Receipt number	173
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies.</p> <p>Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City.</p> <p>Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.</p>
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Name	Lulu maxcy
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 4:09PM
Receipt number	174
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Broaden downtown zoning or we shall never have any vibrancy!  
Explore more sensible sites for low income housing that would not  
jeopardize small businesses and would encourage other businesses to come  
here to serve this community!

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Name Cynthia Hockey

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Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 4:12PM
Receipt number	175
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Revising the zoning rules for downtown to include fitness studios, pet services, etc. would help fill shop vacancies. Also would like city to explore low-income housing options in spaces other than the downtown parking lots, and report on those other options (SRI, Bohannon Office Park, etc.).
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Name	Yolande Wackerman
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name Timothy P Johnston

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Email

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 4:18PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Re safe routes, please work to make the bike commute to and from La Entrada Middle School as safe as possible by painting a contra bike lane on Altschul Avenue between Sharon Road and Avy Avenue. This would link up with the contrabike lane already in place on Altschul Avenue from Avy Avenue to Valparaiso Avenue.
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Name	Rob Jordan
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 4:23PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I don't want low cost housing in the current parking lots. I need to be able to park next to where I shop at my age!
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Name	Lilly Schulte
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown zoning should be modified to include personal and community services. Follow Los Altos' lead -- they did an incredible job revitalizing that downtown area! No huge apartment buildings crammed into vital parking lots -- have a long term plan that creates thoughtful housing people want to live and stay in with parks, community services and reasonable access to transportation. The underpass at Middle should and needs to happen asap. So many students must cross El Camino to get to Menlo Atheron and other schools. It is not safe!
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Name	Amy Kurpius
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Explore alternative sites rather than downtown parking lots for low income housing.
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Name	Frank Mirkhani
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 5:06PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies.  Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.
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Name	Tricia Teason
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 5:12PM
Receipt number	183
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Listen to your constituents, look for alternate solutions for low income housing besides downtown Menlo Park!!!

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Name Vicki Vasilakos

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Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



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Receipt number	184
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	no, but I would add improve pavement of city parking lots
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Name	Carolyn Jakopin
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 5:20PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Downtown businesses and the historic family/children/senior/disability access quality of life in Menlo Park needs to be preserved. Please find another location other than the parking lots in downtown Menlo Park to provide low income housing requirements that might very likely make more economic/financial/convenience sense for folks needing low income housing. If I needed low cost housing, I would not want to be stuck in very expensive downtown Menlo Park. Where can you eat that is not expensive? Where can you shop for food that is not expensive? What Minimal easily accessible public transportation to get a person to less expensive markets and businesses is there? How can downtown accommodate more traffic & less parking spaces? The parking lot proposal for the downtown Menlo Park low income housing requirements needs to be shelved & re-evaluated so we can come up with and provide something better in many ways for those in need and also for our current businesses and families.

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Name	Charlotte Meisel
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I'm opposed to housing being built in existing parking lots.
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Name	PJ Meys
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I would like to see the downtown shopping zone revitalized. Creating low income housing in the middle of it would destroy the ambiance of the city. I suggest that other sites be considered for low income housing such as the SRI property which is currently vacant.
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Name	Scott Reed Lambert
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Submitted on	3 March 2026, 6:47PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Although I like the Flock cameras, the CEO's comment that being against Flock, is the same as being procrime, sounds dismissive of local needs. I would restrict or remove them.
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Name	William Weiler
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Submitted on	3 March 2026, 6:50PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please prioritize affordable housing WITH URGENCY. Also please protect our vulnerable community members by continuing to avoid any collaboration with ICE.
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Name	Jen Mazzon
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 6:52PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) downtown vibrancy-to many vacant shops. create more interesting landscape downtown. Bring more business to downtown.</li><li>2) complete downtown park area in front of Wallgreens.</li><li>3) fix grass in Fremont Park and Seminary Oaks Park. Grass is a mess. Fix landscaping., prune trees, clean both parks up.</li><li>4) encourage police to have more of a presence in downtown to discourage teens from valdazing Wallgreens and other stores.</li></ol>
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Name	Gail Farwell
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Submitted on	3 March 2026, 7:03PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	--Put restrictions on the use of e-bikes by children to maximize safety for all. --Remove the current concrete maze impeding traffic along Alameda de las Pulgas from Sandhill Road to Avy St. --Re-do the existing parking lots behind the south side of businesses so that cars can safely drive through each row.
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Name	Dr. Pamela Kaiser
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 7:06PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I think it's clear that the biggest issue our town faces right now is housing. Please consider looking at alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses and vitality. There are several very viable options.
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Name	Katie Hahn
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 7:09PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies. Los Altos did this and it's made a tremendous difference!
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Name	Katie Hahn
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses like the SRI site.

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Name Eric Fain

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please strongly consider alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses and cause endless traffic/parking problems. We love MP for many reasons, but the ease of getting to where we want to go and not having to search endlessly parking is certainly one of them. It was an intrinsic part of MP's charm and culture.
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Name	Marc Sanders
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 7:18PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown vibrancy Housing Traffic
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Name	Daniel Stallsmith
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 7:22PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) we should search for alternative low-income housing sites that do not utilize downtown Menlo Park land (including the downtown heavily used parking lots)</li><li>2) we should allow expanded zoning for businesses in downtown Menlo Park so we can reduce the vacancies and increase vibrancy.</li><li>3) we should dramatically increase the police deterrence and investigative capabilities to reduce home break-ins and correspondingly bring thieves to justice.</li></ol>
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Name	Edward Hanover
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 7:46PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Menlo Park should consider how best to ensure a safe haven for our undocumented community members. It should also follow the lead of many cities and counties in no longer using technology from Flock.
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Name	Scott Herscher
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 7:48PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Traffic has gotten awful in MP over the last few years. I would suggest to add traffic mitigation to the above list.
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Name	Jan Weber
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 7:56PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

- 1) down town has too many vacancies. Zoning parameters must evolve so that all spaces are filled with vibrant community business.
- 2) housing- a non down town place. A place needs parking, good access to public transportation
- 3) I support public transportation thst connects east Menlo Park through bel haven and fair oaks to Redwood City.

We should try to make Menlo Park more functional and livable with good access and parking down town, with full occupancy of buildings.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 8:05PM
Receipt number	201
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses or parking for shopping, banking, Dr. appointments, dining etc. USGS property is a good alternative site, but can low income residents really afford \$4000 or more monthly for Menlo Park housing? 10% below market rate is still not affordable for lower income residents or workers, it's only good for the building owners and city taxes, let's b real.
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Name	Steve and Maureen Snider
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 8:10PM
Receipt number	202
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Downtown vibrancy is imperative. Traffic flow could be improved dramatically. Timing of lights throughout the city is designed to cause congestion in the name of "safety". Limited use of red light cameras with enforcement might be beneficial.

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Name John DeCarlis

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 8:16PM
Receipt number	203
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies. Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City. Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.
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Name	Elizabeth Mattsson
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 8:27PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I agree with the priorities but believe it is critically important to be more specific when it comes to the priority of Housing, in two ways:

First, this priority should be reworded to be: "Meet Our RHNA Housing Allocation". I am increasingly worried that we will not meet our RHNA goals and lose control of planning and zoning. This could result in more projects like 80 Willow, which I would be terrible, not solely because the project does not fit our city, but also because it is taking up inordinate amounts of staff and citizen time. We should make hitting our RHNA allocation THE key housing priority.

Second, we should have an explicit focus on simplifying and streamlining our byzantine and slow permitting process. Neighbors and friends I talk to are very frustrated with how confusing it is to know how to get a permit and how long that process takes. There are ample opportunities to solve both of these, starting with rethinking the policies and practices around substandard lots.

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Name	Andrew Ehrich
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on 3 March 2026, 8:40PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Priority should be given to allowing more businesses to exist downtown and along ElCamino . Far too many restrictions. Los Altos has done a great job!! Burlingame and San Carlos have done very well too. Why we have 20-30 % vacancy is solely the fault of the city of Menlo Park. We have parking yet you are hell bent on taking it away. NO! Allow more kinds of businesses to populate Santa Cruz and the side streets! We should also be accommodating more non retail businesses into the area and promoting free and easy access parking. How about a Jamba Juice or a Habit Burger for adults and kids. Maybe another Gotts type establishment. The list of potentials goes on and on yet every other town gets them. Clark's is a great addition but expensive to take a family with kids.

I do like the Sam Trans idea with the tracks to Redwood City but just heard about it . No need for more climate initiatives.

Name Phil Johnston

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 8:41PM
Receipt number	206
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies.  Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.
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Name	Irina Mikhina
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 8:52PM
Receipt number	207
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Housing Downtown vibrancy Better public transit Balance of electrical and gas needs
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Name	Patricia Seawell
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 8:56PM
Receipt number	208
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	CRIME
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Name	John Gargiulo
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Email	[REDACTED]
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Phone	NA
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 9:07PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Fixing downtown by cleaning up the streets, open retail to more varieties of small businesses, and review the budget from a necessity point of view Additional housing can be reviewed at the Laurel street properties owned by the city. earthquake preparedness. is real. and needed the middle avenue undercrossing under the Caltrain tracks should be paid by Stanford since it mostly helps its tenants in their housing project
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Name	bruce adornato
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 9:43PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please keep all surface parking lots as surface parking lots, so that the downtown businesses are not destroyed. If you destroy all the businesses downtown, there will be no reason to have housing there.
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Name	Jen Couperus
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 9:53PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Keep the CBD a business district not repository for the low and lower income community! That's the job you were elected to do. Forgot the climate change issue because it is dead and even if it wasn't dead you have more issues of much greater importance. Do your jobs!
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Name	Jim Gatten
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 9:56PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? sustainability—so like green spaces, clean energy—strong public services—education, healthcare, safety—and then innovation, like tech hubs, smart infrastructure, and inclusivity. Basically, making sure everyone has equitable opportunities to thrive, no matter where they come from.

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Name Dennis Karle

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 9:59PM
Receipt number	214
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Allow community-serving businesses downtown. Support the SamTrans proposal for zero emission bus service from East Menlo to downtown Redwood City. Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.
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Name	Patricia Richards
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	3 March 2026, 10:10PM
Receipt number	215
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

First priority: Find alternative spaces for low income housing without destroying our downtown businesses.  
2nd Priority: You are wasting our time and city resources with Climate Change. Drop that boondocks and move on!

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Name Jerrri Ream

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 5:50AM
Receipt number	216
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name sabrina hodgett

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Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 7:42AM
Receipt number	318
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

thefts, license plate readers and police presence in sharon heights area need to be a top priority  
one house was robbed fir the second time in what, 15 months?  
i am not sure i have ever seen a patrol car on my street  
the only time police have come is when they were called to action by specific individuals

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Name sabrina hodgett

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 8:15AM
Receipt number	217
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	More housing and environmental sustainability are my two top priorities. I definitely support the development of downtown parking lots into housing and good parking facilities
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Name	Marian Duncan
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 8:29AM
Receipt number	218
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies.  
Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City.  
Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.  
Finalize CalTrain quiet zone through MP  
Create safe spaces for bike riding and walking. Especially along El Camino and crossing El Camino.

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Name Laurie Thomas

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 8:42AM
Receipt number	219
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The number 1 priority should be revitalizing our languishing downtown area. Los Altos, Redwood City & San Carlos are all examples of how this can be done. Start with including Downtown merchants & property owners. Include repaving of the parking lots which are the City's responsibility. In their current deplorable condition they are not only eyesores, they are dangerous. The number 2 priority should be amending the flawed Housing Element eliminating the self-imposed "rule" to distribute affordable housing in all City Council Districts. While aspirational, this is neither practical nor in the best interests of our overall community. Here are some ideas - relax the height/density requirement for the "Comerica Building" & USGS projects & ask the developer to add more affordable housing. These projects meet the access to public transport. Pursue buying out the Lessee on 1000 ECR that appears to be vacant & is for lease, & designating that for a tower of units w/retail at ground.

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Name Carol Carnevale

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 8:58AM
Receipt number	220
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name JoAnn Johnston

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 9:11AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 9:21AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The city needs to put more energy into supporting and amplifying downtown vibrancy. The current housing plan for downtown would do the opposite. It would make going to Palo Alto or Los Altos more enticing.

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Name Karen Recht

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Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 9:29AM
Receipt number	223
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	City council should make sure to assess homeowner's feedback before making any decisions, especially the site for additional housing. I am opposed to putting public housing on the parking lots in downtown Menlo Park.
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Name	Shirley Clayton
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 9:29AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Focus the majority of efforts on: * Downtown Vibrancy * Emergency and disaster preparedness * Safe routes
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Name	Chris P Giannotti
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 10:27AM
Receipt number	225
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Pursue/consumate Middle crossing from Willow to El Camino. Prioritize quality of life in pursuit of housing, in particular regarding traffic. Achieve climate goals via incentives rather than mandates.
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Name	Jonathan Hahn
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 10:47AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please make the library a priority. It is a valuable community asset that is dated and needs focus On tech and upgrades
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Name	Kathy Wright
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 11:00AM
Receipt number	227
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would slightly alter the top priorities for the next year.

1. Housing - Continue existing priority to support housing by advancing affordable housing downtown to meet the needs of people who are essential and valued in our community; Implement and enact anti-displacement strategies. Both are key commitments in the Menlo Park Housing Element.

2. Transit: Add new priority to support the regional transit funding measure which is essential for our city's housing and climate goals.

3. Resident safety and civil liberties: Add new priority to terminate use of Flock cameras which have allowed unauthorized data sharing, following Mountain View and other local jurisdictions; ban ICE/CBP from staging or otherwise using city resources; report to public and the press if ICE/CBP violate state or city law following South San Francisco

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Name Vamsi Velagapudi

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Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 11:12AM
Receipt number	228
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? It doesn't look like you're doing much on climate action. Lots of talking, focus groups, discussions, listening session, surveys, but very little to zero ACTION. When are you actually going to DO something about it? It was HOT in February -- what are you waiting for?

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Name

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 11:42AM
Receipt number	230
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

- \* Prioritize the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the unused freight line.
- \* Prioritize downtown maintenance and occupancy: streetscaping, landscaping, cleanliness, and broader zoning to fill vacancies.
- \* Prioritize the study of affordable housing options that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.

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Name Van Kouzoujian

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 12:12PM
Receipt number	231
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Keep parking spaces and refrain from building multi living housing. We are overcrowded and losing parking will greatly diminish our downtown vibrancy. We also need police presence when schools release for the day as students speed through stop signs and lights on electric bikes, scooters and other electric modes of transportation.
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Name	Christie Shuchat Goodin
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 12:17PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Some of these are a priority such as Safe routes and downtown vibrancy. Currently I counted about 7 vacant store fronts. The city can broaden downtown zoning to all personal and community services, such as fitness studios to fill vacancies quickly. Downtown property owners have submitted a proposal to do this, but the City keeps postponing its review. Perhaps this needs to be a priority.

Reuse of the Dumbarton freight line to connect east Menlo Park with downtown Redwood City. SamTrans, has proposed using it for a zero-emission bus line, along with a bicycle and pedestrian path. The line would go from University Ave., past Meta, through Belle Haven, along Marsh Manor and Bohannon Office Park (a potential housing site), through Fair Oaks, all the way to downtown Redwood City.

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Name G S Karmarkar

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 12:31PM
Receipt number	233
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Traffic issues - especially with all the construction of future housing in the Linfield Oaks neighborhood. We need real solutions to the traffic nightmare that is going to happen with thousands of new residences being added to an already congested area. Traffic is a real, and frustrating, issue that must be addressed prior to construction of additional housing developments.
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Name	Sonya Fletcher
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 12:48PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

If the town has been given a mandate to build low income and standard market priced housing, they should negotiate integrating it into the SRI planned development with over 2M sqft. Per the strong Menlo Park citizen input at the town council meetings is clear the housing should not be shoe horned into downtown Menlo Park.

I think the seldom used dumbartin rail way tracks should be filled in with trees to make it a natural greenbelt. Menlo Park and county allows nearly any trees, heritage or not, to be chopped down if an ADU is requested on a permit so I think we have to increase our carbon capture with a greenbelt. It could also be combined with the Menlo Park tree canopy.org local tree planting program. I don't see the benefit as a new bus route on this land when most of our busses I believe travel with far less than capacity seating.

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Name	Charles
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 12:55PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please focus Safe Routes efforts (specifically the existing Safe Routes to School program) on infrastructure improvements around schools in Menlo Park. By focusing on infrastructure for the city's most vulnerable residents, we can encourage more families to choose biking and walking over driving to school. A focus on improving infrastructure (reducing vehicle speeds, adding protected bike lanes or sidewalks) will have the biggest impact on safety and safety perception for Menlo Park residents.
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Name	Adrian Silva
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 1:16PM
Receipt number	237
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Fill vacancies in Downtown Menlo buildings. Clean and repave parking lots. Add lighting to parking lots in downtown. Stop speeding the downtown.
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Name	Herbert Stone
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 1:24PM
Receipt number	238
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Priority should be the downtown resurgent efforts to bring more income to the city....rather than climate action, emergency/disaster preparedness, and bus lines. Then housing is a major issue. You can say you building affordable housing, but for WHO??? Not me! By the time they are built the cost is above what a senior citizen can afford.

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Name Gretta Wilson

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 2:24PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies.</p> <p>Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City.</p> <p>Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.</p>
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Name	Darcy Gamble
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	It is important to me that Menlo Park continue to include safe routes as a priority, and particularly that the Council creatively connect with residents, city departments, and schools to address the much needed infrastructure changes to support pedestrian and bicycle safety (like painted and protected bicycle lanes).
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Name	Nell Curran
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

While I believe that the existing priorities are quite relevant, I also believe that there are other important long-term matters that also require inclusion in the final list.

We all know of the value our two libraries and the exceptional staff and array of programming. We also know that our Main branch is in overdue need of a refresh/replacement in the period ahead. Such an improvement is a critical element of our city's vibrancy. Menlo Park is seeing a resurgence of new home building and restaurants. In turn, expectations about other core elements of our city services, such as libraries, are rising as well.

While a new library may be some time away, there is much work that needs to be done to make this goal a reality. Therefore, I believe that inclusion of library improvements should be added as a critical priority for Menlo Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name	Jim Rowe
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 2:42PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I know that we need housing, especially low-income housing for teachers, etc., but can the city pursue other options than to take away the parking in downtown Menlo Park? I am concerned about the businesses that need to attract customers. As a senior adult, I can't ride a bike or walk long distances, and lately going downtown I often am unable to find parking. Aren't there other places in the city of Menlo Park, close to the train & bus routes that could be used for new housing?
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Name	Carol Bunker
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 2:53PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name Suzanne Carey

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Explore Alternative Sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses. Assure support for the SamTrans Proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City.
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Name	Peg Taylor
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 3:30PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I want alternative areas selected for low income housing that won't impact downtown (I like the idea of building near the police station which is conveniently located to downtown but isn't I the way. I would like city hall to keep fighting the ghastly plan to redo the old Sunset Magazine location into huge skyscrapers. I would like city hall to help find businesses to fill the vacant spots along Santa Cruz avenue.
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Name	Martha Cohn
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 3:44PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? 1. Downtown vibrancy 2. Safe routes 3. Emergency and disaster preparedness that includes enhancing out power grid resiliency. 4. Explore alternative sites beyond downtown parking for low-income housing. 5. Public safety

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Name Ray Taylor

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Phone [REDACTED]

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Submitted on	4 March 2026, 3:45PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	1) Traffic Mitigation and Safety, 2) Preserve Residents' Quality of Life and Town Charm, 3) Housing/Managing Development (only because the State mandates this priority and it already appears to take a huge amount of City resources), 4) Neighborhood Policing 5) Improve Accountability/Transparency/Responsiveness between City Departments and Residents
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Name	Peter Cook
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 4:06PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As you set priorities for 2026–27, I urge you to center safe, connected routes for pedestrians and cyclists. We need truly safe pathways near schools and routes that link neighborhoods to one another and to athletic fields, not just improvements within individual neighborhoods. My son bikes to Upper Laurel each day from Flood Triangle, and that independence is vital to his emotional growth. It's something I deeply value about Menlo Park.

Downtown vibrancy is about people, not banners or signage. It thrives when residents of all ages and incomes are present. I'm grateful that teens have places to gather downtown and encourage more of that energy. I also look forward to more housing downtown. New homes will bring customers to local businesses, help employers hire and retain staff, reduce vacancies, and advance climate goals by cutting vehicle miles traveled, especially when housing is near transit and walkable amenities.

Thank you for your leadership.

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Name	Lesley Feldman
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 5:28PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

"Climate Action - Mitigation, Adaptation, and Resilience" remains a top priority, with some specific additions for 2026:

- 1) adoption of AC to Heat Pump ordinance for non-residential buildings;
- 2) new renter protections to prevent displacement/cost pass-throughs associated with local/regional/state electrification goals, in coordination with Housing Department's proposed renter protection ordinances already agendized for discussion for 2026;
- 3) possible financial support for CBOs, especially those in the Belle Haven community, that have expressed interest in electrifying with solar (and batteries) to act as "resilience hubs" during outages or extreme weather. JobTrain, for example, has expressed an interest in electrifying its HQ at 1200 O'Brien and keeping its CDC/preschool and other operations running during outages/extreme weather. Electrified houses of worship could also serve the community well during outage or weather emergencies.

Thank you.

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Name Angela Evans

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 6:28PM
Receipt number	251
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Seems like Safe Routes is largely implemented. Let's move something up into 5th place - for example, upgrading CalTrain intersections so they don't have to sound their horns. That would improve quality of life for those of us who live within a few blocks of the train tracks.
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Name	Steve R Walter
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 6:39PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Safe routes. Please continue to prioritize safe routes for children biking and walking to school, specifically Encinal and Laurel which have surrounding streets without sidewalks and/or tricky intersections.
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Name	Ashley Carroll
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 6:51PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Library upgrades needed - planning ahead. Regarding safe routes: police need to ticket drivers who run stop signs. It is a chronic problem in the neighborhood around Oak Knoll elementary school, and poses a frequent safety hazard.
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Name	Sheri Simmons
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 7:22PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

We need infrastructure that supports children and families biking or walking to each Menlo Park school! Please make it safer for kids to get to both Laurel campuses and to Hillview from the east side of Menlo Park. This includes enforcement around 'morning commute' near school sites.

Additionally, as part of the SRTS program, create a web page that lists current and past projects concerning safety surrounding school sites. This page should also include a space to report infrastructure concerns and 'close calls'.

Finally, can you give us an update on how you met priorities last year?

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Name melissa poulsen

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on 4 March 2026, 7:34PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

REMOVE: Safe routes (may be established?)  
CONTINUE: Coordinate Emergency with existing Neighborhood safety groups  
ADDRESS: Downtown Business Health & Parking  
ADD: Community Engagement  
As sub-part of "community engagement":  
Improve Pickleball & Tennis Courts (facilities, cleaning, maintenance, repairs)  
Accept the \$10k Hillview fees for Tennis court maintenance (per the use agreement)  
Upgrade the court lighting to be climate-friendly, timers, and low-cost-maintenance  
Add low-budget improvements to paddle racks, bag racks, signs (Hours of Use, etc.)  
Install and evaluate fence pads to mitigate noise for the west-side fence at Nealon Park  
Plan for 2027: pilot a few mornings for rainy-season indoor Pickleball at Arrillaga  
Support a joint Pickleball + Tennis advisory team to share advice and research with PRC & staff  
Long term (3-5 year) plan to anticipate and promote Pickleball's popularity in Menlo Park

Name Jim Schott

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Submitted on 4 March 2026, 8:23PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Submitted on	4 March 2026, 8:52PM
Receipt number	257
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please focus city efforts and programs on prioritizing infrastructure improvements for children biking and walking to school
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Name	Ally Fan
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 9:00PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I would add the very important "Save Downtown" issue under downtown vibrancy. There will be no downtown if this closure of 3 downtown parking lots isn't addressed and taken off the table. Where is the City Council who purports to be representing the citizens of Menlo Park??
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Name	Barbara M. Mason
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 9:24PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	The downtown main shopping street looks shabby. Old street signs, lamp posts and dead garden beds, dirty sidewalks etc. Its embarrassing. MP is such a wonderful community and the downtown does not reflect it at all.
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Name	Janelle Loevner
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on 4 March 2026, 9:55PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Fix our roads and sidewalks. Our city staff complain they are under staffed all the time and cannot do even the most basic upkeep of roads / repairs / street lights etc. So we should stop putting lofty goals like Climate action which have not provided any visible day to day benefit to residents who walk on side walks, need safe crossings.

Finish all pending projects like Willows 101 landscaping, upgrading all street lights across all parts of menlo park.

Do this on a war footing before you take on any new projects this year !!  
Focus on delivering on the SLAs.

SeeClickfix app is just ridiculous and there is response after 2+yrs on requests.

its appalling behavior. Hold City staff accountable for saving our \$\$ and doing projects on time.

Name Savita

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	4 March 2026, 10:59PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I am a longtime resident of Menlo Park and a board member of the Menlo Park Library Foundation. I strongly urge the City Council to add the Main Library to its consideration of "Downtown Vibrancy" as part of priority setting for the coming year
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Name	Lynne Fovinci
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 7:00AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Yes but with reservations. Climate, change the heritage tree ordinance to allow the city arborist to deny approval of heritage trees due to development. Too many trees are being removed because a developer or homeowner want to save money by bypassing an alternative because it costs more than the cost of removing the tree. Downtown, this has been on the list many years and nothing changes. I have not seen any improvement downtown. Council needs to develop a strategy to force building owners to rent spaces. Downtown is never clean as is the entire city. A good cleanup needs to happen citywide. Housing, stop sending all the housing to districts 1,2,3. Build on the open space in Sharon heights, build on the parking lots, stop office buildings from being built requiring more housing. Safe routes only seems to happen in some neighborhoods. Need better marked crosswalks and bike lane on Bay Road and a crossing guard at bay and Ringwood.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 7:12AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses
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Name	Jamie
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Submitted on	5 March 2026, 8:48AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The city needs to focus on rebuilding its revenue in a way that does not rely as heavily as it now does on construction. A balanced portfolio of revenue sources is imperative. The current trends for the city are unsustainable and it will take time to rebalance. Other priorities are important but this must be near the top of the list.

Second, I urge the Council to examine its zoning rules so that they encourage balanced growth rather than continuing to allow excessive office space and insufficient housing to meet the current housing AND the new housing demand from existing and new office space.

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Name	Patti Fry
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 8:55AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? residential break-ins, theft, and robberies - Keep our residences and homes safe

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Name Brooke Erin Brock

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 9:06AM
Receipt number	266
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Traffic safety around Encinal Elementary school continues to be an issue. There should be zero tolerance for cars parked in the bike lane during drop-off and pick-up hours. This is an issue that we need traffic police to prioritize. Since there is no sidewalks on Encinal Ave, the bike lane has to accommodate pedestrians, strollers, and scooters as well as bicycles. To compromise this with cars and garbage cans is egregious. Enforce the posted signs and consider painting the bike lane green as they do in Palo Alto. We are better than this!
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Name	Cheryl Chen
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 9:37AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>The City of Menlo Park has made progress on several identified priorities. While continuing to address "Downtown Vibrancy" it should include a plan for the Menlo Park Main Library. For almost a decade, the Main Library has been described by residents, City staff and outside experts as inadequate to meet the needs of the Menlo Park community. The efforts of the library staff are exemplary, but the short, medium and long term needs of the Library now deserve focus by the City. This need is especially critical as new housing is developed and many more residents will be served by a building that is outdated and in need of upgrades and a long term plan for renovation or replacement. Patrons of the library have responded to city surveys pointing out the need for upgrades and improvements at this most-used City facility. The time has come to move this City hub to the top of the priority list.</p>
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Name	Brian Westcott
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 9:52AM
Receipt number	268
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Thank you for continuing to prioritize climate action and environmental justice. Please make it a priority in the coming year to create a renter protection ordinance that includes provisions specific to building electrification, to prevent displacement and cost pass-throughs associated with meeting the city's climate action and electrification goals. This will ensure all Menlo Park residents, including renters, can benefit from the health and safety benefits of electrification, while also having renter protections in place! Thank you!
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 10:50AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.  
Revise Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies.  
Support the SamTrans bus service connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City.  
Devise a mobility-safety upgrade that preserves (and can even improve) driving efficiency, rather than as a zero-sum "cars vs. bikes" issue.  
Restrict pickle ball courts to city residents rather than providing open access to all Peninsula Bay residents.

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Name Hillard Huntington

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Phone

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 11:08AM
Receipt number	270
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please put in more effort on safe biking routes for students biking to and from school.
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Name	Merry Bonecchi
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 11:58AM
Receipt number	272
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

As a young resident of Menlo Park, I really care about making sure kids in our community can get to school safely. Safe Routes to School should stay a top priority for the city. Kids and families should be able to walk or bike to school without feeling like they're taking a risk every time they leave the house.

I think we need real infrastructure changes, like protected bike lanes near schools and along the routes kids actually use to get there. Can we also get the traffic lines and green bike lanes repainted around school areas? It honestly doesn't seem like too much to ask to make sure younger kids on bikes have a safe space to ride.

Also, Safe Routes was supposed to be a priority this year, so I'd love to know what's actually been done about it. Is there somewhere residents can go to see the progress? It would be really great to see the city be more open about what's getting accomplished and what still needs to happen.

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Name Anonymous MP resident

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 12:05PM
Receipt number	273
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please can you put at the top Downtown vibrancy? Climate action and housing should be pushed to the end...
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Name	Maria Munoz Aguirre
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 12:26PM
Receipt number	274
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

We ask to prioritize improvements and player safety at our pickleball and tennis courts. Please:

1. FIX BROKEN LIGHTING on all Nealon courts with climate-compliant systems to align with MP's climate goals, simplify ongoing bulb replacement challenges, and ensure safety for players and pedestrians on and around the courts.
2. IMPROVE COMMUNICATION & MAINTENANCE at all Nealon and Kelly courts by adding signs and bulletin boards and by ensuring regular leaf-blowing.
3. Because pickleball is thriving at Nealon, where drop-in play has built an active community, INVEST IN SOUND REDUCTION by a) installing soundproofing panels on the west side of Court #5 and b) repairing lighting timers to ensure a firm end to night play.
4. MAKE COST-SAVING UPGRADES by installing permanent pickleball nets to reduce repeated replacement costs.
5. PARTNER with our MP Pickleball Improvement Community for research on noise solutions (successfully implemented in nearby cities) and other improvements.

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Name Cathy Tokic

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 12:47PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Zoning for businesses nrred changed to save the old and attract nee ? Hoping some for middle incomes. Alternative sites for subsidized hoy. Outside. Independent with new vision
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Name	Doris Harry
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Submitted on	5 March 2026, 1:11PM
Receipt number	276
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Please add updates permanent signage at the Nealon Park pickleball courts to display the times 8am-10pm.  
Please add a new timer on the lights that will turn light off at 10pm.

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Name

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Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 1:13PM
Receipt number	277
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I don't see climate action as a priority. Downtown vibrancy certainly is and finding an alternative to removing the downtown parking for low income housing. Developing recreation including at the SRI site and improving pickleball facilities.
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Name	Daniel Frank
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 1:14PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

We ask to prioritize improvements and player safety at our pickleball and tennis courts.

1. FIX BROKEN LIGHTING on all Nealon courts with climate-compliant systems to align with MP's climate goals, simplify ongoing bulb replacement challenges and ensure safety for players
2. IMPROVE COMMUNICATION & MAINTENANCE at all Nealon and Kelly courts by adding signage, and ensure regular cleaning
3. Because pickleball is thriving at Nealon, where drop-in play has built an active community, INVEST IN SOUND REDUCTION by a) installing soundproofing panels on the west side of Court #5 and b) repairing lighting timers to ensure a firm end to night play.
4. MAKE COST-SAVING UPGRADES by installing PPA and tournament playable solid pickleball nets at Nealon to reduce repeated replacement costs and are not a safety hazard and break down every day
5. PARTNER with our MP Pickleball Improvement Community for research on noise solutions (successfully implemented locally) and other improvements.

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Name	Marco ten Vaanholt
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 1:14PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Still love the top 5, but would REALLY like to emphasize 1) Safe routes (especially to schools, with an emphasis on Encinal), and 2) downtown vibrancy (it is very sad to go out to eat in Menlo Park and you come out at 7pm and the downtown is dead, compared to Redwood City and Palo Alto)
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Name	Kendra Bartlow
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 1:22PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Yes. Re-paint Nealon pickleball court so there's only pickleball lines as it hasn't been used for tennis in 6 years!
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Name	Cat Westover
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 1:38PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

We ask to prioritize improvements and player safety at our pickleball and tennis courts. Please:

1. FIX BROKEN LIGHTING on all Nealon courts with climate-compliant systems to align with MP's climate goals, simplify ongoing bulb replacement challenges, and ensure safety for players and pedestrians on and around the courts.
2. IMPROVE COMMUNICATION & MAINTENANCE at all Nealon and Kelly courts by adding signs and bulletin boards and by ensuring regular leaf-blowing.
3. Because pickleball is thriving at Nealon, where drop-in play has built an active community, INVEST IN SOUND REDUCTION by a) installing soundproofing panels on the west side of Court #5 and b) repairing lighting timers to ensure a firm end to night play.
4. MAKE COST-SAVING UPGRADES by installing permanent pickleball nets to reduce repeated replacement costs.
5. PARTNER with our MP Pickleball Improvement Community for research on noise solutions (successfully implemented in nearby cities) and other improvements.

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Name Steve Menashe

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 1:53PM
Receipt number	282
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Thanks for continuing your support of racket sports in Menlo Park. Please:

1. **FIX BROKEN LIGHTING** on all Nealon courts with climate-compliant systems to align with MP's climate goals, simplify ongoing bulb replacement challenges, and ensure safety for players and pedestrians on and around the courts.
2. **IMPROVE COMMUNICATION & MAINTENANCE** at all Nealon and Kelly courts by adding signage, and ensure regular cleaning i.e. leaf-blowing / trash removal.
3. Because pickleball is thriving at Nealon, where drop-in play has built an active community, **INVEST IN SOUND REDUCTION** by a) installing soundproofing panels on the west side of Court #5 and b) repairing lighting timers to ensure a firm end to night play.
4. **MAKE COST-SAVING UPGRADES** by installing permanent pickleball nets at Nealon to reduce repeated replacement costs.
5. **PARTNER** with our MP Pickleball Improvement Community for research on noise solutions (successfully implemented locally) and other improvements.

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Name Katrina Ryan

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 2:21PM
Receipt number	283
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I am writing to urge the Council to make the safety of children walking and biking to school a top priority in our city's infrastructure planning. Our schools deserve infrastructure that genuinely supports families who choose to bike or walk. This means investing in protected bike lanes, repainting traffic markings and green bike lanes around school sites and along key routes, and reducing vehicle speeds in areas where children are most vulnerable. I also ask for meaningful enforcement during morning commute hours near school sites, so that safety measures already in place are actually felt by our children and families.
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Name	Meredith Bergin Bailey
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 2:25PM
Receipt number	285
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I would love to hear a report (read a webpage?) on each of the five priorities from last year. What were the challenges, the successes, what progress was made and what remains to be done.
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Name	Meredith Bailey
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 2:22PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Specific asks:

- in "Safe Routes" generally, focus on safer bike infrastructure, specifically with a lens to minimize serious accidents involving children going to school (buffered bike lanes, paint, minimize speeds on school routes).
- housing: minimize all new office space in MP so that we aren't in a continuous housing deficit per CA state regulators. MP has many vacant office buildings. No 40 story building condo towers (Sunset).
- traffic: Traffic is crazy 3-7 PM. Figure out how we will accommodate all the new residents after we add thousands of new housing units per state requirements. Bike infrastructure will help but people still need to be able to drive.
- "All in One" Town: Given our increased density and traffic, we need more services available within Menlo Park. DEFINITELY MORE SOCCER/ lacross /FIELD SPACE!!!! It is bananas that we have to drive 25 min to Woodside for kids soccer practice. Burgess has 100+ kids after school. Full size field at SRI!!!!

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Name	Christy Peetz
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 2:43PM
Receipt number	286
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I suggest we focus on ONLY 3 related priorities, so we have a better chance of gaining traction and getting RESULTS:

1) Actively explore and lock-in alternative sites for high-density mixed-use low-income housing, so we can improve Downtown Menlo by building back a more vibrant community center for commerce and community. (Hopefully, this will also reduce legal costs needed to continue fighting people of Menlo about where to develop new housing solutions, so more funds will be allocated to more productive uses)

2) Reconsider existing downtown zoning to open doors for more community-oriented businesses and organizations that will fill existing property vacancies.

3) Improve parking options for those who want to do most of our shopping and business in Downtown Menlo.

Appreciate your interest. THANKS for asking!

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Name kathleen kruse

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 2:48PM
Receipt number	287
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Menlo's park has a long way to go to catch up with neighboring communities on the subject of pickleball courts. Playing at Kelly Park is a non starter because it is 5 ft from 101 w no soundwall. Nealon is inadequate in terms of number of courts needed to support our vibrant pickleball community. Often the 4 courts are filled with 12 or more people waiting. There is no where to wait as there are only 2 benches for 4 courts and the benches are just 3 feet or less from the court. I am 76 years old and must travel to nearby communities to play on their public courts. Menlo Park Pickleball Club has over 1000 members but many residents, like me, often go elsewhere where the courts are more plentiful and comfortable. Please support our large and growing community with more courts. Thank you

Name Friedman Ron

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 3:11PM
Receipt number	288
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Maintenance of city facilities should be a priority. The pickleball courts at Nealon Park have lights that have not been working for 6 months now. The nets are old and sagging and the courts need to be repainted.

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Name Aditi Telang

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 3:44PM
Receipt number	289
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	It would be good to have periodic updates on the state of our housing element and what impacts decisions regarding housing proposals have on the state of our housing element.
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Name	Anna Maria Zara
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 4:29PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I feel the priorities are to find an alternative location for the affordable housing project, Disaster preparedness, and safe routes.
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Name	Gwen Leonard
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 4:31PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The City should prioritize improving the Menlo Park Library, specifically its Main Library on the Civic Center campus. For years, City staff, residents and outside experts have described the Main Library as outdated and inadequate to meet the needs of the Menlo Park community. Prioritizing projects to improve the Main Library will also directly support any projects related to Downtown vibrancy, emergency disaster and preparedness and most especially, Housing. Main Library improvement is especially critical as new housing nearby is developed. Many more residents will be using a building that is outdated, in need of upgrades and a long term plan for renovation or replacement. Residents have responded to city surveys pointing to the need for improvements at the most used indoor facility in the City. The short, medium and long term needs of the Library must now be addressed by the City in response to its residents. The time has come to move this City hub to the top of the priority list.

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Name	Kim Crockett
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 4:46PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>1. I am in favor of downtown housing. I am NOT in favor of buildings higher than 4 stories. The housing units should be for sale, NOT rentals. The city would not be able to maintain rental property. To support that opinion, I will point to the city playgrounds and the city pool locker rooms.</p> <p>2. I am not in favor of a tunnel under ECR for pedestrians and bikes. Such a tunnel is only for the use of adult males. It is not safe for children or females. I prefer to see all efforts go towards undergrounding Menlo Avenue at the railroad crossing.</p>
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Name	Triona Gogarty
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 5:25PM
Receipt number	293
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name	JD Diepenbrock
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 9:11PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Pickleball

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Name JD

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Email [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 6:47PM
Receipt number	296
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I've really appreciated playing pickleball in Menlo Park and the community of friends I've met and play with there. I'd like to respectfully ask the City to prioritize improvements and player safety at both our pickleball and tennis courts to keep them welcoming and well-maintained as follows:

- Upgrade the lighting at Nealon with climate-compliant systems to improve safety and reduce maintenance.
- Enhance communication and upkeep at Nealon and Kelly through clear signage and regular cleaning.
- Support Nealon's thriving pickleball community by adding sound-reduction panels on Court #5 and fixing lighting timers for consistent evening shut-off.
- Install permanent pickleball nets to reduce long-term costs.
- Partner with the MP Pickleball Improvement Community on proven noise-mitigation and facility upgrades.

I think this also is a part of the downtown vibrancy priority, as we often go as a group for lunch or coffee downtown. Thank you!

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Name Dave Tokic

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 6:56PM
Receipt number	297
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Roads are getting VERY impacted by additional housing. Brutal. Would like two more pickleball courts at Nealon. I've been playing there every Monday from 8-9:30 for three years. Tennis courts never full.
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Name	Lisa Joos
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 7:13PM
Receipt number	298
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Downtown really needs improvement, so many empty stores, why not offer these spaces to young local entrepreneurs
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Name	Marleen Zwiers
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 8:03PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Safe bike routes, avoid more congestion!!
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Name	Mara Giattina
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 8:12PM
Receipt number	300
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Swimming programs for adults and kids at the Belle Haven at the hours requested by residents.  Bus shelters for bus stops.
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Name	Meredith Rohr
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 8:34PM
Receipt number	301
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Safe routes!!! WY too many cars on the road. Garbage trucks should not operate between 7:30-9 on Wednesday (or any weekday). Protect our kids!
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Name	Liza Zassenhaus
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 8:43PM
Receipt number	302
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name Pooja Chokshi

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Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 9:13PM
Receipt number	305
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I'd like to see much more support of improving adult sports. Specifically Pickleball. Every other city around Menlo Park has made at least some investment with courts, soundproofing or better lasting nets. Please focus on at least upgrading lighting for tennis and pickleball. Repaint lines and invest in soundproofing similar to Atherton.
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Name	Doug Strauss
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 9:25PM
Receipt number	306
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Keep the momentum of the wonderful Menlo Park Pickleball Community at Nealon Park. Specifically, the pickleball court at Nealon need the following: installation of permanent nets, update lighting, repair the chain link fence (and move it back to gain more space for the courts). Also, regular cleaning of the courts.

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Name Edward Kaigh

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Phone [REDACTED]

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 9:44PM
Receipt number	307
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name Sarita Motipara

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 9:45PM
Receipt number	308
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Home safety-too many break-ins occurring in Sharon Heights, regular police presence in the neighborhood, better street lighting

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Name Suzanne Jeuck

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Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 9:46PM
Receipt number	309
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I see housing as a top priority this year for many reasons:

- Ever-increasing costs are driving out families + workers from our community, and putting pressure on many who stay
- We have a state-mandated housing goal to hit, with real consequences if units don't materialize
- This is an important year for keeping downtown parking lot redevelopment on track to add deeply-affordable workforce homes
- There are great, substantial projects in the works (e.g. Parkline, USGS) and it's important to make the most of each

Homes near transit help with our climate goals, and I'd also like to support:

- Continued investment in bike and ped infrastructure, especially around schools (i.e. safe routes)
- Staying committed to Environmental Justice goals, and continued investment in clean air and clean water for all throughout Menlo Park, e.g. through reduced emissions and water quality testing/improvements
- Organic care of natural grass playing fields and general investment in park space

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Name Brittani Baxter

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 9:54PM
Receipt number	310
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Home safety & burglary prevention
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Name	Scott Daily
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 10:04PM
Receipt number	311
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I think affordable housing, for both middle and low income families, should be the top priority, but that it should not be smashed into needed retail parking lots downtown. I believe areas near El Camino Real and Highway 101 would be the right place to construct four-story apartment buildings devoted completely to middle and low income family apartments.
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Name	Elizabeth Lambert
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 10:50PM
Receipt number	312
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Those are spot! Some commentary and ranking: 1) Housing: specifically more housing and more affordable 2) Downtown vibrancy: why do we have so many vacancies and strange stores that everyone suspects are for money laundering? What can we learn from Los Altos, Burlingame, Redwood City etc? 3) Bike safety, how can we buffer the bike lanes and prevent parked cars and trash cans from occupying the bike lanes?
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Name	Helena Malmersjo
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	5 March 2026, 11:09PM
Receipt number	313
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Home safety is a top priority.

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Name Rebekah Kapfer

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Email

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Phone

# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 4:37AM
Receipt number	314
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Home safety and break ins is a top priority for tax paying residents. We do not feel safe living in Menlo Park anymore. My home was recently broken into by a homeless man while occupied by my teenage daughters. It took the MP police 25 minutes to respond and they did nothing. My kids could have been seriously harmed if my husband hadn't just gotten home to confront the thug. There are home break-ins almost weekly now in our neighborhood and MP has done nothing. Still no license plate readers, no increased patrol. Crime and safety need to be a top priority for the City.
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Name	Kiersten Mahon
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 5:48AM
Receipt number	315
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Mitigating traffic and safe routes to school especially with increased housing supply.
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Name	Victoria Kelly
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Email	[REDACTED]
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on 6 March 2026, 7:09AM  
Receipt number 316  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

1. FIX BROKEN LIGHTING on all Nealon courts with climate-compliant systems to align with MP's climate goals, simplify ongoing bulb replacement challenges, and ensure safety for players and pedestrians on and around the courts.
2. IMPROVE COMMUNICATION & MAINTENANCE at all Nealon and Kelly courts by adding signage, and ensure regular cleaning i.e. leaf-blowing / trash removal.
3. Because pickleball is thriving at Nealon, where drop-in play has built an active community, INVEST IN SOUND REDUCTION by a) installing soundproofing panels on the west side of Court #5 and b) repairing lighting timers to ensure a firm end to night play.
4. MAKE COST-SAVING UPGRADES by installing permanent pickleball nets at Nealon to reduce repeated replacement costs.
5. PARTNER with our MP Pickleball Improvement Community for research on noise solutions (successfully implemented locally) and other improvements.

Name Sus Kim

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 7:40AM
Receipt number	317
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

All but the housing priorities.

FIX BROKEN LIGHTING on all Nealon courts with climate-compliant systems to align with MP's climate goals, simplify ongoing bulb replacement challenges, and ensure safety for players and pedestrians on and around the courts.

IMPROVE COMMUNICATION & MAINTENANCE at all Nealon and Kelly courts by adding signage, and ensure regular cleaning i.e. leaf-blowing / trash removal.

Because pickleball is thriving at Nealon, where drop-in play has built an active community, INVEST IN SOUND REDUCTION by a) installing soundproofing panels on the west side of Court #5 and b) repairing lighting timers to ensure a firm end to night play.

MAKE COST-SAVING UPGRADES by installing pickleball nets (with 10 year warranty and lower total cost of ownership) at Nealon to reduce repeated replacement costs.

PARTNER with our MP Pickleball Improvement Community for research on noise solutions (successfully implemented locally) and other improvements.

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Name Andrea Beylen

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 8:12AM
Receipt number	319
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing: Support housing by advancing affordable housing downtown to meet the needs of people with very low incomes and below, and people with intellectual developmental disabilities; select developer and grant entitlements by end of summer. Enact anti-displacement strategies.

Climate Action: Advance CAP and EJ commitments on mitigation, adaptation and resilience.

Safe Routes: Continue the priority to support street safety, including using QuickBuild methods to advance bike lanes on El Camino Real

Support the regional transit funding measure which is essential for housing, climate and street safety goals

Emergency Preparedness: Terminate use of Flock cameras which have allowed unauthorized data sharing, following the example of Mountain View and other local jurisdictions; ban ICE/CBP from staging or otherwise using city resources; report to public and the press if ICE/CBP violate state or city law following the example of South San Francisco

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Name Karen Grove

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Expand Pickleball courts. The Nealon Trial has clearly demonstrated the need for additional courts and the dangers of squeezing 4 courts on 1 tennis court. Weekends typically have 16 players on courts and 16 more waiting. The existing courts do not have sufficient space between courts and on the ends. It is common to see people crash into the fences on deep shots, or each other on the sides when playing cross court shots. There is also no room for waiting player to stand without impeding play.
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Transit: Support regional transit funding measures, essential for our city's housing and climate goals and overall wellbeing of residents/enhanced community access

Housing: Advance affordable homes downtown for people with very low incomes and below, and people with intellectual developmental disabilities; select developer and grant entitlements by end of summer. Enact anti-displacement strategies.

Downtown Vibrancy: advance new homes downtown, improve parking, ped. and bike access and support public transit.

Climate Action: Advance CAP and EJ commitments on mitigation, adaptation and resilience.

Safe Routes: Continue the priority to support street safety, including using QuickBuild bike lanes on El Camino Real

Emergency Preparedness: End use of Flock cameras which have allowed unauthorized data sharing, as Mountain View and other local jurisdictions have done; ban ICE/CBP from staging/using city resources; report to public and the press if ICE/CBP violate state or city law

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>We need infrastructure that supports children and families biking or walking to each Menlo Park school.</p> <p>I ask for infrastructure that protects juvenile cyclists such as protected bike lanes.</p> <p>Prioritize the safety of children biking and walking to school</p> <p>Reduce vehicle speeds</p> <p>Enforcement surrounding the 'morning commute' near school sites</p> <p>Publicize the city's methodology for selecting and prioritizing projects associated with safe routes to school</p> <p>Have as part of the SRTS program, a web page that lists current and past projects concerning safety surrounding school sites. This page should also include a space to report infrastructure concerns and 'close calls'.</p> <p>Transparency in identifying and prioritizing safe routes infrastructure projects, including completion date</p> <p>Repaint traffic lines, including green bike lanes, around school sites and the routes to and from schools</p> <p>Can you give us updates on the priorities from last year? What was accomplished?</p>
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>Start with the basics and do them well.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Public Safety (police, fire, EMS)</li><li>2) Infrastructure (roads, water, sewer, waste)</li><li>3) Environment ( parks, open spaces, city trees, cleanliness, downtown vibrancy and home town feel) This does include "Climate Action" Nothing that Menlo Parks does will alter the climate. Focus our resources on concerns that will actually show results for the citizens.</li><li>4) Planning and Zoning. Make a decision and stick with it. I prefer not giving our parking lots away to build high rise, high density housing the will alter our community and impact 1, 2 and 3 above)</li><li>5) Safeguard the city budget. Spend our money like it is your money. Get value and be accountable for every dollar spent.</li></ol>
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Safety of our neighborhoods and reducing the number of home burglaries should be added. I also would love to see more vibrant parks in the west menlo park/sharon heights area. More safe spaces for kids to play as well as more attention to our streets and sidewalks to provide safe bike passage (sidewalks are bumpy and often kids skid out on them).
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Regarding the recent closure of the pedestrian path under the Junipero Serra Blvd and Alpine Rd intersection, this closure has effectively severed safe pedestrian access to Menlo Park, leaving residents in a precarious position.

The Impact on Our Community:

Safety Risks: The closure forces cyclists into high-traffic lanes, creating an incredibly dangerous environment for those commuting on two wheels.

Loss of Mobility: Residents living along Alpine Rd are now stripped of their ability to walk to nearby amenities, schools, and transit points.

Forced Car Dependency: It is absurd that, in an era when we prioritize sustainability, local infrastructure forces neighbors out of their walking shoes and back into cars for even the shortest trips.

I believe safe, walkable connections are a right, not a luxury. I urge you to prioritize a safe detour or immediate reopening of this vital artery.

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Name Lucia Tedesco

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? I really would like to see safe bike routes and enforcement for cars prioritized more around school locations. I worry everyday about my kids' bike rides to school because of the lack of protected lanes to Laurel and Hillview for a good part of the routes (or in the case of Laurel, the entirety of the route). And there is little to no enforcement by police of speed limits.

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Affordable Housing
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Name	Beanie Zollweg
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>We need infrastructure that supports children and families biking or walking to each Menlo Park school.</p> <p>I ask for infrastructure that protects juvenile cyclists such as protected bike lanes.</p> <p>Prioritize the safety of children biking and walking to school</p> <p>Reduce vehicle speeds</p> <p>Enforcement surrounding the 'morning commute' near school sites</p> <p>Publicize the city's methodology for selecting and prioritizing projects associated with safe routes to school</p> <p>Have as part of the SRTS program, a web page that lists current and past projects concerning safety surrounding school sites. This page should also include a space to report infrastructure concerns and 'close calls'.</p> <p>Transparency in identifying and prioritizing safe routes infrastructure projects, including completion date</p> <p>Repaint traffic lines, including green bike lanes, around school sites and the routes to and from schools</p> <p>Can you give us updates on the priorities from last year? What was accomplished?</p>
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	More police resources and traffic control street furniture, especially for Belle Haven, where some of our issues are different from the rest of Menlo Park. Equalizing recreational opportunities, especially as regards mismanagement of the Belle Haven Pool. We typically work more hours and have less leisure than the rest of Menlo Park so we need opportunities close to home.
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	High quality of life life for all residents. 1. Transfer of Belle Haven pool operation to community. 2. Strong anti-displacement 3. Climate action - mitigation, adaptation and resilience 4. Downtown vibrancy with housing 5. Emergency and disaster preparedness
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Name	Pam D Jones
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Priorities are good, but there is a fast and easy win: Add sound mitigation to Nealon Pickleball courts and fix the lights for night play. Easy wins, no studies needed, big impact for the community
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Name	Gail Blumberg
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>Making the city much more bike, friendly. Safer routes for kids commuting to and from school.</p> <p>Secondly, building out downtown do not only make it more vibrant, but much more usable, and walkable. It should also be made more attractive. Anytime I have people visit this area and they're looking at the downtown, they simply cannot believe this is one of the wealthiest places in the country to live. The buildings mostly look like 1970s rundown , strip mall businesses.</p>
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Name	Jessica Schilling
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I'd add Traffic Management. New housing near University Circle, Parkline at SRI, and the proposed megalith at the Sunset property will add massive amounts of traffic on an already maxxed Willow Rd. and Woodland/University. What's the plan, and who is responsible for this, developers or, as I assume, the city?  
Thanks

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Name Patty Page

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 10:31AM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? No, but I would like the order of priority/importance to be as follows:

1. Climate Action
2. Safe routes - for walking and biking. This goes hand-in-hand with the climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience goal.
3. Emergency and disaster preparedness
4. Housing
5. Downtown vibrancy

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Name Indira Selvakumaraswamy

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Submitted on 6 March 2026, 10:59AM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

- Biking infrastructure (ie. Curb protected bike lanes, dedicated bike signals) between Encinal Ave, Burgess Drive, Middlefield, and University Drive (Linfield Oaks, Central Menlo, El Camino to Middlefield, to/from Encinal Elementary. Not education (safe routes to school) and not enforcement. Please make biking actually safer
- funding and completion of the Middle Tunnel - needs to be on a faster timeline, and fully funded immediately
- completion of Caltrain Quiet Zone - needs to be on a faster timeline/done immediately
- bike lanes on el Camino
- bulbout as initially designed at mountain Mike's (corner of el Camino and Menlo Ave)
- funding for MPCSD. Encinal for example is having to cut millions of dollars. Programs and support for students are being cut.

Name Kenneth Mah

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

We ask to prioritize improvements and player safety at our pickleball and tennis courts. Please:

FIX BROKEN LIGHTING on all Nealon courts with climate-compliant systems to align with MP's climate goals, simplify ongoing bulb replacement challenges, and ensure safety for players and pedestrians on and around the courts.

IMPROVE COMMUNICATION & MAINTENANCE at all Nealon and Kelly courts by adding signs and bulletin boards and by ensuring regular leaf-blowing.

Because pickleball is thriving at Nealon, where drop-in play has built an active community, INVEST IN SOUND REDUCTION by a) installing soundproofing panels on the west side of Court #5 and b) repairing lighting timers to ensure a firm end to night play.

MAKE COST-SAVING UPGRADES by installing permanent pickleball nets to reduce repeated replacement costs.

PARTNER with our MP Pickleball Improvement Community for research on noise solutions (successfully implemented in nearby cities) and other improvements.

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Name Djuna Woods

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Continue to build housing, especially downtown. Continue climate action priority. Add new priority to support public transit. Add new priority to protect residents' civil liberties (in response to ICE/CBP).
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

The best housing developers for Menlo Park are the ones that live there already. Every single family homeowner should have the opportunity to densify their own parcels, whether it is through ADUs or lot splits. ADU processes are pretty fine tuned, but lot splits are also critical. As people age, they may want to create separate parcels for close friends/relatives to live nearby, like returning adult children. But to make these happen, exorbitant fees (such as park fees, affordable housing fees) must be removed to allow homeowners to develop their own lots. Also, streamlining processes to make lot splits easier are critical - recording tentative/final maps, utility hook ups (sewer, storm, water) and quicker building/elec/mech/plumbing review, will allow Menlo Park to create more housing through incremental, gentle density.

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

My priorities align w/ those proposed by Menlo Together.  
Housing: Advance affordable homes downtown for people with very low incomes and below & people w/intellectual/developmental disabilities; select developer & grant entitlements by end of summer. Enact anti-displacement strategies.  
Climate Action: Advance CAP and EJ commitments on mitigation, adaptation, resilience.  
Safe Routes: Continue priority to support street safety, including QuickBuild bike lanes on El Camino  
Downtown Vibrancy: advance new homes downtown, improve parking, ped. and bike access and support public transit. Fill empty storefronts and end roadblocks and red tape to businesses getting in.  
Emergency Preparedness: End use of Flock cameras which have allowed unauthorized data sharing, as MV and other local jurisdictions have done; ban ICE/CBP from staging or using city resources; report to public and the press if ICE/CBP violate state or city law following the example of SSF.

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Name Sarah Zollweg

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I think the priorities should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The CalTrain Quiet Zone</li><li>- Broadening Downtown Commercial Zoning to include things like personal and community services that are not necessarily retail.</li><li>- Explore Alternative Housing sites so we don't have to use the downtown parking lots</li><li>- Support the SamTrans bus line on the Dumbarton railway</li></ul>
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

As an Allied Arts resident, I urge the City to keep Safe Routes a top FY 2026–27 priority and make El Camino Real a signature safety corridor. Vision Zero shows a small number of corridors account for most severe injuries, and El Camino Real (SR-82) is a major barrier for safe walking and biking.

I recommend a two-phase approach:

Phase 1: quick-build bikeway and intersection safety pilot from Sand Hill Rd to Middle Ave.

Phase 2: a local corridor plan feeding into the Grand Boulevard Initiative / Caltrans PID process.

A monitored quick-build pilot would allow the City to improve safety quickly while evaluating impacts to traffic, parking, and businesses.

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Name Ken Kershner

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Priorities should be:  Explore alternative sites for low-income housing. Not downtown.  Broaden downtown zoning to allow for more businesses.
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Name	Aliseo Pontoniere
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Climate action - is not a priority.  
Housing - is not a priority.  
Safe "routes" - is not a priority - but enforcing current traffic laws including against minors is a priority.  
Our police - is a priority for safety of our community from unrest and non-permitted protests.  
Making sure that the business community is vibrant and protected is a priority.  
Preserving the businesses which have invested in our community and the parking which support their customers is a priority.

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Identify alternative sites for affordable housing and reject the nonresponsive submissions for the downtown parking lots.
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Name	Robert Meniffee
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Please focus city efforts and programs on prioritizing infrastructure improvements for children biking and walking to school - clearly separated and well maintained bike lanes, sidewalks, signs to warn drivers of bikers and pedestrians in school zones.

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Name Kinga Fern

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing: Advance affordable homes downtown for people with very low incomes and below, and people with intellectual developmental disabilities; select developer and grant entitlements by end of summer. Enact anti-displacement strategies.

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Safe Routes: Continue the priority to support street safety, including using QuickBuild bike lanes on El Camino Real

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Name Aurelia Gemmet-Young

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Submitted on	6 March 2026, 12:41PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? There is a bumpy road area right outside Encinal School on the bike path. My kids have fallen off their bikes because they accidentally biked on that part. It is right by the crosswalk by the District Office parking lot. I would like it repaved so it is flat.

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Name Leana Lee

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 12:44PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Downtown vibrancy should be the focus now. Our downtown is embarrassing when compared to just about any neighboring town despite the amount of wealth here. If that means changing zoning laws, then that should be up for discussion.

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Name Monica Hanover

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

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Name Julian Cortella

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Submitted on	6 March 2026, 1:02PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	The most important is to make sure the current parking lots aren't used for low income housing which would impact local businesses. There aren't enough parking spaces right now and to utilize those areas for housing is a grave mistake. We need a strong business environment to keep and attract more businesses.
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Name	Maureen Yuen
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Explore and find housing that does not destroy downtown - it isn't just business, it's a community destination. The parking lots are needed to support adequate access to the downtown. Disruption will destroy the businesses.

Housing is necessary - Areas along El Camino that are vacant or empty lots - near the transport - why are they not being used??

I walk whenever I can but there are times when parking downtown is essential.

The spotty transportation should be addressed - but the housing is more important; there are areas near existing transportation to explore and use creatively.

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Name	Diana Nugent
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	We really need housing downtown. That would help with climate change and vibrancy as well. There are so many empty storefronts downtown! What if we had more (affordable!) housing in downtown? We would have more business there.
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Name	Michelle Mackenzie
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I do. I hope Im not too late.

1. I feel that more legislation is required regarding the land owners on Santa Cruz Avenue. Specifically, land owners are absent and non-responsive regarding building conditions, businesses considered to rent spaces, buildings left unrented for months (years).
2. I consider my business one of the more unique operations in Menlo Park, Downtown. I own the needlepoint store, Old World Designs. I ask, how many rug stores does Menlo need?? Could we legislate percentage of types of businesses like 20% rug stores, 20% hair salons, etc.
3. Owning a small business is both wonderful and a curse. We are NOT corporate. Overhead means everything. Rents on an old building are frequently out of line. How much are we supposed to take?

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Name Linda Mendenhall

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I want to see exercise studios in downtown Menlo Park. Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more types of businesses and fill vacancies. Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City. Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.
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Name	Katie Keating
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>I generally support the current priorities but urge a focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) 'All Ages and Abilities' protected bike lanes</li><li>2) Increased housing density to improve safety and walkability.</li><li>3) Council should empower the City Staff to be more proactive and liberal in pursuing these priorities. Staff currently hesitates to propose any improvements without explicit directives, which slows progress. Please provide standing guidance that enables staff to research and propose data-driven solutions independently, ensuring Menlo Park moves at the speed of our goals rather than administrative cycles.</li></ol>
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Name	Ross Silverstein
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 2:31PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Yes, but not in the order presented above. Affordable housing would be at the top of my list.

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Name Dennis Irwin

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 2:39PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Please prioritize resident's quality of life and making city government function better. Climate action and Vision Zero/safe routes are important too! Prioritize Nealon Park pickleball. Nets with a 10 year warranty actually cost less! Improve communication - post polices & add bulletin boards. Ensure regular maintenance (e.g. cleaning and garbage pickup). Replace rotting windscreen with noise mitigating material. Replace broken unsafe lighting with energy efficient lighting. Add bike racks close to courts. Plan now for additional courts including indoor play (6-8 geolocated courts are needed to support programs, leagues and community events.)
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Name	Nate Gardner
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 2:42PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>Safe routes to allow kids to reach schools with protection from cars.</p> <p>Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies.</p> <p>Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City.</p> <p>Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.</p>
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Name	Alberto Puggelli
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on 6 March 2026, 3:07PM  
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?  
Yes. 1) Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses. Explore underground parking to replace all public spaces for parking that would be compromised. Please. 2) Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies - such as gyms and pet grooming services 3) Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City BUT DO NOT PULL UP the Railroad - we may need it. Understand activating that line MAY INCREASE burglaries along that line so pls consult our Safety Agencies - so grab and go with someone not yours - does not become popular and we trade one issue for another. THANK YOU for your SERVICE to our city!!! Your role is a hard one and know your sacrifices ARE APPRECIATED!

Name Michelle Roeding

Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 3:07PM
Receipt number	360
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I would prioritize these items in the following order: Housing, climate action, downtown vibrancy, safe routes, and emergency and disaster preparedness. That said, it's important not to consider each separately. Each intersects with the other. We must build affordable housing downtown, but casting shadows and creating wind tunnels will reduce downtown vibrancy and make walking--a climate priority--less appealing. So consider that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. Thank you.

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Name Peri Caylor

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 3:12PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Broaden Downtown Zoning to allow more community-serving businesses and fill vacancies. Support the SamTrans proposal for rapid, zero-emission bus service along the abandoned freight line connecting east Menlo Park to downtown Redwood City. Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses.
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Name	James M Lockhart
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 3:12PM
Receipt number	362
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	fix the sidewalks , streets, need to look at the current park space / citizen the number of parks in menlo Park are just to few
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Name	Preeti Sharma Sharma
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 3:28PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

- Market rate housing that actually gets built does more to improve affordability than affordable housing that doesn't get built. It also increases the tax base, enabling greater funding for schools and other equitable public investments. I support affordable housing but it's a very limited tool.

- Of the top priorities, housing, safe routes, and emergency and disaster preparedness are significantly higher priority than downtown vibrancy and climate action in my opinion. I believe meaningful headway on housing and safe routes will do more to enable downtown vibrancy than any direct intervention.

- I've worked in clean tech my whole career and am a major advocate of climate solutions, but I would rank education above climate as a Menlo Park priority given the relative opportunity for impact.

- To the extent that Menlo Park invests in climate, I think it would be cool bring in an innovation center like NREL. I don't think local bans (e.g. on gas appliances) ultimately do much good.

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Name Paul Kreiner

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 3:35PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	I am extremely alarmed at the number of home robberies in my Sharon Park neighborhood. I would like police and safety to be a top priority.
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Name	Vida John
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 4:09PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

NEW: support the regional transit funding measure - Healthy transit helps us meet our housing and climate goals and supports downtown revitalization.

NEW: protect civil liberties - Terminate the city's contract with Flock; ban ICE/CBP from staging or otherwise using city resources; immediately inform the public and the press if ICE/CBP violate state or city law. See policies in South SF, Mountain View, and Santa Clara County.

Safe Streets: Add budget in the CIP for a Quick Build to extend bike lane infrastructure along El Camino Real from where it ends at the Palo Alto border.

Meet our Housing Element commitments and keep residents housed: Continue on the path toward affordable housing in our resource-rich downtown. Implement and enact anti-displacement strategies.

Meet our city's Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Environmental Justice (EJ) commitments on mitigation, adaptation and resilience.

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Name Katherine Dumont

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 4:12PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Climate action in particular is particularly important following the federal government's abdication of its climate responsibilities and the need to take local action. Important climate actions include enacting Nonresidential Air Conditioning to Heat Pump reach codes this year, a review of our current reach codes for potential updates, and review of compliance with the Climate Action Plan given that we're unlikely to meet its 2030 deadline. Considering resiliency and resiliency hubs as part of this climate adaptation may also be important. Other potential actions could also consider a ban on new gas stations and possibly a timeline for a gradual phasing out of gas stations in support of Menlo Park's Climate Action Plan.
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Name	Brian Schmidt on behalf of Menlo Spark
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 4:33PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

- Reopen the 600 block on Santa Cruz Ave. to cars, and add picnic tables to Fremont Park.
- Support the SamTrans Reimagine Dumbarton project
- Loosen zoning for Santa Cruz Ave. businesses
- Explore low-income housing alternative sites that don't use the downtown parking lots

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Name Teresa Beltramo

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 4:34PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Adding to my prior submission:  
- Caltrain Quiet Zone

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Name Teresa Beltramo

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 4:46PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing: Advance affordable homes downtown for people with very low incomes and below, and people with intellectual developmental disabilities; select developer and grant entitlements by end of summer. Enact anti-displacement strategies.

Climate Action: Advance CAP and EJ commitments on mitigation, adaptation and resilience.

Safe Routes: Continue the priority to support street safety, including using QuickBuild bike lanes on El Camino Real

Downtown Vibrancy: advance new homes downtown, improve parking, ped. and bike access and support public transit.

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Name Elsa Schafer

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 5:14PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	<p>Housing - All development should be required to have a net positive for housing and housing density needs to be balanced through the city. I read that in San Mateo county Menlo Park has 20% of the commercial space but only 4% of the housing; with the state housing element this needs ratio needs to change.</p> <p>Safe routes - Please help to reduce the barriers to have protected bike lanes, for example, Menlo park does not have a street sweeping contractor that can sweep protected bike lane so that is the reason I'm told we don't have protected bike lanes. Additionally, greater urgency and attention is needed to fully update and fund the infrastructure on Middlefield rd going into Palo Alto (coordination with both cities is needed) and Santa Margarita ave; some updates have been made but major safety updates are needed.</p>
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Name	Kevin Rennie
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 5:58PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	City and Police staffing need to be prioritized as well as improvements to roads to help mitigate traffic issues.
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Name	Miyko Harris-Parker
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 6:09PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Some apply, but need more detail, for example, housing Support merchants in downtown development to support local shopping for residents of Menlo Park Survey community regarding housing preferences and location Develop plan for decreasing burglaries in Menlo Park
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Name	Jo Bell Whitlatch
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 6:20PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Housing: Advance affordable homes downtown for people with very low incomes and below, and people with intellectual developmental disabilities; select developer and grant entitlements by end of summer. Enact anti-displacement strategies.

Climate Action: Advance CAP and EJ commitments on mitigation, adaptation and resilience.

Safe Routes: Continue the priority to support street safety, including using QuickBuild bike lanes on El Camino Real

Downtown Vibrancy: advance new homes downtown, improve parking, ped. and bike access and support public transit.

Emergency Preparedness: End use of Flock cameras which have allowed unauthorized data sharing, as Mountain View and other local jurisdictions have done; ban ICE/CBP from staging or otherwise using city resources; report to public and the press if ICE/CBP violate state or city law following the example of South San Francisco

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Name	Rebecca Eliscu
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 6:38PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Explore alternative sites for low-income housing that don't jeopardize downtown businesses. Expand downtown zoning to have more business to serve people. Climate control measures and disaster preparedness . Put electric lines and other utilities underground.
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Name	Claudio Pellegrini
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 7:42PM
Receipt number	375
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Change zoning to allow community service organizations to fill vacancies in downtown Menlo Park. Allow Samtrans to establish bus route from East Menlo Park to downtown, including walking paths and bike lanes. Extend evening hours at Menlo Park Library in Burgess Park.

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Name Margaret Ruth Brill

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 8:07PM
Receipt number	376
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Clean up downtown. Buildings/store fronts, should be fined for empty/unleased buildings.

More attention to Nealon park pickleball courts. They pale in comparison to neighboring cities.

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 8:32PM
Receipt number	377
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	Yes
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	please leave parking spaces nearby anywhere weere space covered up by new buildings...like for me,old and handicapped=AMPLE PARKING-NEEDED EVERYWHERE mixed-race occupancy of buildings...that aren't too high,hopefully nearby schools and psrks
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Name	Lauren Younger
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 9:45PM
Receipt number	379
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? No

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? #1 priority is to resurface and repaint downtown parking lots to make them safe for pedestrians and vehicles.

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Name John Ames

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 9:46PM
Receipt number	380
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Repaving the downtown parking lots. I have lived here for 36 years and they have been in such bad shape. They are dangerous. Can't even see most of the parking lines
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Name	Wendy Ames
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 9:54PM
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

Thank you for the opportunity to share my input - I would like to see Menlo Park prioritize the following: 1) community education and engagement on climate action; 2) adoption of a non-residential air conditioning to heat pump reach code; 3) organically managed natural grass athletic playing field pilot programs at Burgess and Jack Lyle parks; 4) a funded program to help low-income residents and apartment building owners install electric vehicle charging; 5) streamline permitting for heat pump hot water heater installations; 6) adopt renter protections against displacement and rent increases associated with building electrification; 7) take the actions recommended by the EQC regarding single-use plastics, artificial turf, and food (utilizing funds earmarked toward the EJ element). Thank you!

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Name John McKenna

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 10:43PM
Receipt number	382
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?

I hope that the city prioritizes funding for the many improvements that are needed for our libraries. Menlo Park's library at 800 Alma was last updated in the early 90s and has been assessed as desperately needing certain improvements (to HVAC, restrooms, etc.). I hope that the city can prioritize the recommendations made by the Library of the Future Subcommittee, which has spent many hours reviewing surveys by Menlo Park residents and thoughtfully considering the changes that need to be made so that our libraries can meet the community's needs. Funding for additional staff members would help our libraries be more in line with their equivalents in neighboring towns. Many Menlo Park residents, myself included, would love to volunteer our time at the library. Unfortunately, without funding for a volunteer coordinator, our library is not able to benefit from the many people who would like to help more actively support it. I thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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Name	Sarah Sisbot
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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 11:31PM
Receipt number	384
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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year? Yes

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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park? Move pickleball to burgess where it belongs - stop torturing our low income neighbors at Nealon with noise. It's not fair. Many of these people are on section 8 and cannot move.

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Name

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Email

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# Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27



Submitted on	6 March 2026, 11:15PM
Receipt number	383
Related form version	3

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Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?	No
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Do you have additional input on priorities for Menlo Park?	Remove safe route and climate action from the priority list. Add providing safe, functional, and beautiful recreational facilities for pickleball. Complete Nealon pickleball upgrades as requested by the MP PB improvement committee. Thanks.
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Name	Billy Chow
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**Judi A. Herren**

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**From:** Dr. Rubye Cervelli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 14, 2026 1:37 PM  
**To:** \_CCIN; Justin I. C. Murphy  
**Subject:** INPUT FOR CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY SETTING on MARCH 21, 2026

**INPUT FOR CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY SETTING on MARCH 21, 2026**

To: Menlo Park City Council and City Manager

From: Rubye Cervelli, 30+ year Menlo Park Resident

As part of the Menlo Park Community, below is a list of my priorities for fiscal year 2026 to 2027:

1. Take action and specify Alternative Sites for housing and move off of using the downtown parking lots (immediately).
2. Support the planned conversion of the unused Dumbarton railing to a bus line with bike/pedestrian path and support the Bohannon Park property as a site for housing.
3. Pressure wash the downtown sidewalks on a regular basis and cleaner streets (miscellaneous garbage seems to be on the increase).
4. Support increased affordability by staying within budget on ALL projects and city expenses- do NOT increase expenses or taxes for residents.
5. Work with USGS developer and other developers on adding or increasing the number of low income housing for families and not just the required 15% BMR.
6. Work with incoming and current downtown businesses to make it easier for them to do business including moving off attempts to steal their parking lots (refer back to item 1 above).



## Input on City Council Priorities 2026-27

Do you think these top priorities still apply for the next year?

Yes       No

Do you have additional priorities for Menlo Park?

Eliminate the buses that are empty and  
use the bus lane for cars. on El Camino

You have a traffic problem when the school  
lets out at 2:45 on <sup>+ Olive</sup> Santa Cruz. A policeman  
is needed. to direct cars.

Name Judy McCandless

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Please return the completed form to the front desk.

# City of Menlo Park

## **Environmental Justice Element Action Guide Updated February 2026**

**City Council March 21, 2026 Priority Setting Workshop Version**

The Environmental Justice (EJ) Element is accompanied by an EJ Element Action Guide. The Action Guide is a tool to be used to manage and coordinate City efforts to accomplish the goals, policies, and programs outlined in the EJ Element. This dual document approach allows for more frequent updating of the Action Guide in response to changing community needs, funding opportunities, and ongoing community outreach – particularly input from Menlo Park’s underserved communities – without requiring a General Plan Amendment. This version of the EJ Element Action Guide, prepared for the March 21, 2026 City Council Priority Setting Workshop, identifies the programs and action items of the top three community-identified priorities (Goal EJ5, Goal EJ4 and Goal EJ2) that are currently in progress. All seven EJ Element goals are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Menlo Park EJ Element Goals and Community-Identified Priorities		
Goal ID	Goal Text	Priority #
EJ1	Address unique and compounded health risks	-
<b>EJ2</b>	<b>Reduce pollution exposure and improve air quality</b>	<b>3</b>
EJ3	Equitably provide appropriate public facilities to individuals and communities	-
<b>EJ4</b>	<b>Promote access to high quality and affordable food</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>EJ5</b>	<b>Provide safe, sanitary, and stable homes</b>	<b>1</b>
EJ6	Encourage physical activity and active transportation	-
EJ7	Create equitable civic and community engagement	-

The organizational structure of the Priority Setting Workshop Version Action Guide is described below:

- Goals: Broad actions to pursue to work toward EJ;
- Programs: Precise steps to further policies and goals; and
- Action Items: Preferred methods to fulfill programs based on community feedback.

The organizing structure and color scheme is demonstrated below.

Item	Structure	Example
Goal	<b>EJ#</b>	<b>EJ1</b>
Program	<b>EJ#.X</b>	<b>EJ1.A</b>
Action Item	<b>EJ#.X.#</b>	<b>EJ1.A.1</b>

There are five frequent community-mentioned programs and action items outlined with a thick black border and gray shading to highlight items the City Council may want to review in particular on March 22, 2025, potentially offering guidance to staff to continue pursuing with extra funding (e.g., funding through the \$1 million EJ Element Implementation Fund).

The Action Guide includes details on programs and action items, organized under three groups: Descriptive Information, Implementation, and Time Frame.

## Descriptive Information

### Column A: ID

Identification of the program or action item corresponding to the goal they support (e.g., EJ4):

- Programs are given a letter (e.g., EJ4.D)
- Action items are given a letter and a number (e.g., EJ4.D.1)

### Column B: Program / Action Item Text

Text of the program or action item.

### Column C: Classification

Identification of whether the row is a program or action item.

### Column D: Activity

If City and/or partners are currently conducting a process that would accomplish the objective of the program or action item, this column includes a brief description. As the City fulfills programs and action items, and initiates activity on additional programs and action items, this column may be updated.

## Implementation

Implementation data describes who would likely lead carrying out the program or action item and what funding is potentially available to fulfill it. Also included in this section are supporting City departments and partners outside City government, such as County authorities or non-governmental organizations.

### Column E: Lead Role

The City department or division who would likely lead the implementation of the program or action item.

### Column F: Supporting Role

City departments or divisions, as well as partner organizations, that may support implementation of the program or action item.

### Column G: Funding Source(s)

Potential sources of funding that may support program or action item implementation.

### Time Frame

The estimated time frame for programs and action items is arranged into two components: initiation (when work will begin) and completion (when work will be finished).

### Column H: Initiation

The programs and action items are sorted into four categories: those that can be started in a short-term time frame, a medium-term time frame, a long-term time frame, and those that are in progress. As the City fulfills programs and action items, and initiates action on additional programs and action items, this column may be updated. For the purposes of the Environmental Justice Element, the time frames are defined accordingly:

- **In Progress:** Already in progress. These are highlighted in gold in the Action Guide.
- **Short-Term:** Zero to three years from Element adoption, estimated
- **Medium-Term:** More than three and less than six years from Element adoption, estimated
- **Long-Term:** Six years or more from Element adoption, estimated

### Column I: Completion

The programs and action items are sorted into four categories: those that can be accomplished in a short-term time frame, a medium-term time frame, a long-term time frame, and those that are ongoing from initiation of work. For the purposes of the Environmental Justice Element, the time frames are defined accordingly:

- **Ongoing from Initiation:** Estimated to be worked on indefinitely
- **Short-Term:** Zero to three years from beginning of work on the item, estimated
- **Medium-Term:** More than three and less than six years from beginning of work on the item, estimated
- **Long-Term:** Six years or more from beginning of work on the item, estimated

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EJ5.A	<b>Soil Remediation.</b> Identify and resolve, to the extent feasible, any potential toxic soil contamination in residential developments, particularly in underserved communities. Identify potential closed (remediated) contaminated sites at risk of groundwater rise or sea level rise. Work with community based organizations and underserved communities to coordinate with regulatory and regional agencies for contaminated sites to be remediated at a level that protects community health under current and future flood conditions.	Program	<p>The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) tracks cleanup, permitting, enforcement and investigation efforts at hazardous waste facilities and sites with known contamination or sites where there may be reasons to investigate further. The Safety Element (Table S-4) includes a list of sites along with their current status of evaluation or remediation. The City is typically the lead agency for environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and staff coordinates with developers, the community, and other agencies to ensure a comprehensive environmental review process is adhered to whenever there are proposed projects.</p> <p>In 2025, the City continued to adhere to CEQA guidelines for environmental review and if/when there is reportable activity involving hazardous waste and clean up sites, the City will coordinate and communicate with DTSC.</p>	Community Development	San Mateo County Environmental Health Services, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)	Department of Food and Agriculture (Healthy Soils Demonstration Program)	In Progress	Short Term
EJ5.B	<b>Outreach to Households.</b> Conduct outreach to potentially eligible households regarding programs that support safe, sanitary, and stable homes.	Program	<p>On May 27, 2025, the City Council introduced a proclamation recognizing the month of May as Affordable Housing Month in Menlo Park. This proclamation acknowledges how affordable housing enhances community life, character, and vitality by providing adequate housing opportunities for all income levels.</p> <p>The Housing Division staffed a table at both the Love Our Earth (April 26, 2025) and the City LCS Community Resource (March 29, 2025) fairs. Staff distributed the Housing Resource Guide as well as information about the City's Below Market Rate (BMR) housing program in both hard copy and electronically. A laptop was provided at fair tables to encourage interested households to register for the City's BMR interest list. The Anti-displacement survey, a survey to solicit public feedback in prioritizing anti-displacement strategies, was also distributed to participants.</p>	Community Development	California Department of Community Services and Development, City Manager's Office	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ5.C	<b>Multilingual Tenant Protection Resources.</b> Create or partner with providers to provide a central multilingual tenant protection hotline for renters with questions. If such resources already exist, conduct proactive outreach and education to inform the community of available resources. Hold culturally competent, in-language outreach workshops.	Program	<p>On April 26, 2025, the Housing Division participated in the Love Our Earth festival at the Belle Haven Community Campus and distributed the Housing Resource Guide, in both English and Spanish, to community members as well as the Housing Survey for the Anti-displacement Plan. The Guide includes information related to services, including tenant resources such as Project Sentinel, Legal Aid Society of San Mateo Council and Samaritan House. The Housing Survey was to receive community input in prioritizing anti-displacement strategies.</p> <p>In addition, the Housing Division is exploring adding tenant protections resources onto its website. Through the website, the resources can be translated into various languages.</p>	Community Development	Local Tenant Protection Services (e.g., Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County (HomeSavers Project), Project Sentinel by San Mateo County)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation

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EJ5.E	<b>First-time Homeowner Assistance.</b> Conduct community outreach to help prospective first-time homeowners navigate the process. This includes 6th Cycle Housing Element Program H5.F (regarding collaborating with the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County (HEART)) and helping to facilitate first-time homeowner workshops for residents in underserved communities.	Program	As part of the City's Below Market Rate Housing Program, the City requires prospective below market rate homebuyers to complete a first time homebuyer education workshop, class, or counseling session. However, no BMR ownership units were sold in 2025.	Community Development	City Manager's Office, Local Community Based Outreach Organizations (e.g., Menlo Together)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ5.F	<b>Building Electrification.</b> Promote funds and subsidies that minimize the passing through of any upfront investment costs of building electrification on to tenants.	Program	In 2025, the City promoted Peninsula Clean Energy's (PCE) rebates for heat pump water heaters and heat pump space heating and cooling for multifamily and single family homes. The program only provides incentives for in-unit upgrades which ensures tenants receive the most value. Staff continues to identify incentive structures that enable property owners to make upgrades while not resulting in cost impacts to tenants, such as increased rent or utility bills.  In 2025 the City continued to provide electrification building permit fee waivers and promote PCE's rebates for heat pump water heaters and heat pump space heating and cooling for multifamily and single family homes. The rental program only provides incentives for in-unit upgrades which ensures tenants receive the most value. Staff continues to identify incentive structures that enable property owners to make upgrades while not resulting in cost impacts to tenants, such as increased rent or utility bills. Additionally, the City expanded the Menlo Park Home Upgrade Services program to include portable air conditioners, space heaters, induction cook hobs, and batteries for income-qualified renters in Belle Haven.  A multifamily electrification summit is planned for April 2026 in coordination with other cities in San Mateo County and PCE.	Sustainability Division	City Manager's Office, Public Works Department, PG&E, Peninsula Clean Energy	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Medium Term	
EJ5.G	<b>Anti-Displacement Strategy.</b> Ensure that City's Anti-Displacement Strategy (Housing Element Program H2.E) supports households and neighborhoods in underserved communities, including identifying, acknowledging, and addressing racial disparities in the housing market. This will include consideration, at a minimum, the following: - Rental inventory of all dwelling units - Updated or expanded rent control laws - Rent increase mitigations, such as longer noticing requirements - Community and tenant opportunity to purchase - Revised BMR guidelines allowing for deeper affordability (e.g., subsidies) - Expand relocation assistance for tenants - Just Cause Eviction protections regardless of tenant duration - Strengthened anti-tenant harassment ordinances - An examination of opportunities to limit additional fees passed to tenants like laundry, parking, and utility costs	Program	As a continuation of the community outreach for the anti-displacement plan, after conducting the two community meetings in 2024, in early Spring 2025, the City circulated a community survey to get broader feedback on the questions posed in the community meetings. Housing staff gave presentations about the survey to a number of community groups such as the Belle Haven Neighborhood Association and the Belle Haven Climate Change Community Team (BHCCCT) which includes representatives from a number of organizations. The survey included all the considered strategies listed in Program EJ5.G along with additional strategies to address anti-displacement. The feedback from the survey helped prioritize the various anti-displacement strategies.  On September 3 and 9, 2025, Housing Division staff held meetings with the Housing Commission and City Council, respectively. The meetings were held to receive feedback from the Housing Commission and City Council. The City Council meeting was a study session with live interpretation in Spanish to present the initial findings of the plan and also the proposed recommendations of the plan. The Council provided direction on the proposed recommendations. Staff will return to the Council with the draft plan in 2026.  The City joined other jurisdictions in the Grand Nexus study. The study will evaluate the City's current inclusionary requirements and will research potential revisions, including requiring lower rents to the affordable units. The study is under way and planned for completion by the end of 2026.	Community Development	City Manager's Office, Public Works Department	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Long Term	
EJ5.H	<b>Access to Legal Counsel.</b> As part of an anti-displacement program and to ensure stable housing, support increasing access to legal counsel for tenants facing eviction by conducting community outreach, education, and engagement to ensure renters are aware of this resource. Include progress reports on usage annually.	Program	Current legal aid services offered by the City are through partnerships with organizations such as Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, Project Sentinel, Samaritan House South, and Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto.  The City received a grant of \$250,000 from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to implement a Legal Assistance Program and Rental Assistance Program. City staff is close to finalizing the agreement with the MTC to implement a new legal assistance program and bolster the city's existing rental assistance program, which funds were depleted in early 2025.	Community Development	City Manager's Office, Local Tenant Protection Services (e.g., Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County (HomeSavers Project), Project Sentinel by San Mateo County)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	

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EJ4.B	<b>Food Assistance Outreach.</b> Inform low-income households and people experiencing homelessness about food assistance programs through multilingual fliers, community events, information at shelters and food banks, as well as other appropriate outreach methods.	Program	In 2025, the City continued partnering with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley for grocery distribution at BHCC on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Library and Community Services provides a community resource guide, including information on available housing, medical, and food support programs that is distributed to families and available at the Menlo Park Library and BHCC. Additionally, the City's Housing Resource Guide highlighted food pantries/food assistance services and shelter services such as: -Bread Basket, Brown Bag Program, and the Samaritan House Pantry -Mobile food programs such as Second Harvest of Silicon Valley (program is marketed to senior center attendees) and Peninsula Volunteers' Meals on Wheels -Project WeHope Shelter and the Salvation Army Harbor House -The Housing Resource Guide was distributed to RV dwellers regularly parked in the Bohannon Park area.  The City also collaborates with the County of San Mateo Department of Housing Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program and WeHope in coordinating food assistance programs for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness in three identified homeless encampments.	Community Development	Communications and Public Engagement Division, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, Homeless Outreach Team, San Mateo County Human Services Agency	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Program)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ4.C	<b>Food Options at City Events.</b> Encourage healthy food options, including vegan and vegetarian options, at municipal buildings and City-participating events. Encourage sourcing food from local small businesses.	Program	The Menlo Park Senior Center operates Monday to Friday, morning to lunchtime, and is based at the Belle Haven Community Campus. The Senior Center lunch program provides nutritionally balanced meals prepared fresh on site. The meals are paired with health, recreation, dance, creative arts, educational programs, and opportunities for conversation, fun, and connection.  In 2025 the City hosted the fifth annual Love Our Earth Festival at the Belle Haven Community Campus with a plant-based (vegan) food market.	All City Departments	-	General Fund	In Progress (Long Term)	Long Term	
EJ4.D.1	At existing and future farmer's markets, or similar events, offer free or subsidized space for vendors who provide healthy, fresh, and affordable food for underserved communities.	Action Item	Farmer's market vendors participated at City events including the Love Our Earth Festival at BHCC on April 26, 2025 and Juneteenth celebrations.	City Manager's Office	Community Development, Second Harvest Food Bank	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ4.E	<b>Community Gardens.</b> Encourage and simplify the process of developing community gardens within or adjacent to neighborhoods and housing development sites. Facilitate the creation or enhancement of one community garden within three years of Environmental Justice Element adoption.	Program	MidPen's Oak Gardens, a 100% affordable residential development, located on the VA Campus includes a community garden for its residents. The City continues to encourage opportunities for these amenities for its residents and beyond.  In 2025, the City helped process development-related items to support the Oak Gardens project and the project broke ground. Oak Gardens is anticipated to be completed in spring 2026.	Community Development	Library and Community Services, Local Community-Based Organizations (e.g., Rotary Club of Menlo Park)	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Round 1 Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ4.E.1	Explore identifying unused City-owned property to support community gardens. Encourage community gardens as an amenity in required open space areas of new multifamily and mixed-use development projects.	Action Item	In 2025, the Environmental Quality Commission formed a Food Systems ad hoc subcommittee to begin evaluation of options to advance implementation. Their recommendation to the full commission was on Feb. 26, 2026.	Community Development	Local Community-Based Organizations (e.g., Rotary Club of Menlo Park)	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant)	In Progress (Short Term)	Short Term	
EJ4.E.3	Facilitate the installation of community gardens at senior centers and senior housing facilities.	Action Item	At the BHCC, planning is underway for a container garden on the back patio. This effort is being managed by the Recreation Coordinator who oversees the daily senior lunch program. The container garden will focus on cultivating edible plants that can be incorporated into the daily lunches.	Library and Community Services	Community Development, Local Community-Based Organizations (e.g. Rotary Club of Menlo Park)	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Medium Term	

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EJ2.B	<b>Climate Action Plan Implementation.</b> Implement and periodically update the City's Climate Action Plan to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Program	<p>The Climate Action Plan (CAP) is subject to annual progress reports and is scheduled for an update in 2028. The City Council received the 2025 progress report outlining priority actions to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Most significant efforts in 2025 include expanding the state grant-funded Home Upgrade Services program to enroll more residents, adopting local building code amendments to encourage energy efficiency and electrification, and making significant strides to eliminate fossil fuel use at municipal facilities.</p> <p>Specifically, 21 homes in Belle Haven have received electrification upgrades as of Jan. 2026 and in partnership with the Belle Haven Community Development Fund a new program to support renters was launched. Gas water heaters at City Hall and the Burgess Pool were replaced with efficient heat pump water heaters through PG&amp;E's Government, K-12 Energy Efficiency Program. Staff also scoped work to replace the final gas water heater at the Arrillaga Family Gymnasium, planned for early 2026. On fleet electrification, the City secured \$2.2 million in grant funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure for fleet and community vehicles and brought on project management support, with construction planned to begin in 2026.</p> <p>CAP implementation also includes education and outreach, prioritizing bilingual engagement through workshops, door-to-door canvassing, mailers, and community events in Belle Haven and the Bayfront. The City hosted the Love Our Earth Festival at BHCC alongside partners including 350 Silicon Valley, Acterra, the City of East Palo Alto, Menlo Spark, and Peninsula Clean Energy, offering bike fix-it clinics, information about available incentives and programs, free food, and more. The City also continued implementation of its zero emission landscaping equipment ordinance, which took effect for leaf blowers and string trimmers in July 2024, with remaining equipment — chain saws, lawnmowers, and hedge trimmers — phasing in by January 2029.</p>	Sustainability Division	City Manager's Office	General Fund, grants (e.g., California Energy Commission, PG&E, Peninsula Clean Energy, and CALFIRE)	In Progress	Long Term
EJ2.C	<b>Air Quality Education and Outreach.</b> Conduct proactive education and outreach about indoor and outdoor air quality and protective actions that can be taken to both improve air quality inside one's home and to minimize exposure to poor air quality index days.	Program	<p>Specifically, 21 homes in Belle Haven have received electrification upgrades as of Jan. 2026 and in partnership with the Belle Haven Community Development Fund a new program to support renters was launched. Gas water heaters at City Hall and the Burgess Pool were replaced with efficient heat pump water heaters through PG&amp;E's Government, K-12 Energy Efficiency Program. Staff also scoped work to replace the final gas water heater at the Arrillaga Family Gymnasium, planned for early 2026. On fleet electrification, the City secured \$2.2 million in grant funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure for fleet and community vehicles and brought on project management support, with construction planned to begin in 2026.</p>	Sustainability Division [formerly Public Works]	Bay Area Air District [formerly known as Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)], City Manager's Office, Peninsula Clean Energy, County Office of Sustainability	Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Loan Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ2.C.1	Identify and implement methods and avenues for public education and outreach about air quality issues in the community.	Action Item		All City Departments	Public Works, Communications and Public Engagement Division, Bay Area Air District [formerly known as Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)], City Manager's Office, Peninsula Clean Energy, San Mateo County Sustainability Department	-	In Progress (Long Term)	Ongoing From Initiation

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EJ2.C.2	Support the distribution of air purifiers and/or other air cleaning devices within underserved communities, especially for sensitive populations.	Action Item	CAP implementation also includes education and outreach, prioritizing bilingual engagement through workshops, door-to-door canvassing, mailers, and community events in Belle Haven and the Bayfront. The City hosted the Love Our Earth Festival at BHCC alongside partners including 350 Silicon Valley, Acterra, the City of East Palo Alto, Menlo Spark, and Peninsula Clean Energy, offering bike fix-it clinics, information about available incentives and programs, free food, and more. The City also continued implementation of its zero emission landscaping equipment ordinance, which took effect for leaf blowers and string trimmers in July 2024, with remaining equipment — chain saws, lawnmowers, and hedge trimmers — phasing in by January 2029.	Sustainability Division	Police, Sustainability Division, San Mateo County Sustainability Department	General Fund	In Progress (Long Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ2.D	<b>Illegal Waste Dumping.</b> Minimize and mitigate illegal solid waste dumping (as defined in 7.04.030 of the Municipal Code), potentially through minimizing fees for disposal at landfills in collaboration with South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA).	Program	The City has several ongoing partnerships to help minimize illegal dumping: -Recology offers two free bulky item pick up services that residents can use to dispose of large items (e.g., mattresses and sofas). -The City organizes free electronic waste and document shredding events with RethinkWaste. -The City hosts free household hazardous waste collection events with the San Mateo County Health Department. -Public Works staff receive illegal dumping reports from ACT Menlo Park and staff or Recology responds/collects the item(s) within the next business day.	Public Works	Communications and Public Engagement	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ2.D.1	Conduct proactive outreach in underserved communities to inform households of free trash pickup days and solid waste disposal opportunities and programs, including the ACT Menlo Park reporting app. Outreach can include signage about ACT Menlo Park along Pierce Road.	Action Item	The City creates quarterly Recology bill inserts to provide information about free sustainable community related-events (e.g., household hazardous waste collection, document shredding, electronic waste collection, bulky item pick-up services, and compost and mulch giveaways) and to encourage multifamily and commercial properties to contact Recology for free compost pails. The bill inserts also include information about the City's rate assistance program which provides eligible users discounts on their Recology and Menlo Park Municipal Water bills. Additionally, the bill inserts encourage use of the City's online and mobile application called ACT Menlo Park, which makes it easy to report non-emergency issues from a smartphone, tablet, or desktop computer. Public Works staff have QR codes on their business cards to encourage the public to utilize ACT Menlo Park. The City partners with RethinkWaste to produce and distribute spring/summer and fall/winter Rethinker newsletters through direct mailing. Newsletters are also available electronically on the RethinkWaste website. Public Works staffed debris collection monthly events are being planned for Belle Haven beginning in spring 2026 as a pilot program.	Public Works	Communications and Public Engagement, Recology, Public Works	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ2.D.2	Explore ways to subsidize or eliminate fees for disposal at landfills and implement for underserved communities.	Action Item	The City offers a rate assistance program for solid waste services to help income-eligible residents facing financial hardship.	Public Works	Communications and Public Engagement, Recology, Public Works	Clean California (Local Grants)	In Progress (Long Term)	Ongoing upon commencement	
EJ2.E	<b>Green Infrastructure Plan.</b> Review the City's Green Infrastructure Plan and update, as necessary, to incorporate environmental justice. Focus on underserved communities and implement programs in this Element, in coordination with related regional efforts.	Program	Ongoing implementation of the 2019 Green Infrastructure Plan through development reviews through conditions for green infrastructure/LID and complete-streets frontage elements on applicable projects, with attention to Belle Haven/Bayfront areas where relevant. Continued evaluation of green infrastructure requirements on public projects for stormwater permit compliance.	Public Works	Community Development	General Fund	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ2.E.1	Support efforts by other agencies to abate hazardous, polluted, or toxic sites. Align with community members and collaborate with regulatory and regional agencies to clean up hazardous, polluted, or toxic sites and incorporate sea-level rise and groundwater rise in remediation decisions.	Action Item	In 2025, the City advanced efforts for the Strategy to Advance Flood protection, Ecosystems Restoration and Recreation along San Francisco Bay (SAFER Bay) project, a multi-jurisdictional and public-private collaboration to protect communities and critical infrastructure from sea level rise and tidal flooding in the cities of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto. In Menlo Park, the project will use levees, floodwalls, and natural solutions to protect 3.7 miles of shoreline – safeguarding homes, schools, business, and roads from coastal flooding. Aspects of sea level rise include, but are not limited to: structure and contaminant risk, roads and other structures weaken, stream flooding and rising groundwater, loss of shoreline habitat, rising waters, and seawater intrusion.	If on private property then Community development, if for public projects then Public Works	San Mateo County Health, Department of Water Resources, OneShoreline	Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Long Term	
EJ2.E.2	Prioritize comprehensive undergrounding of utilities in underserved communities on private and public property to promote resilience. Consider the impact of shallow groundwater rise on underground utilities.	Action Item	Ongoing implementation of Menlo Park Municipal Code Chapter 15.16 requirements for undergrounding electric and communication service connections on private property under applicable circumstances. For qualifying private development in O, LS, and R-MU zoning districts, projects were reviewed/conditioned to underground eligible overhead electric distribution (<60 kV) and communication lines along the project frontage where required by code; these districts are adjacent to and serve underserved communities.	Public Works	Community Development, City Manager's Office, utilities (e.g., PG&E)	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), PG&E Rule 20 Program, Community Amenities Fund, Bonds per project specific deferred frontage agreements	In Progress	Medium Term	

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EJ2.E.3	Focus green stormwater improvements for areas at risk of flooding with an emphasis on underserved communities.	Action Item	Ongoing evaluation of applicable private development projects for stormwater retention and treatment consistent with the stormwater permit requirements and the City's Green Infrastructure Plan, including requiring onsite capture of increases in runoff and installation of stormwater treatment measures to retain and treat runoff prior to discharge to the public storm drain. Where feasible and applicable, staff also continue to evaluate green infrastructure in the public right-of-way/frontage for large developments and qualifying projects consistent with City standards. The City's capital improvement program includes upgrades to its stormwater facilities to mitigate flooding.	Public Works	-	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ2.E.4	Support West Bay Sanitary District, the respective responsible agency, in their efforts to prevent sewage discharges during large stormwater events. In the event of occurrence, coordinate with the responsible agency in conducting proactive, extensive, and prolonged community outreach and education to inform underserved communities of protective actions and risks. The City can coordinate with agencies to promptly share their information with the City Council and community after storms.	Action Item	City staff host regular coordination meetings with West Bay Sanitary District (WBSD) to review upcoming projects including sewer main upgrades to address capacity and leakage issues. Staff also reviews development projects with WBSD to condition upgrades to the sewer main as a condition of the project's frontage improvement where applicable. The City issues notices to impacted residents, prior to resurfacing any given street, for owners to repair their sanitary sewer lateral in advance. In the event that emergency repairs are required due to large storm events, Public Works coordinates with WBSD to expedite corrective measures. For example, staff will issue an emergency encroachment permit, and assist with public outreach and traffic control as required.	Public Works	City Manager's Office, West Bay Sanitary District, East Palo Alto Sanitary District, Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Planning and Project Development Grant)	In Progress (Long Term)	Long Term	
EJ2.E.5	Collaborate with landowners to decrease the risk of flooding by advancing watershed management projects that reduce and/or store runoff during rainfall events, including the installation of green infrastructure and Low Impact Development (LID) practices, and improve the condition in the floodplain, for example through floodplain restoration or improvement.	Action Item	Through development reviews, Engineering/Land Development required feasible LID/green infrastructure measures and stormwater detention/treatment consistent with the City's stormwater permit, GI Plan, and City grading/drainage guidelines. Regulated projects were conditioned to manage increases in runoff onsite and provide treatment prior to discharge to the public storm drain.	Public Works	OneShoreline, Department of Water Resources, City Manager's Office, Community Development	Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (Infrastructure State Revolving Fund (ISRF) Program)	In Progress	Medium Term	
EJ2.E.6	Encourage green infrastructure in future developments, including using green infrastructure as preferred alternative.	Action Item	Applied the City's Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan and during development review to avoid "missed opportunities," including conditioning feasible GI in public ROW/frontage through frontage improvement requirements.	Public Works	Community Development, City Manager's Office, Sustainability Division	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ2.E.7	Establish requirements for major development and redevelopment projects to construct and maintain urban greening projects in the adjacent public right of way. Community benefits for such projects could include shade trees for pedestrian and biking routes.	Action Item	The existing heritage tree and street tree ordinances have requirements for tree preservation during development and re-planting on private property and in the public right-of-way, with a focus on diversity and large canopy species where site conditions allow. The City is currently updating administrative guidelines to increase the amount of mitigation required for development-related tree removals. City staff review qualifying development projects for frontage improvements which can include the addition of street trees, landscaping, planters, and green infrastructure, within the public right-of-way where feasible. Staff are in the process of developing a request of proposals for the development of the City's urban forest management plan. The plan will provide updated guidelines for tree replanting for development projects.	Public Works	Caltrans, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Canopy	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Grants	In Progress	Long Term	

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EJ2.G	<b>Transportation to City Events.</b> Develop incentives to encourage shared commute programs and alternative methods of travel for city events, meetings, and official business.	Program	In 2025, the City provided transportation from the Belle Haven neighborhood for two City Council meetings including the annual priority setting workshop and budget public hearing.  The City's ongoing free shuttle program includes two community shuttles (M1-Crosstown and Shoppers' shuttles) and two commuter shuttles (M3-Marsh Road and M4-Willow Road shuttles) that encourage individuals to take transit instead of driving. The shuttle service complements existing transit services in San Mateo County provided by SamTrans, Caltrain, and the Dumbarton Express. A Comprehensive Shuttle Study was conducted to analyze how to improve the shuttle service to connect the community to transit, jobs, shopping, and other destinations while maximizing ridership and cost-efficiencies. The study was accepted by the City Council on December 17, 2024. The study was accepted by the City Council on December 17, 2024. An update on the study and potential next steps was provided to the City Council in January 2026. SamTrans began piloting the RidePlus microtransit (public transit, on demand) service in the Belle Haven neighborhood in 2024. Caltrain offers the Pass Forward program, where local community-serving organizations partner with Caltrain to provide unused transit passes to residents in underserved communities. The Community Transportation Benefits Program offered by the US 101 Express Lanes provides a \$200 toll or transit credit to qualifying individuals.	City Manager's Office, Public Works	SamTrans, Community-Based Active Transportation Organizations (e.g., Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition), Public Works, Sustainability Division, Library and Community Services	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant)	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ2.H	<b>Collaboration for Electrification.</b> Collaborate with SamTrans and Ravenswood City School District, as well as Meta and other large employers to leverage transportation electrification initiatives to prioritize bus electrification in underserved communities.	Program	SamTrans anticipates being fully electric by 2034, in compliance with State law requiring transit fleets be all electric by 2040.	Public Works	Sustainability Division, SamTrans, Ravenswood City School District, Large Local Businesses (over 50 employees, e.g., Meta, SRI International, Grail, others)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant)	In Progress	Medium Term	
EJ2.I	<b>Regulations Revisions.</b> Consider revisions to applicable City regulations that will reduce pollution exposure, eliminate environmental inequities, and improve quality of life in underserved communities.	Program	In 2025, City Council adopted local building code amendments that require enhanced energy efficiency, pre-wiring and electrification for existing buildings ahead of the 2025 code cycle. Electrification eliminates the combustion of fuel gases and improves community air quality and indoor air quality for residents.	All City Departments	All City Departments	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant)	In Progress	Medium Term	
EJ2.I.2	Identify, evaluate and implement potential mitigation measures that support Caltrans mitigation efforts to reduce noise and air quality impacts from adjacent freeways and highways, particularly those impacting underserved communities.	Action Item	Coordination with Caltrans on noise mitigation efforts is ongoing. For streets, the City incorporates rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) as a bid alternate on street resurfacing projects impacting arterials and collectors. RAC is composed of recycled tires and is a considered a more environmentally friendly material compared to traditional asphalt. RAC can also reduce vehicular noise for speeds at 45 miles per hour or greater.	Public Works	Caltrans	Federal Transit Administration (Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and NonMetropolitan Transportation Planning)	In Progress (Long Term)	Long Term	
EJ2.I.3	Install improved vegetative buffers between freeways and highways and adjacent land uses to reduce noise and air quality impacts, upon identification of the roadway segments for such installations.	Action Item	The U.S. 101/ Willow landscaping plans reached 95% with planned construction in summer 2026. The City continued to respond to resident requests for street tree plantings to serve as vegetative buffers from freeways. Over the past year, three trees have been planted for this purpose.	Public Works	Caltrans	Federal Transit Administration (Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and NonMetropolitan Transportation Planning) Community Amenities Fund	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ2.I.5	Support roadway design that integrates green stormwater infrastructure into traffic calming (where appropriate) and includes trees, landscape buffer areas, public art, public space, and other visual enhancement.	Action Item	The City has a Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan to guide the implementation of GI and ensure "no missed opportunities" across projects. Staff evaluates all qualifying development and street resurfacing projects for implementation of complete streets and GI features. Contingent upon factors such as right-of-way width and funding, traffic calming, landscaping, and GI are assessed when planning roadway projects or leveraged as part of frontage improvements for development projects.	Public Works	Caltrans, Library and Community Services	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant), Department of Transportation (Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity Grant)	In Progress	Long Term	

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EJ2.I.8	Inform residents and organizations in underserved communities of the permit application process for temporary street closures for temporary events such as farmers' markets, arts and craft fairs, bicycle and pedestrian events, and other public events. Consider easing the permitting process for temporary street closures in the city.	Action Item	In 2025, there were eight major events at Bedwell Bayfront Park with only parking spaces impacted and not full, temporary street closures.	Police	City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, Community Development, Public Works.	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant)	In Progress	Short Term	
EJ2.J	<b>Urban Forest Management Plan.</b> Develop Urban Forest: Developing the Management Plan for Menlo Park within four years of the adoption of the Environmental Justice Element.	Program	Staff are in the process of developing a request of proposals for the developmet of the City's urban forest management plan. A request for proposals for early action tree planting plan was released in December. Tree planting is planned for 2026.	Public Works	Sustainability Division, Canopy	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Round 1 Planning Grant), United States Department of Agricultural (USDA) Grants, CALFIRE grants. City of Menlo Park Heritage Tree in-lieu fee program	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ2.J.1	Urban canopy expansion prioritizing underserved communities and areas vulnerable to urban heat effects, using tools such as the Tree Equity Score and Bay Area Greenprint.	Action Item	Staff are in the process of developing a request of proposals for the developmet of the City's urban forest management plan. A request for proposals for early action tree planting plan in Belle Haven was released in December. Tree planting is planned for 2026.	Public Works	Sustainability Division, Canopy	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), Community Amenities Fund	In Progress	Short Term	
EJ2.J.2	Implement equitable canopy expansion procedures and promote and maintain healthy and vibrant trees that may require dedicating additional resources within the City Arborist Division, Public Works.	Action Item	The City replaces each street tree and park tree that is removed, as long as there is space. Staff are in the process of developing a request of proposals for the developmet of the City's urban forest management plan. A request for proposals for early action tree planting plan in Belle Haven was released in December. Tree planting is planned for 2026.	City Manager's Office, Public Works	Sustainability Division, Public Works	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program),	In Progress	Short Term	

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EJ2.J.3	Include trees, landscape buffer areas, public art, public space, and other visual enhancements in roadway projects, emphasizing tree planting and landscaping along all streets.	Action Item	Contingent upon factors such as right-of-way width and funding, traffic calming, and landscaping, green infrastructure is assessed when planning roadway projects and leveraged as part of frontage improvements for development projects. Routine maintenance is conducted every five years for street and park trees. Residents may request evaluation of work needs outside of routine maintenance and request new tree planting as needed. All removed public trees are replaced as long as there is space.	Public Works	Community Development, Menlo Park Library and Community Services Department	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), Community Amenities Fund (north of 101 implementation of Action Item 2.N.3)	In Progress	Long Term
EJ2.J.4	Use Urban Forest: Developing the Management Plan for Menlo Park to prioritize the retention of mature street trees in public rights of way or City-owned parcels during infrastructure modifications (e.g., using solutions such as bulb-outs, basin expansion, and sidewalk re-routing.).	Action Item	The City has preservation requirements for heritage and street trees. Staff are in the process of developing a request of proposals for the developmet of the City's urban forest management plan. A request for proposals for early action tree planting plan in Belle Haven was released in December. Tree planting is planned for 2026.	Public Works	-	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term
EJ2.J.5	Coordinate with property owners to help preserve mature trees by replacing any that require removal in any redevelopment process. Explore opportunities to transplant trees and vegetation that require removal during construction to other places within underserved communities. Consider requiring multiple new trees be planted for each mature tree removed.	Action Item	The City is updating administrative guidelines to require increased mitigation for development-related removals. The City Arborist reviews each proposed heritage and street tree removal and ensures there is "good cause" for removal after exhausting all other alternatives. The City Arborist also ensures sufficient mitigation (e.g., multiple replacement trees or a large tree replacement) is provided for each approved heritage tree removal.	Public Works - Trees	-	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Medium Term
EJ2.K	<b>Extreme Heat Relief.</b> Prioritize relief from extreme heat (Safety Element Program S1.T) in underserved communities. Information on these resources shall be provided at community facilities (e.g., BHCC).	Program	The City operates three cooling centers at the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, Belle Haven Community Campus, and the Menlo Park Library. The facilities are air-conditioned and open to the public everyday. A-frames are placed on extreme weather days inviting community members to seek relief in the facility. Signage improvements for facilities continue to be considered (e.g., branded, informational/directional signage for A-frames). Additionally, the Home Upgrade Services program provides air conditioning through the installation of heat pumps and has installed 24 at no-cost to Menlo Park homeowners since program launch in Sept. 2024.	Library and Community Services	Communications and Public Engagement	General Fund	In Progress	Ongoing From Initiation

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EJ1.A	<b>Prioritizing Public/Capital Improvements.</b> Prioritize public/capital improvements needed in underserved communities with priority allocation of funding, available to the City locally and from regional, statewide, and federal entities, for such projects, and to address climate change.	Program	The Belle Haven Child Development Center was included in PCE's 2023 GovPV program for solar panel installation. The solar panels were installed in 2025 and will be energized in 2026. PCE plans to revisit project sites in 2027 to install battery systems for additional resilience and load shifting to further reduce electricity bills. In 2025, the City won technical assistance and up to \$100K in gap funding from the BayREN Decarbonization Showcase for a zero-net energy electrification retrofit at the Belle Haven Child Development Center. City Council authorized the use of CEC communitywide electrification grant funding for the project, with construction planned for completion by summer 2026. Additionally, the City received PG&E funding to replace the facility's existing gas water heaters with electric heat pumps. By the end of 2026, BHDCDC will be fully electric powered by the rooftop solar system.  Belle Haven is vulnerable to flooding from a 100-year tide event / sea level rise. Protecting the community is a priority of the SAFER Bay project. The SAFER Bay Project is a multi-benefit, multi-jurisdictional, public-private collaboration that will protect critical infrastructure, protect and restore critical habitat, provide community resilience to current tidal flooding and projected sea level rise, and improve recreational access, using both engineered structures and nature-based flood protection. The City received a FEMA grant for the Menlo Park SAFER Bay Project which focuses on the development of a levee system from the Dumbarton Bridge to Bedwell Bayfront Park for storm and sea level rise protection. The design is currently underway and will be completed in 2027.	City Manager's Office, Public Works	Community Development, Sustainability Division	General Fund, General Capital Fund, Countywide Transportation Sales Tax Funds (Measure A & W), State and Federal Gas Taxes	In Progress (Short Term)	Long Term	
EJ1.A.1	Support (to the extent possible and subject to funding limitations) non-governmental agencies' grant applications and projects that will specifically help implement the Environmental Justice Element and address highlighted issues in underserved communities such as safe housing, increased tree coverage, recreational resources, active transportation, environmental concerns, and air quality.	Action Item	The Community Funding Program provided approximately \$350K for projects that advance basic services, community enrichment, and community health. To see recipients: <a href="https://www.menlopark.gov/Government/Departments/City-Managers-Office/Special-projects/Community-funding-program">https://www.menlopark.gov/Government/Departments/City-Managers-Office/Special-projects/Community-funding-program</a> . Provided letter of support for Caltrans' Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway grant proposal submitted by C/CAG, Climate Resilient Communities and the San Jose Conservation Corps to coordinate cleanup locations and promote our community cleanup workdays.	City Manager's Office	All City Departments	Bayfront Mitigation Fund (project specific) Community Amenities Fund (projects specific)	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ1.C	<b>Progress Report.</b> Develop and publicize annual or every-other-year reports that measure progress and outcomes of the implementation of the Environmental Justice Element programs within six years after the adoption of the Environmental Justice Element.	Program	In March 2025, the Planning Commission and City Council reviewed the 2024 Environmental Justice Element Annual Progress Report (EJ APR). The EJ APR summarizes progress to advance environmental justice during the prior calendar year. The Planning Commission and City Council will review the 2025 EJ APR in March 2026.	Community Development	All City Departments	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ1.D	<b>CalEnviroScreen Review.</b> Review CalEnviroScreen to support evaluation of Environmental Justice Element policies and programs.	Program	CalEnviroScreen was used as an informational tool to support the early preparation of materials to develop the City's first urban forest management plan. CalEnviroScreen is also being used to shape the eligibility for resident's to receive an electric vehicle or e-bike voucher through the City's program launching in 2026 in partnership with Acterra.	Community Development	California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, All City Departments	General Fund	In Progress (Long Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ3.A	<b>Climate Resilience Centers.</b> Identify, renovate, and retrofit candidate public buildings in underserved communities to serve as Climate Resilience Centers as outlined by the California Strategic Growth Council. These buildings should be places where the community already regularly gathers, such as libraries, community centers, or the Belle Haven neighborhood substation.	Program	The Belle Haven Community Campus was completed in 2024 and serves as a Red Cross shelter and community hub. The Campus received the 2025 Green Building Honorable Mention cosponsored by Sustainable San Mateo County and the San Mateo County Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and awards from the American Society of Civil Engineers. Sustainable San Mateo County notes, "The project was recognized in a highly competitive field, which included a diverse array of sustainable residential, commercial and civic projects. This LEED Platinum, net-zero energy facility stands as a beacon of resilience and innovation in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park."	Public Works	Sustainability Division, Menlo Park Library and Community Services Department	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Medium Term	
EJ3.C	<b>Expand Internet Access.</b> Work with internet service providers to support affordable access for low-income households, potentially in partnership with neighboring jurisdictions or state agencies. Inform the community of existing or future partnerships through community workshops that also serve to improve internet literacy and technological skills. In addition, expand outreach and community access to the City Library's laptop and wireless hotspot, or similar, borrowing programs.	Program	The City currently offers laptop lending and wi-fi hotspots free to residents at the library with their library card. In 2025, the City increased number of laptops and facilitated 2,588 laptop loans and 402 wireless hotspot loans. Providing internet access continues to be a priority for the department.	Library and Community Services	Local Internet Providers (e.g., AT&T, Xfinity, Spectrum), San Mateo County Public Works, California Public Utilities Commission, Administrative Services Department/Information Technology Department	California Advanced Services Fund: Broadband Public Housing Account	In Progress (Medium Term)	Medium Term	
EJ3.D.1	Encourage local transit providers to establish and maintain routes and services that provide underserved communities with convenient access to health service facilities.	Action Item	The City's ongoing free shuttle program includes two community shuttles (M1-Crosstown and Shoppers' shuttles) and two commuter shuttles (M3-Marsh Road and M4-Willow Road shuttles) that encourage individuals to take transit instead of driving. The shuttle service complements existing transit services in San Mateo County provided by SamTrans, Caltrain, and the Dumbarton Express. Coordination between the City and local transit agencies for service is ongoing. A Comprehensive Shuttle Study was conducted to analyze how to improve the shuttle service to connect the community to transit, jobs, shopping, and other destinations while maximizing ridership and cost-efficiencies. The study was accepted by the City Council on December 17, 2024. Changes to the shuttle program were implemented in 2025.	Public Works	SamTrans, Local Medical Centers (e.g., Menlo Medical Clinic, Palo Alto VA Medical Center-Menlo Park)	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Medium Term	

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EJ3.D.2	Partner with local transit providers to provide a comprehensive system of para-transit service for seniors and people of all abilities and enhance service within the city and to regional public facilities, especially for access to health care and other needs.	Action Item	SamTrans provides paratransit through Redi-Wheels. Coordination between the City and SamTrans for service is ongoing.	Public Works	SamTrans, Local Medical Centers (e.g., Menlo Medical Clinic, Palo Alto VA Medical Center-Menlo Park)	Federal Transit Administration (Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and NonMetropolitan Transportation Planning)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Medium Term	
EJ3.D.4	Identify a partner who can provide a community health clinic in Belle Haven.	Action Item	Ravenswood City School District is currently investing approximately \$65 million towards renovating all of the instructional rooms on the Belle Haven Elementary School campus, creating new spaces for early childhood and students with special needs, adding brand new classrooms, and relocating and expanding the gym on the site to be more community facing. The Belle Haven construction project is underway. The District and the Ravenswood Family Health Clinic are exploring options to develop a health clinic at the campus.	City Manager's Office	Local Medical Centers (e.g., Menlo Medical Clinic, Palo Alto VA Medical Center-Menlo Park)	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant), Department of Health and Human Services (Service Area Competition Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Medium Term	
EJ3.E	<b>After-school Programs Coordination.</b> Coordinate with schools and other local organizations (e.g., Boys and Girls Club) to support after-school activities and related outreach/communications generally.	Program	In 2025, after-school activities included expanded teen events, recreational activities, and educational programs (cooking/coding) timed for neighborhood school release times (Beechwood School and Ravenswood City School District). In 2026, an after-school homework help program is planned at Belle Haven Community Campus.	Library and Community Services	Ravenswood City School District	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ3.E.1	Coordinate with the Ravenswood City School District and Beechwood School to help publicize affordable after school care options/programs and explore opportunities to enhance transportation options for youth to BHCC.	Action Item	Ravenswood City School District has a number of after school care options/programs and the City can help publicize and enhance usage. City vans provide transportation to Belle Haven Community Campus for youth enrolled in the City's after school program. Staff continue to evaluate opportunities to increase transportation options (e.g., transportation for youth interested in going to BHCC after school but are not enrolled in the City's program) and staffing capacity.	Library and Community Services	Communications and Public Engagement, Ravenswood City School District	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ3.E.2	Encourage joint use of recreational fields.	Action Item	The City's joint use agreement with Ravenswood City School District for the Belle Haven School field was amended due to construction at the school in 2023. Staff anticipates a revised agreement once school construction is completed, expected in the Fall 2026.	Library and Community Services	Public Works, Ravenswood City School District	Strategic Growth Council (Community Resilience Centers Planning Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Medium Term	
EJ3.G	<b>Programming Plans.</b> Ensure delivery on the needs of underserved communities through the City's Programming Plans currently in place and continue to adapt programming based on community feedback through regular community surveys and outreach.	Program	The City provides a wide range of lifelong learning and recreational opportunities for Menlo Park residents of all ages, abilities, and lived experiences. Programs and facilities include public libraries, recreation and sports, early childhood education, after-school programs, summer youth camps, older adults (senior) services, athletic fields and courts, community events, and aquatics. Based on survey results, staff are looking at programming and offerings to meet diverse needs. In 2025, several policies were adopted by the Library Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission to address community and operational needs. recommended updates and the adoption of policies that addressed community and operational needs. Some policies directly addressed new services at the new Belle Haven Community Campus. This new facility combines a public library, senior center, gymnasium, after-school program, and aquatics center, all under one roof. The campus is designed to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum environmental standards, showcasing leading-edge sustainability. There has been significant community engagement and opportunities for feedback not only for the programming and operations planning of the new Belle Haven Community Campus but also focused on childcare, recreation programming, aquatics, tennis, and more.	Library and Community Services	-	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), National Endowment for the Humanities (Public Humanities Projects Grant)	In Progress	Long Term	

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EJ3.G.1	During facility renovations, install distributed solar panels and battery storage over facility parking lots for resiliency and heat reduction.	Action Item	In 2025, in partnership with Peninsula Clean Energy through the GovPV Solar and Storage for Public Buildings program, solar was installed at the Belle Haven Child Development Center, the Menlo Park Library, and Arrillaga Family Gymnastics Center with additional systems under construction for City Hall. Additionally, the final phase of the Belle Haven Community Campus microgrid, the solar carports at Kelly Field, is under construction and planned for completion by spring 2026.	Public Works	Menlo Park Library and Community Services Department, Menlo Park Public Works Department, Silicon Valley Clean Energy, Menlo Park Building Division	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Short Term	
EJ3.G.2	Provide equitable access to programs at the Belle Haven Community Campus (BHCC) through appropriate costs and proactive, multilingual, and multimodal outreach for residents of underserved communities.	Action Item	Programming plans for the Belle Haven Community Campus (BHCC) emphasize equitable access to programs through appropriate costs and proactive, multilingual, and multimodal outreach for residents of underserved communities. In May 2024, a hyperlocal resident enrollment fee program began. Menlo Park residents who live or attend K-12 school within the BHCC service area (generally the area north of the US-101 and also the Flood Triangle neighborhood) are eligible for hyperlocal resident enrollment fees at BHCC. As of Jan. 5, 2026 there was an approximate 50% increase from 2024 enrollment with 2,073 hyperlocal residents registered with the City for eligibility to receive the lower cost fees.	Library and Community Services	Library and Community Services Department, Community-Based Outreach Organizations (e.g., Menlo Together, Climate Resilient Communities)	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Medium Term	
EJ3.G.3	Providing community programming for all age groups, including older teens and older adults not considered seniors.	Action Item	The City provides and is working to develop additional programming for all age groups, including teens and older adults not considered seniors, and will continue to adapt programming to meet community needs and desires as they change over time, with community input.  In 2025, there were 66 programs with 1,700 attendees. This represents an increase of number of events by 164% with attendance increased by 421% from 2024.  -The Halloween! community event series attendance and activities expanded in 2024: the Halloween Hoopla parade and carnival's attendance increased approximately 36% from 2024 with an estimated 2,000 attendees; the Pumpkin Splash continued Belle Haven Pool, increasing total attendance and Trunk or Treat at the Belle Haven Community Campus drew 310 attendees.  -The October 2025 report compilation includes a new statistic that tracks the numbers of new City recreation client accounts, which are used by people to enroll in recreation classes and summer camps, purchase tickets to events, and apply for facility rentals, among other functions. The number of new recreation client accounts increased by 112% from October 2024 (380 new accounts created) to October 2025 (806 new accounts).  -Additionally, there are feedback boxes at all Library and Community service facilities that are responded to quarterly.	Library and Community Services	-	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), National Endowment for the Humanities (Public Humanities Projects Grant)	In Progress	Medium Term	
EJ3.G.4	Provide childcare, potentially with funding support for residents of underserved communities.	Action Item	The City provides childcare with funding support for underserved communities at the Belle Haven Child Development Center and Belle Haven Youth Center. The Belle Haven Youth Center continues to have broad community interest and is fully enrolled for both the after school and summer camp programs. Tuition is subsidized based on income level with grant funding from the State and other sources.	Library and Community Services	Local Childcare Organizations	California Department of Education	In Progress	Medium Term	
EJ3.G.5	Communicate with the Ravenswood City School District to enhance an understanding of preferred amenities and activities that can be included at Belle Haven Community Campus.	Action Item	Communication between the City and the Ravenswood City School District is ongoing. The School District partners with Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula, East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring, and City Year to provide before-school and after-school care. These collaborations offer both academic support and enrichment activities and the City continually seeks opportunities to amplify support for youth and families. The Belle Haven Library provides story times during the school day for Belle Haven Elementary School.	Library and Community Services	Ravenswood City School District, Communications and Public Engagement	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Medium Term	

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EJ3.G.6	Provide safe and highly visible pathways that connect residential areas in underserved communities to the new community center. Safety and visibility features should include adequate lighting.	Action Item	The Transportation Master Plan and the Vision Zero Action Plan identify high priority systemic safety issues to be addressed in all neighborhoods, with a focus on underserved communities.	Public Works	Library and Community Services, Community Development	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Medium Term	
EJ3.G.7	Support the inclusion of artwork (e.g., murals) that reflects the diversity and culture of underserved communities at community centers and beyond. Include community artifacts and testaments to community history in the community center.	Action Item	Belle Haven Community Campus includes exhibits and displays focused on Belle Haven history, people, and neighborhood stories, rotating exhibits by local artists, interpretive artworks and multimedia. Staff continue to research opportunities for adding more permanent displays.	Library and Community Services	Local Art Initiatives (e.g., Elevate Art Menlo Park, Allied Arts Guild)	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ3.G.8	Uplift culturally relevant holiday events at Belle Haven Community Campus to foster a feeling of belonging among all residents.	Action Item	The City continually partners with community members to develop culturally relevant events. On Feb. 8, the City held a Black Liberation Month celebration. On June 14, 2025, the City held a Juneteenth celebration. In 2026, the City plans to host Black Liberation Month and Juneteenth celebrations again and will add a Lunar New Year celebration.	Library and Community Services	-	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), National Endowment for the Humanities (Public Humanities Projects Grant)	In Progress	Short Term	

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EJ3.G.9	Facilitate yoga classes and other opportunities for regular community-gathering physical activities, such as walking groups and/or hiking programs for the underserved communities. Plan programs suitable to multiple age groups and abilities.	Action Item	The City currently offers yoga, Zumba, line-dancing and other movement classes for various age groups and the classes are well attended by the community. There remains an opportunity to work with the community to develop new opportunities for community-oriented physical activities such as walking and/or hiking programs.	Library and Community Services	-	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program), National Endowment for the Humanities (Public Humanities Projects Grant)	In Progress	Short Term	
EJ3.H	<b>Amenities Access.</b> Ensure that recreational facilities throughout Menlo Park provide residents of all ages, income levels, genders, and lifestyles, with access to parks, community centers, sports fields, trails, libraries, and other amenities.	Program	The City provides a wide range of lifelong learning and recreational opportunities for Menlo Park residents of all ages, abilities, and lived experiences. Programs and facilities include public libraries, recreation and sports, early childhood education, after-school programs, summer youth camps, older adults (senior) services, athletic fields and courts, community events, and aquatics.	Library and Community Services	Public Works, Community Development	General Fund	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ3.H.1	Provide public facilities that are well designed, energy efficient, maintained, and compatible with adjacent land uses.	Action Item	In 2025, the Belle Haven Community Campus completed one year of operations. The facility is an all-electric, zero combustion, net zero energy public building with onsite renewable energy generation, battery microgrid, and electric vehicle charging stations. The facility is built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum environmental standards, and its structural design is resilient to serve as an emergency shelter.  In 2025 the City began design of the Belle Haven Child Development Center zero-net energy electrification retrofit. The project is planned to be completed by summer 2026 and includes enhanced ventilation, filtration and controls through efficient systems that will be powered by rooftop solar.	All City Departments	Community Development	General Fund	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ3.H.2	Offer substantially reduced costs for recreation activities, particularly to residents of underserved communities based on economic need.	Action Item	Programming plans for Belle Haven Community Campus emphasize equitable access to programs through appropriate costs and proactive, multilingual, and multimodal outreach for residents of underserved communities. Menlo Park residents who live or attend K-12 school within the service area of the Community Campus (generally the area north of the US-101 and also the Flood Triangle neighborhood) are eligible for hyperlocal resident enrollment fees at the Community Campus. The hyperlocal resident enrollment fee began in May 2024. As of February 19, 2025, there are 1,383 hyperlocal residents registered with the City for eligibility to receive the lower cost fees.	Library and Community Services	Menlo Park Library and Community Services Department	General Fund	In Progress	Medium Term	
EJ3.H.4	Expand hours for public recreation facilities to allow working people to take advantage of the facilities. This should include open hours until 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and possibly shortened hours on weekends.	Action Item	Belle Haven Community Campus is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. City staff continually monitor facility usage and seek opportunities for improvement and enhanced access, as much as possible.	Library and Community Services	-	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Short Term	
EJ6.A	<b>Outdoor Physical Activity.</b> Identify and eliminate barriers to outdoor physical activity, such as damaged, incomplete, blocked, or littered sidewalks and bike paths, lack of safe street crossings and direct connections, excessive speeding, insufficient lighting, and lack of landscaping and shade trees along streets in underserved communities.	Program	City staff review all development projects, subject to a planning permit, for frontage improvements (including sidewalks, gutters, trees, lighting) with respect to City guidelines and transportation master plans. In addition, the Public Works Department retains an on-call asphalt and concrete repair contractor to correct sidewalk gaps or local pavement damages where reported by staff or the public. The City continually evaluates street resurfacing projects for inclusion of complete street goals (such as traffic calming, signing and striping, bicycle lane, accessible curb ramp upgrades) where applicable.	Public Works	Community Development, Sustainability Division	Federal Transit Administration (Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and NonMetropolitan Transportation Planning)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	
EJ6.B	<b>Public Safety Education.</b> In concurrence with the City's Vision Zero Action Plan, develop and implement education campaigns to increase the safety and comfort of people walking, bicycling and taking transit. These efforts should include education for people using all modes.	Program	The City continually implements education campaigns. Through the Safe Routes to School Program, the City supports the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day which is celebrated on November 14th to honor Ruby Bridges' courage in desegregating an all-white school in 1960. The day encourages students to walk to school and learn about the civil rights movement. In 2025, pedestrian safety curriculum materials were distributed through the City's monthly Safe Routes to School newsletter to Belle Haven Elementary School and TIDE Academy.	Public Works	Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, SamTrans	Federal Transit Administration (Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and NonMetropolitan Transportation Planning)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ6.C	<b>Safe Routes to School.</b> Coordinate with Ravenswood City School District to expand the Safe Routes to School program, including potential for increased crossing guards at key intersections.	Program	The City has a Safe Routes to School Program. The Safe Routes to School Task Force meets quarterly and convenes representatives from surrounding school districts and schools, Menlo Park and Atherton police departments, city and county public works departments, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, San Mateo County Office of Education, local organizations, and parents to discuss challenges around walking and biking to school and share ideas and opportunities for the Safe Routes to School program. The City coordinates with the Ravenswood City School District and has information online regarding their hiring process for crossing guards. Ravenswood City School District has reported challenges hiring for and filling crossing guard positions.	Public Works	Ravenswood City School District	Federal Transit Administration (Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and NonMetropolitan Transportation Planning)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Long Term	

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EJ6.D	<b>Transportation Master Plan.</b> Prepare to update and adopt the City's Transportation Master Plan (best practice is to update every 10-15 years) to improve environmental justice by advancing equity, mobility, reducing air pollution, and increasing bicycle and pedestrian safety.	Program	The Vision Zero Action Plan, which is part of the City's Transportation Master Plan, was adopted by City Council in 2024. The Vision Zero Action Plan identifies high priority systemic safety issues to be addressed in all neighborhoods, with a focus on underserved communities. The implementation of the Transportation Master Plan and Vision Zero Action Plan are ongoing.	Public Works	Caltrans, Community-Based Outreach Organizations (e.g., Menlo Together, Climate Resilient Communities), Community-Based Active Transportation Organizations (e.g., Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant), Department of Transportation Grants (Safe Streets and Roads for All, Sustainable Transportation Planning)	In Progress (Long Term)	Long Term
EJ6.D.2	Seek opportunities to improve pedestrian safety, at all Willow Road intersections.	Action Item	In 2025, the City worked on completing the preliminary design phase of the Willow Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Project, which includes Willow Road enhanced pedestrian crossings, a new pedestrian crossing at O'Brien Street, and separated (Class IV) bikeways on both sides of the street between Bayfront Expressway and U.S. Highway 101. Design is anticipated to be completed in 2027, with construction in 2028.	Public Works	Caltrans, Community-Based Active Transportation Organizations (e.g., Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition)	Federal Transit Administration (Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and Non-Metropolitan Transportation Planning), Department of Transportation (Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity Grant)	In Progress	Short Term
EJ6.D.3	Consider strategies to reduce excessive speed and cut-through traffic in underserved communities.	Action Item	In 2025, staff presented the Slow Streets Program to the Complete Streets Commission. The program establishing a data-driven and equitable approach for assessing neighborhood street safety concerns, prioritizing projects, and implementing appropriate traffic calming measures. The Complete Streets Commission recommended the Slow Streets Program for City Council adoption.	Public Works	Caltrans, Community-Based Active Transportation Organizations (e.g., Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant), Department of Transportation (Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity Grant)	In Progress	Long Term
EJ6.D.4	Install traffic calming measures to reduce speeds, as well as flashing stop signs in underserved communities, particularly around schools during pick-up and drop-off periods.	Action Item	In 2025, staff began the design for the resurfacing of Pierce Rd. The project will include additional speed humps and enhanced crosswalks. The project will be constructed in 2026.	Public Works	Caltrans, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, Ravenswood City School District, Community-Based Active Transportation Organizations (e.g., Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition)	Federal Transit Administration (Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and Non-Metropolitan Transportation Planning), Department of Transportation (Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity Grant)	In Progress	Short Term

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EJ6.D.5	Install bikeways on Ivy Drive, ideally Class I or Class IV.	Action Item	This item was explored in 2019 during the outreach for the Belle Haven Traffic Calming Plan. At that time, staff heard bicycle lanes were not desirable, because they required parking removal. Since adoption of the EJ Element, reevaluating this proposal has not started but would be planned for the future. The development of options and evaluation of parking removal for bicycle lanes will be planned in the future. Comprehensive community outreach and engagement efforts would be undertaken to invite discussion to confirm local interests.	Public Works	Caltrans, Community-Based Active Transportation Organizations (e.g., Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition), San Francisco Public Utilities Commission	Federal Transit Administration (Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and NonMetropolitan Transportation Planning), Department of Transportation (Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity Grant), San Francisco Public Utilities Commission	In Progress (Long Term)	Long Term	
EJ6.D.6	Expand the network of safe, accessible, and appealing pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including pedestrian connections within and in between neighborhoods. Poles, signs, or other impediments in the center of sidewalks should be modified to improve accessibility and sidewalk safety. Pursue improvements for public transit users and pedestrians where feasible, including, but not limited to, bus shelters, benches, shade structures, and lighting to support alternative transportation.	Action Item	Engineering/Land Development reviewed qualifying development projects for required frontage improvements to support pedestrian connectivity and accessibility; where feasible, conditions included street trees/landscaping/planters and, when applicable, green infrastructure elements within the public right-of-way, consistent with City standards. As part of the City's annual street resurfacing project, traffic calming, pedestrian crossings and bicycle improvements are incorporated.	Public Works	Caltrans, Community-Based Active Transportation Organizations (e.g., Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant), Department of Transportation (Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity Grant)	In Progress (Medium Term)	Medium Term	
EJ7.A	<b>Engaging Underserved Communities.</b> Promote and evaluate capacity-building efforts to educate and involve traditionally underrepresented populations, including underserved communities, in the public decision-making process.	Program	In 2025, Menlo Park advanced equitable disaster preparedness outreach by engaging traditionally underserved communities through targeted, neighborhood-based events. Efforts included the April 1 Main Library presentation on City readiness initiatives, the May 21 and October 18 Belle Haven preparedness events with trusted community partners, the July 19 bilingual Listos workshop with Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and the October 16 Belle Haven Community Campus evacuation drill. A January 15 joint meeting with MPCReady, REACT, and ADAPT further strengthened collaboration with community-based organizations. Together, these efforts expand access to preparedness resources, build local capacity, and increase inclusive participation in emergency planning. Additionally, in 2025, The Belle Haven Pool hybrid model task force (Task Force) met on Oct. 14, 2025, Oct. 28, 2025, and Dec. 8, 2025. In November 2025, staff had individual conversations with Task Force members to confirm and refine desired pool programming that could be offered under the hybrid model. The purpose of the Task Force is to gather neighborhood-oriented feedback to help develop a potential hybrid operating model at the Belle Haven Pool. The table below shows the programs desired by Task Force members as developed during the three Task Force meetings. Additional suggestions for programming gathered during individual meetings with Task Force members are marked with an *. All programming suggestions were reviewed and confirmed by Task Force members at the Dec. 8, 2025, meeting. Additional comments from the Belle Haven Task Force meetings are listed on the aquatics webpage at: <a href="https://menlopark.gov/aquatics">https://menlopark.gov/aquatics</a> . The Police department worked with community based organizations to host National Night Out block parties. There were 8 block parties held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. One was held in Belle Haven by the Belle Haven Haven Community Development Fund had an estimated attendance of 200. Though there was only one held in Belle Haven, it was one of the largest gatherings of the night.	City Manager's Office	Belle Haven Action	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ7.A.3	Deploy educational workshops for City staff to enhance understanding of social injustice and housing needs pertaining to diversity, equity, and inclusion.	Action Item	In 2025, City staff from different departments and divisions participate in the Quarterly San Mateo County Equity in Government Community of Practice meetings. The quarterly meetings are ongoing in 2026.	City Manager's Office	Belle Haven Action	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ7.B	<b>Meeting People Where They Are.</b> All meetings with an agenda item located in an underserved community should take place in a location easily accessible to the underserved community and/or by means that facilitate such access, such as satellite meeting centers, simulcasting, and/or remote participation. Consider hardcopy materials for outreach, particularly door-to-door outreach.	Program	There were two City Council meetings at BHCC and several commissions met at BHCC in 2025. In the Fall, the City Clerk's office hosted an open house at BHCC with interpretation with the purpose of educating the community on how to engage with government. This open house provided an opportunity for community members to learn about applying for commissions, participating in city council meetings, understanding elections and public records act requests, shuttle schedules and how to make interpretation requests. Additionally, public meetings are typically simulcast online to increase access and participation. The City has provided transportation to City Council meetings from the Belle Haven neighborhood for the budget public hearing. City Council provided direction in Dec. 2025 for staff to develop a public meetings transportation, location, interpretation and translation services accessibility policy.	City Manager's Office	Library and Community Services	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ7.C	<b>Encouraging Community Outreach.</b> Consider and provide, as feasible, compensation (such as food and refreshments, stipends, on-site child care) at community outreach events in underserved communities.	Program	In May 2025, the City provided food for participants attending the Building a Cleaner Tomorrow building code feedback workshop at the Belle Haven Community Campus (BHCC). In June 2025, the City provided food for participants who attended the Home Upgrade Services program electrification workshop at BHCC and Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) provided stipends. In addition, all community events at BHCC hosted by the City include food for community members. Stipends, and on-site child care, are provided when feasible.	City Manager's Office	-	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ7.D	<b>Equitable Engagement.</b> Pursue equitable civic and community engagement.	Program	In 2025, Spanish translation was included in nearly all print materials to reach more community members. Digital materials such as emails and the website have offered accessibility in multiple languages since 2021.	City Manager's Office	-	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	

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EJ7.D.1	Initiate outreach efforts as early as possible in the decision-making process before significant resources have been invested.	Action Item	In fiscal year 2025-26, outreach for citywide initiatives included the downtown parking management study and SAFER Bay (design phase). Also, the Home Upgrade program started within the Belle Haven neighborhood and then expanded to the entire City. Outreach materials were developed in English and Spanish to be more accessible for all community members.	City Manager's Office	All City Departments	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.D.3	At least twice per year, beginning immediately following Environmental Justice Element Adoption, conduct City Council meetings in underserved communities.	Action Item	The City Council conducted meetings at the Belle Haven Community Campus (BHCC) on March 25 and December 16, 2025. Other City commissions that conducted meetings at BHCC in 2025 include: Complete Streets Commission (April 9), Environmental Quality Commission (August 20), and Housing Commission (December 3). Staff will explore opportunities to hold Planning Commission meetings at BHCC, especially when there is an agenda item of particular interest to underserved communities.	Community Development	City Manager's Office	General Fund	In Progress	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.D.4	Encourage representation from all districts on City boards and commissions.	Action Item	In 2025, approximately 12 percent of individuals serving on City boards and commissions resided in District 1. The City Clerk provides opportunities for commissioners to receive Advisory Body training convenient to a typical and atypical working schedules in Spring. The oath of office is now provided digitally, so new commissioners can complete on their own schedule without needing to come to City Hall. The City continues to seek opportunities to encourage greater representation from all districts on City boards and commissions and has started noting applicants' district in application materials so the City Council can help encourage diversity amongst districts. In 2025, the City Council continued advertising opportunities to join advisory boards in Spanish to attract more diversity and these efforts continue in 2025.	City Manager's Office	-	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.D.6	Coordinate outreach efforts between City departments to avoid duplication and encourage that all Menlo Park community stakeholders receive notification and information.	Action Item	The City's weekly newsletter, the Weekly Digest, provides information on City initiatives for community members as well as staff. In addition, the City's Public Engagement team ensures that information shared with community members is accessible (provided in multiple languages and formats such as digital, mailers, banners, etc.) and works across departments to implement and continually improve outreach opportunities.	City Manager's Office	All City Departments	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.D.7	Inform the public on decisions – and seek feedback on decisions – using multiple communication methods, including traditional and online forms of communication.	Action Item	The City shares regular information and opportunities for feedback through subscription-based digital communications such as the weekly City newsletter (Weekly Digest), mailed notices, TV monitors with informational 'ads' throughout the city, street banners, message boards, A-Frame signs, social media channels, and partner community-based organizations communications. In addition, the City hosts workshops and/or partners with organizations for community meetings or open houses to provide more details about projects, resources and initiatives.	City Manager's Office	All City Departments	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.D.8	Incorporate multilingual outreach, announcements and noticing into City procedures for public meetings and hearings and offer interpretation services at all meetings and workshops on environmental issues.	Action Item	Upon request, using the Spanish interpretation request form, meeting materials were provided in both English and Spanish languages and live interpretation was provided. Nine City Council meetings had Spanish interpretation and the Police Department quarterly updates were provided to City Council with both English and Spanish staff reports. Monolingual Spanish meetings were provided as well. During outreach for building electrification programs and policies, bilingual outreach with workshops were hosted at BHCC. Additionally, every event hosted by LCS staff at BHCC is offered bilingual with interpretation.	City Manager's Office	All City Departments	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.D.9	Consider offering childcare at key meetings and workshops on environmental issues affecting entire neighborhoods and the city as a whole.	Action Item	For the building electrification programs and policy workshops, activities for children were provided. For LCS events that pertain to families and children, childcare is provided. For other events, childcare can be requested and arranged if needed to encourage participation.	City Manager's Office	All City Departments	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.D.10	Distribute contact information (such as phone numbers to call) for various departments, programs and other functions in the City organization in underserved communities and in appropriate languages.	Action Item	The City produces hardcopy outreach materials in English and Spanish when feasible and needed (e.g., Home Upgrade Services program flyer). Phone numbers and emails for bilingual support are provided whenever possible. Information on how to engage with the City Council is printed and available at all public counters including at BHCC. There is also printed information about making public records act requests and contacting the City Clerks office.	City Manager's Office	All City Departments	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.E.1	Provide resources at BHCC about environmental safety, including flooding, extreme heat, and other issues identified in the Safety Element. Consider having a concierge or dedicated staff/resources to provide outreach on local mitigation efforts in underserved communities.	Action Item	In 2025, a sustainability information booth was available at the Belle Haven Library. All information is provided in Spanish and English and focuses on available resources related to water conservation, electrification, waste reduction, and advertising upcoming events.	Community Development	Library and Community Services, Public Works, Sustainability Division	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.F	<b>Increasing Accessibility and Representation.</b> Review Planning Commission stipend pilot and consider compensating City Councilmembers and appointed commissioners for the time they spend in their positions to make the positions more accessible to residents of underserved communities.	Program	A Planning Commission stipend pilot program was added in the 2023-2024 budget and continues to be a part of the City budget. The City Council compensation was adjusted in March 2024.	City Manager's Office	-	General Fund	In Progress	Short Term
EJ7.G	<b>Paratransit Services.</b> Expand outreach on SamTrans' paratransit services to support increased attendance at public functions.	Program	SamTrans provides paratransit through Redi-Wheels. Coordination between the City and SamTrans for service is ongoing. In 2024, SamTrans launched a new service called SamTrans Ride Plus. SamTrans Ride Plus is an on-demand service offering easy, affordable transportation for riders in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Half Moon Bay and El Granada. SamTrans' has attended community events hosted by LCS to get the word out about their new services.	Library and Community Services	SamTrans, Public Works	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant)	In Progress	Medium Term

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EJ7.H	<b>Multilingual and Multimodal Disaster Preparedness.</b> Ensure that disaster preparedness planning as described in the Safety Element includes multilingual and multimodal outreach in Menlo Park's underserved communities. Upon adoption of the Environmental Justice Element, conduct regular disaster preparedness outreach that may include participation and information dissemination at public event and/or fairs in underserved communities with proactive encouragement and opportunity for the residents to sign up for emergency alert systems.	Program	<p>On May 21, 2025, the Emergency Services Coordinator spoke about disaster preparedness at a community event hosted by community-based organization, Belle Haven Action – The hour and a half bilingual (English/Spanish) session focused on household disaster preparedness. The session was attended by over 30 residents.</p> <p>On July 15, 2025 the Emergency Services Coordinated a two hour bilingual (English/Spanish) as well as American Sign Language planning meeting with the San Mateo County Department of Emergency Management, other local jurisdictions and members from Community Based Organizations severing those with Access and Functional Needs. To focus was to identify actionable solutions that enhance coordination between AFN-serving organizations and CBOs during emergencies, ensuring that the Emergency Operations Plans includes practical strategies to meet the needs of the entire community.</p> <p>In September 2025, the City promoted National Preparedness Month by writing a weekly article focused on different activities to be better prepared as a community. Some of those activities that the City continues to promote are registering for emergency alerts through SMC Alert and joining the Fire District Community Emergency Response Team. A bilingual post card (English/Spanish) was mailed to every household in in the 94025 zip code encouraging residents to sign up for SMC Alert. This resulted in 300 new registrations.</p> <p>On October 18 2025, the City Manager's Office, Emergency Services Division participated in "Let's Get Ready Belle Haven" a collaborative three hour event with multiple Community Based Organizations. The bilingual (English/Spanish) event focused on health impacts of natural disasters, what to do in case of a natural disaster, how to do basic CPR and how to get involved in your community. More than 75 attendees went home with a solar battery phone recharger and an emergency gas valve shut off tool, compliments of the City.</p> <p>Ongoing activities include continued partnership with community-based organizations and the Fire District to provide bilingual (English/Spanish) disaster preparedness training and partnering with the American Red Cross to install smoke/carbon dioxide detectors free to Belle Haven residents. Additional work is in progress to develop bilingual literature on how to prepare for and respond to disasters.</p> <p>The City provides preparedness information throughout the year in various channels such as newsletters, email, social media, and TV ad monitors located within the city to help community members be ready for storms and other disasters. The City also coordinates with other agencies and/or offers programs to inform community members on ways to prepare for disasters. In addition, the City regularly communicates on storm impacts and provides resources to the community to recover.</p>	City Manager's Office	Menlo Park Fire Protection District	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ7.I	<b>Long Term Adaptation Planning.</b> Encourage the sustained engagement and involvement of underserved communities in long term adaptation planning projects related to sea-level rise and coastal flooding. Maintain membership and partnership with the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority during their oversight of levee installations and expansions protecting underserved communities.	Program	Belle Haven is vulnerable to flooding from a 100-year tide event / sea level rise. Protecting the community is a priority of the SAFER Bay project. The SAFER Bay Project is a multi-benefit, multi-jurisdictional, public-private collaboration that will protect critical infrastructure, protect and restore critical habitat, provide community resilience to current tidal flooding and projected sea level rise, and improve recreational access, using both engineered structures and nature-based flood protection. The City received a FEMA grant for the Menlo Park SAFER Bay Project which focuses on the development of a levee system from the Dumbarton Bridge to Bedwell Bayfront Park for storm and sea level rise protection. The design is currently underway and will be completed in 2027.	Public Works	City Manager's Office, San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority	Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program)	In Progress	Long Term	
EJ7.J	<b>EJ Element Action Guide Maintenance.</b> Continually maintain the Environmental Justice Element Action Guide in response to changing community needs, funding opportunities, and ongoing community outreach. Annual reporting, at a minimum, should be provided to the City Council and made available on the City website.	Program	On March 22, 2025, the City conducted the annual City Council priority setting workshop, including discussion of priorities for EJ implementation. The EJ Element webpage (menlopark.gov/ejelement), including EJ Element Action Guide, was continuously monitored and maintained in 2025. In February 2026, the Environmental Justice Element Action Guide was comprehensively updated to reflect 2025 activities.	Community Development	All City Departments	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation	
EJ7.J.1	Monitoring programming at community centers for usage, popularity, and equitable access, including an annual report on community center programming to Council. The report shall include community outreach and will recommend any updates to programming and outreach methods to address inequitable access.	Action Item	The City collects usage data and statistics and provides monthly usage reports to Library Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission. An annual report to the City Council is provided.	Library and Community Services	-	General Fund	In Progress	Ongoing From Initiation	

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EJ7.J.2	Publish an annual report on the progress of the Transportation Master Plan, beginning a year after adoption of the updated Transportation Master Plan.	Action Item	This item is under development.	Public Works	Community Development Department, Caltrans, Community-Based Active Transportation Organizations (e.g., Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition)	Strategic Growth Council (Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 Planning Grant), Department of Transportation (Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity Grant)	In Progress	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.J.3	Diligently implement all state laws and mandated bias and sensitivity training requirements for law enforcement officers, current and new upon hire, who may interact with historically discriminated groups. The Police Department shall maintain records as required by state law to show vigilant compliance with all state laws and California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requirements. The Police Department includes documentation of records generated in compliance with the department's "Bias-Based Policing" policy as well as California's Racial and Identity Profiling Act in its quarterly reporting to the community through City Council.	Action Item	The Police Department continues its diligent adherence to bias and sensitivity factors, including policy changes, mandated training, mandated pre-employment screening, and policy transparency to the community. The Police Department continues to strictly adhere to the reporting requirements of the Racial and Identity Profiling Act and provides related data to the public quarterly through an informational bilingual (English/Spanish) report to the City Council.	Police	City Manager's Office	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.K	<b>EJ Element Action Guide Updating.</b> The City will update the Environmental Justice Element Action Guide annually to indicate progress, especially in meeting community-identified priorities. Revisions to existing action items and/or community-identified priorities will include outreach, particularly in underserved communities, and include a public process with City Council consideration. Outreach to further environmental justice will be ongoing. The Action Guide does not require a General Plan amendment to be updated.	Program	In February 2025, the Environmental Justice Element Action Guide was comprehensively updated to reflect 2024 activities. On March 22, 2025, the City conducted the annual City Council priority setting workshop, including discussion of priorities for EJ implementation. The EJ Element webpage (menlopark.gov/ejelement), including EJ Element Action Guide, was continuously monitored and maintained in 2025.	Community Development	All City Departments	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation
EJ7.L	<b>City Council Consideration.</b> The City Council shall consider the community-identified environmental justice priorities during its annual priority and goal setting workshop.	Program	The City Council will consider the community-identified environmental justice priorities at its March 2026 priority setting workshop. Identifying top priorities helps the City Manager create a work plan of projects for the year. Many of the projects take multiple years to plan, fund and complete.	City Manager's Office	All City Departments	General Fund	In Progress (Short Term)	Ongoing From Initiation

2026-27 City-sponsored events			
Date	Community event	Location	Centennial activities
Dec. 4, 2026	Light up the Season Event	Fremont Park	Mayor speech about the upcoming centennia Distribute centennial swag Menlo Park Historical Association (MPHA) table/literature Incorporate businesses
February 2027 TBD	Black Liberation Month Celebration	Belle Haven Community Campus	Debut of MPHA film documentary and table/literature Distribute centennial swag Business sponsors: In-kind donations like water, cookies, snack bags
March 27, 2027	Egg Hunt/Spring Fest	Burgess Park	Incorporate special centennial eggs in the hunt filled with special/unique centennial swag Egg deco station where kids write what they love about Menlo Park and create time capsule to be opened in 10-100 yrs MPHA Activity book Local bakeries: Provide "Centennial Spring Cookies"
June 2027 TBD	Juneteenth Celebration	Belle Haven Community Campus	Distribute centennial swag Kids poster contest example: "What Menlo Park will look like in 100 years" Incorporate businesses Incorporate MPHA
July 4, 2027	Independence Day Celebration	Burgess Park	Craft station: "Design a Centennial Flag" Photo backdrop of Menlo Park then and now (MPHA) "What Freedom Means to Us" community board (large board where community members can write on a post-its what "freedom," "community," or "celebration" means to them) Poster contest winners announced (special swag prizes) Businesses: Restaurants offer discount codes for pickup/dine in meals Banner: "Menlo Park Summer Concert Series: Centennial Edition"
Aug. 6, 2027	Summer Concert #7	Karl E. Clark Park	"Through the decades" music set (1920s jazz-- 1960s soul -- 1980s pop -- 2020s hits) MPHA Scavenger hunt Businesses: sponsorship Craft station: Design a badge of the decade of your choice
Oct. 26, 2027	Trunk or Treat	Belle Haven Community Campus	Centennial-Themed Trunks: "Decade Trunk Alley" (1920s flapper ghosts, 1950s monster sock hop, 1970s disco zombies, 1990s neon ghouls, 2027 "future tech witches and wizards") Swag: "Menlo Park Centennial" glow stickers MPHA "spooky" MP history story time Businesses: invite them to have a "trunk"
November 2027 TBD	Centennial Celebration Event (3-5 p.m.) Pending		Mini exhibit of 100 years of Menlo Park (MPHA) Sticker scavenger hunt based on the exhibit Ask-An-Historian table (MPHA) Craft station: Coloring pages of Menlo Park landmarks Final distribution of swag Food/ drink Businesses: Display of "Century Partners" wall recognizing businesses -- highlight longtime businesses
TBD	MPHA events ideas	Various	Attend Farmers Market Scavenger hunt Mural or sidewalk art Scholarships Sunset Celebration remake