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Bike crashes rise one year after ordinance



Students e-biking to lunch from Los Altos High School on Monday afternoon on San Antonio Road.

By Julia Baum
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

A year after Los Altos adopted new rules governing bicycles and e-bikes, the city is still relying heavily on education to improve safety, with police and schools reporting continued efforts to reach young riders.

But the number of reported crashes involving juvenile bicyclists in school zones has increased.

From Aug. 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, the Los Altos

Police Department recorded 14 reported collisions in school zones involving juveniles on bicycles or e-bikes. Seven involved e-bikes and seven involved conventional bicycles.

During the same period a year earlier, there were nine such collisions: five involving e-bikes and four involving conventional bicycles.

Police have not issued citations under the new ordinance to juvenile cyclists. Instead, officers have continued to make stops and issue verbal warnings. The department does not

track warnings by the specific municipal code section involved, so it could not provide a total number of warnings issued under the ordinance.

Danielle Kang, communications and community engagement supervisor for the city, told the Town Crier that the department's priority when the ordinance was adopted was "safety, education, and positive interactions with the public," particularly with juveniles.

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City Council grudgingly moves forward Builder's Remedy housing project

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

At the Los Altos City Council meeting Aug. 25, council had no choice but to move forward with a project that will add 19 condominium units to First Street.

The council unanimously approved the resolution as required by state law.

The six-story, 19-unit project at 349 First St. had been proposed under the Builder's Remedy provision of the Housing Accountability Act, which the applicant of the

project submitted over three years ago in May 2023, with the official application submitted in September of that year.

Because of the Builder's Remedy provision, there is little the city can do to disapprove of a project, reduce its density or impose conditions that render it infeasible based solely on general plan zoning or local development-standard inconsistencies. Essentially, it means this project can go through planning without the need to follow zoning requirements set by the city.

With no ability to nix the project, the council unanimously approved the resolution as required by state law.



Seated in the first row, representatives of the developers of the 349 First St. project listen to reaction from council and the public.

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Sidewalk Talk

What do you look forward to this fall?

Interviews and photos by Max Asmar, Town Crier Editorial Intern

This week, we met up with folks at the Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market to ask: What do you look forward to this fall?



"This fall, I'm looking forward to spending time with family that I don't get to see as much and moving somewhere new."

– Ella Foulds, MOUNTAIN VIEW



"Probably it will still be warm out. We just graduated school in New York where it gets cold. So, I'm looking forward to having a warm fall."

– Evan Kitt, SAN CARLOS



"I am totally looking forward to the heat succumbing a bit and getting cooler. And the leaves on the Pistache trees here on State Street and Main Street turning flaming orange and yellow. I love that and cannot wait for that."

– Kristen Fuller, LOS ALTOS



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News

Los Altos council approves renaming of Lee Street to Tubman Street



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Members of Scouts BSA Troop 33 were among the residents packing chambers on Aug. 25 as the Los Altos City Council unanimously approved a motion to rename Lee Street to Tubman Street.

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Thanks to a petition by Los Altos residents, the City Council at its most recent meeting Aug. 25 unanimously approved a motion to rename Lee Street to Tubman Street.

The next step for council to rename the street named after the Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee to that of the abolitionist who spearheaded the Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman, is to make a resolution which will be approved once presented.

"I applaud the residents," Councilmember Pete Dailey said. "And this is exactly the kind of progress we need to lean into together as a community."

The decision for council was made immensely easier due to the fact that no residents live on Lee Street and wouldn't need to change information, documentation or licenses with a renaming.

"It then becomes primarily a question of who we want to honor," Vice Mayor Larry Lang said, who noted he has visited many sites throughout the country that were part

of the Civil War. "What fascinates me is the myth of the lost cause. That myth helped people move forward, but it has become destructive."

In his research of Civil War history, Lang said he learned Lee was not jailed after the war, but became president of a university in Lexington City, Virginia, now known as Washington and Lee University. While the university has not been renamed due to numerous hurdles, it has gone on record of its disapproval of Lee's beliefs and actions, and regrets its past involvement with slaves. It has taken steps to rename smaller things throughout to showcase that, including renaming Lee Chapel to University Chapel.

"If Washington and Lee University can recognize (the need to rename) things after (Lee), I'm pretty sure Los Altos can do the same," Lang said.

Many residents spoke at the public comment, all supporting the renaming from Lee to Tubman to reflect the values of Tubman, which mirror those of Los Altos, namely equity and inclusion. Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg said

council received many emails opposing the name change and was shocked that none of them spoke on record at the council meeting.

Liza Coe, a member of the History Commission who spoke at the meeting as a resident, cleared up any doubt that the street is in fact named after Robert E. Lee, a concern that Mayor Sally Meadows voiced, worried they were moving too speedily in changing the name.

"Altos Land Company did the street names at the time of naming in 1906 and 1907. It was not culturally anomalous at the time and was keeping with what was going on at that time across the country," said Coe, who's working on a book focused on how and why Los Altos streets got their names.

Coe said one reason it happened was that in the late 1800s to early 1900s, there was a culture of reunion movement throughout the country. It celebrated the courage of Union and Confederate soldiers and incorporated leading Confederates, especially Robert E. Lee, into a pantheon of

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'Live where you work' funding project finds a home

By Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Just three months after being awarded \$25,000, the United Effort Organization (UEO) is bringing its project to life by setting up the program's first client with stable housing.

In May of this year, the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation (LAMVCF) hosted the "Live where you work" competition, which awarded money to local nonprofits focused on addressing housing insecurity.

"We wanted to use this as an opportunity to shift that conversation to really be about what we lose when everyone who works in our communities can't live in those communities," said LAMVCF director of community impact and operations, Abi Karlin-Resnick.

UEO won this contest with its "Live where you work, retire where you belong" pilot proposal.

Its proposal expanded the scope of housing insecurity, considering the difficulties faced by elderly and retired community members, said UEO marketing and communications director, Shari Kipp.

Although the original plan focused on these communities, the program is intended to help people of all ages, Kipp said.

"We're starting out with kind of a wide view. So, we decided not just to focus on seniors or just workers, but the two of them at once,"

Kipp said. "We want to develop a program that has a strategic enough idea and a solid foundation that we can take it forward and make it programmatic."

The organization focuses on aiding Santa Clara County residents in navigating public assistance programs to find affordable and sustainable housing, Kipp said. To participate in UEO's program, clients must work in Santa Clara County.

Now, with the help of LAMVCF's grant award, UEO is matching unhoused and housing-insecure individuals with local residents who have the spare space to support them. Grant funding, Kipp added, will go primarily toward covering moving costs.

"We use the available resources for that individual. If we can't find a source to help them with that, then we will use some of that money to help pay," Kipp said. "First, last month's rent, deposit – some of those things that are required before they move in."

Kipp said that the inspiration behind this program started with a local resident and UEO volunteer, Judy Fusco, who opened up her home to a person in need. Fusco has continued to help build the program by offering housing to their first official client.

"Two years ago, Judy Fusco reached out to one of our volunteers and said, 'Hey, I have a place. I have a backyard

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What should happen with the Halsey House in Redwood Grove?

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News

Anky van Deursen launches District 2 city council campaign

By Maria Crowder
TOWN CRIER

Anky van Deursen officially kicked off her campaign for Los Altos City Council District 2 on Sunday, Aug. 30, at Marymeade Park, drawing more than 50 supporters, residents and community members.

Van Deursen, who has lived in District 2 for more than 30 years, was joined at the event by residents from across the district and current and former Los Altos City Council members.

During her remarks, van Deursen shared her vision for Los Altos' future and the issues she says matter most to

Van Deursen said she does not currently have a position on Measure D.

District 2 residents. Her priorities include improving traffic flow and pedestrian safety, supporting a vibrant local business community, protecting the city's parks and open spaces and expanding housing opportunities for teachers, essential workers, seniors and young people.

The campaign kickoff also



MARIA CROWDER/TOWN CRIER

Anky van Deursen takes questions from supporters Aug. 30 at Marymeade Park.

included a question-and-answer session, giving residents an opportunity to ask van Deursen about issues facing the city.

One notable moment came when she was asked about Measure D, a current and high-

ly debated issue in Los Altos. Van Deursen said she does not currently have a position on the measure.

For more information on Anky van Deursen's campaign, see ankyforlosaltos.org.

Mountain View police lead joint effort in executing search warrant

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Mountain View police, with assistance from police in three other jurisdictions, Aug. 24 executed three search warrants in connection with an assault case from two months ago.

Police detectives from Mountain View, Los Altos, East Palo Alto and Redwood City at 5 a.m. Aug. 24 executed all three of the searches in East Palo Alto, one on the 600 block of Montage Circle, another on the 2500 block of Gonzaga Street and the third on the 1800 block of East Bayshore Road.

No arrests were made, but police said that detectives were able to collect several items of evidence to help with their June 20 case.

Police on June 20 responded to reports of a large fight at the IFES Hall located at 432 Stierlin Road. When officers arrived at the scene, they found a 26-year-old Turlock man suffering from injuries received in the altercation.

The man, who suffered from multiple lacerations, bruising and a swollen eyelid, told police that he lost consciousness in the attack by three teenage suspects, police said.

Police said that detectives identified three juveniles in

connection with the incident – one 14-year-old and two 15-year-olds – all from East Palo Alto, which resulted in searches at each of their homes. The three teens are suspected of assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury, and the 14-year-old is also suspected to have made criminal threats.

The three teens were arrested in Atherton Aug. 21 in an unrelated incident. Mountain View police filed additional charges against the teens, stemming from the June incident, while they were in custody.

The investigation of the June 20 incident is ongoing.



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Los Altos Hills completes installation of high speed internet fiber

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

High speed Internet capability is increasing in Los Altos Hills with the city announcing the completion of work installing underground fiber that promises to not only increase connectivity in as many homes in town as possible but will also enhance emergency communications.

Los Altos Hills Community Fiber (LAHCF) was contracted in October 2024 by the city through American Rescue Plan Act grant money to improve internet access for residents. Mayor Rajiv Bhateja said that about \$725,000 of the \$800,000 ARPA grant was used for the project.

The project took about 20 months to complete, resulting in roughly eight miles of core underground fiber infrastructure added between Town Hall and the Ark at Foothill College, as well as several homes beyond Foothill College.

“The primary goal of this effort was to provide robust emergency communications,” Bhateja said. “A secondary goal was to extend fiber access to as many homes as possible.”

Los Altos Community Fiber Board member Gautam Agrawal said the addition of the undergrounding reduces the time needed to install and deploy fiber to the home and also lowers the cost for adjacent parcels to install fiber at

homes.

“It also provides a direct underground redundant fiber pathway to the Foothill College Ark (emergency response bunker) for disaster preparedness,” said Agrawal. “Additionally, when a future project is completed, as part of an existing permit, it will allow the town direct access to the lowest latency, highest throughput fiber optic network in the area.”

Agrawal said the hope is for this to help move away from unreliable and more expensive service providers. LAHCF offers 1 Gbps and 10 Gbps service with 1 to 2 msec latency, supported through its ISP partner NextLevel and can upgrade easily to 25GB,

40GB or upwards of 100GB as demand grows. Most importantly, this fiber is underground and is averse from the risk of outages by way of weather or rodents.

“Our primary line is 10 times higher bandwidth and much, much higher reliability than an existing ISP with a savings of approximately \$750 per month,” Agrawal said. “We also laid four strands of dark fiber for the town to use as it sees fit. Each strand is capable of transmitting the current bandwidth of the entire world on a single fiber,” Agrawal said. “So there is futureproofing inherent in the architecture.”

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American heroes.

Even the National Park Service took part in this at the time, recognizing efforts of both sides, which led to monuments and statues, Coe informed the council. Much of the country came to admire Lee, she said. Despite all that, she stressed she doesn’t support the values of Lee and would support the name change, but merely wanted to provide the information of the street name’s history as context.

“Two members of the Altos Land Company were very involved in the Civil War and had family that fought on both sides,” Coe said. “Their willingness to look at this – it took place within a larger cultural context ... helps to explain why this happened in the first place.”

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BIKE

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Officers nevertheless continue to observe violations, including riding double and riding on sidewalks in the downtown corridor, which is prohibited under the city code. Police said many young riders tell officers they were unaware of those restrictions.

Education has also become a focus at local schools. The Los Altos School District (LASD) said all of its principals reported that their schools provide some form of bicycle safety education. Some schools partner with the po-

lice department, while others work with Mountain View-Los Altos High School District students. Many incorporate safety education into walk-or-wheel-to-school days, and the district also works with Green-Town Los Altos.

E-bike safety has emerged as a particular focus, according to Erik Walukiewicz, assistant superintendent of business services at LASD.

"We are trying really hard to educate our students, particularly at the junior high, how to safely use and operate ebikes," Walukiewicz said, adding that Los Altos Police Capt. Katie Krauss has also conducted e-

bike presentations for parents at the junior-high level.

The focus on e-bikes comes as their use among young riders continues to grow. Police said officers view every interaction with a juvenile cyclist as an opportunity to reinforce safer riding habits.

Overall compliance remains a work in progress, police said, and bicycle safety education will require "ongoing, continuous efforts" as bicycle and e-bike use increases.

The department is also asking parents to play an active role by teaching children safe riding habits early and reinforcing those practices as they grow.

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cottage,' and we were able to help one of our clients," Kipp said. "He worked full time ... he didn't have the wherewithal to stay in his home, so he was sleeping in his car and going to work every day."

Kipp explained that having the opportunity for safe, stable and convenient housing can have a drastic impact on a person's quality of life. After seeing the potential behind a program like this, UEO began building their proposal. And, after a few months of planning, they are ready to implement.

Kipp stressed that homelessness is often not the fault of the people who experience it, rather the result of extenuating circumstances outside of their control.

"People fall into homelessness for many different reasons. It's often not what people think. It is simply the cost of living. Sometimes we know

people working two or three jobs," Kipp said.

Their first client, who Kipp referred to as "Terry," lost the job that he held for 20 years. After going through his savings, Terry found himself unable to afford his apartment and began sleeping in a public park in Milpitas.

The goal of this program, Kipp said, is to help people support themselves. In July, Terry moved into Fusco's backyard cottage. Kipp added that UEO has helped Terry build his resume and find new employment.

"Homelessness is obviously a big problem across the states, and California is often in the news because it's a big problem in California," Kipp said. "There's a lot of ways to bring people together. ... I think, with the creativity and the persistence of volunteers at the UEO, we have a good chance at making this work."

For more information, see theunitedeffort.org

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Agrawal also said this installation could deploy higher-quality wireless throughout the town like cellular or multicast wireless for hard-to-reach homes in difficult

terrain. The fiber alone can help improve speeds, but it will help more with a low cost line with LAHCF, Agrawal said.

LAHCF is a community-owned and run nonprofit, so all excess monies go back to its members. Agrawal said

the nonprofit has made two cost reductions for monthly service in the past three-plus years as more members come in.

Los Altos Hills and the LAHCF are hoping to set a date for a ribbon cutting ceremony soon.



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Letters to the Editor

Measure D means costly lawsuits

I am writing as a private resident, not in any official capacity, to urge a “No” vote on Measure D.

If Measure D passes, it will cost Los Altos taxpayers millions of dollars in pointless lawsuits. The measure locks up all 10 downtown parking plazas from any change “for any reason,” except for a narrow carve-out for two of them. That directly collides with commitments already made in our state-certified Housing Element, and housing advocates have put the city on notice. YIMBY Law has informed Los Altos in writing that it is “prepared to sue Los Altos the instant this measure is adopted.” This is a firm that has filed roughly 20 such lawsuits against California cities, and has never lost one.

Not only would the city need to pay millions in our own legal bills, but under the Housing Accountability Act, we would also be required to pay the winning side’s fees. And because Measure D is a voter-approved initiative, the City Council has no ability to adjust it to settle or resolve a lawsuit. Only another costly ballot measure could change it. Worse, the measure lets its own proponents, not the city, control litigation and appeal decisions, while billing the city for the cost, with no real incentive to ever stop.

Whatever you think about parking or parks downtown, nobody benefits from millions of taxpayer dollars going to lawyers instead of our community. Vote No on Measure D.

Larry Lang

LOS ALTOS

Builder’s remedy: A cautionary tale for Los Altos

The August 6th Planning Commission meeting provided Los Altos with a cautionary tale about what happens when a city loses control over its own land-use decisions. The project at 349 First St. was submitted under California’s “Builder’s Remedy,” a provision of state housing law that severely restricts a city’s ability to apply its normal zoning

Peek into the Past



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Freight trains switching tracks to pick up or drop off cars were a normal sight in downtown Los Altos in the 1950s. Foothill Expressway replaced the “Mayfield Cutoff” in 1966. George Ramsey’s garage and showroom on the corner of First and State Streets is on the left.

standards when its Housing Element is not in compliance with state requirements.

At six stories and 85 feet tall, the result will be the tallest building in downtown Los Altos. But height tells only part of the story. The project’s own plans identify more than 20 Los Altos zoning and design standards with which it does not comply. They cover lot setbacks, upper-story step-backs, landscaping, parking design, facade articulation, pedestrian-scaled entrances and even the requirement that windows be recessed three inches.

These aren’t meaningless bureaucratic rules. Taken together, they are how Los Altos determines the scale and appearance of new buildings. The timing is striking. The city of Los Altos submitted its adopted Housing Element to the state in January 2023. The developer submitted its preliminary application on May 5, 2023, while Los Altos lacked a compliant Housing Element, followed by its formal application on September 5. One day later, on September 6, the state certified Los Altos’ Housing Element. But it was too late: the project had already secured Builder’s Remedy protections, and allowed the developer to ignore most of Los Altos’ objective design standards.

The affordable units provide another troubling example. The four affordable units are approximately 500-square-foot studios. Yet the smallest market-rate units are two bedrooms. Whatever the legal merits of that arrangement, it raises an obvious ques-

tion about whether this is the affordable housing outcome our community would have chosen.

The lesson from 349 First St. isn’t simply that Builder’s Remedy can produce taller buildings. It’s that when Los Altos loses Housing Element compliance, we lose much of our ability to shape what gets built.

And the next Builder’s Remedy project could be anywhere in the entire city. Imagine Los Altos falling out of compliance again and a developer proposing a 10- or 20- or 30-story multi-family building on your street, surrounded by one- and two-story homes. The city could once again find itself without the ability to enforce zoning standards residents assumed would govern development there.

This isn’t merely hypothetical. In Woodside, a Builder’s Remedy application proposed a 16-story, 105-unit building where the normal height limit was 30 feet. In Menlo Park, the former Sunset Magazine property became the site of a Builder’s Remedy proposal for 39 stories and 665 units.

That lesson is particularly relevant this November as Los Altos voters consider Measure D, the Downtown Parking Plaza initiative. The independent consultant’s Elections Code Section 9212 report warns that the

initiative could reduce the city’s flexibility to accommodate housing and complicate its ability to comply with future state housing requirements.

We should take that warning seriously. We are only now experiencing the consequences of the last period when Los Altos was vulnerable to Builder’s Remedy. Before imposing new restrictions on the city’s ability to meet future housing obligations, voters should consider what could happen if we open that door again.

Maintaining a compliant Housing Element is about more than satisfying Sacramento. It helps preserve local control over development projects in our community – where they go, how large they are, how they interact with neighbors and what kind of housing gets built.

This time, the consequence is the tallest building in downtown Los Altos. Next time, it could be the tallest building on your street.

**Mehruss Jon Ahi and
Joe Beninato**

LOS ALTOS

Editor’s Note: Ahi and Beninato are Los Altos planning commissioners, but want it known they are not writing in their official capacity and not representing the views of the city of Los Altos.

Correction

The article “LASD votes to begin transition to trustee-area elections” in the Aug. 26 “Town Crier” incorrectly identified Thomas Yih as Robert Yih.

Community

Town Torchbearers: *Former senator, longtime local resident, Cranston made his mark in politics*

By Miranda Huang

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Before becoming a senator involved in anti-nuclear war campaigns and post-World War II nation-building, the late Alan Cranston was a longtime Los Altos resident, local realtor and father.

Cranston's family settled in Los Altos in 1920. After graduating from Mountain View High School, Cranston attended Stanford University as a student-athlete and wrote for the Mountain View Register as an emerging journalist.

"I think that (being at Stanford) had a big impact on his life, and he became very disciplined and organized," Cranston's son

Kim said.

While at Stanford, Alan began reporting as a foreign correspondent for Hearst Wire Service on World War II. According to Kim, it was then that his father read Hitler's manifesto, "Mein Kampf," alongside an English-translated version.

"I think the real turning point was when he saw the horrors of pre-war Europe and decided it wasn't enough just to report and witness these things. He had to do something about them," Kim said.

According to Kim, the U.S. version of "Mein Kampf" was heavily sanitized, so Alan decided to publish an unaltered version. Kim said his father sold half a million copies in 10 days,



COURTESY OF KIM CRANSTON

Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev and U.S. Senator Alan Cranston at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 9, 1987.

with no royalties going to Hitler. Hitler's book publicist later sued Alan for copyright infringement.

"That really switched him from being an adventurer and a journalist to being engaged in politics and in public service, which he was throughout the rest of his life," Kim said.

After leading his father's Los

Altos real estate business, Alan Cranston spent two terms as state controller. In 1968, he was elected to the U.S. Senate and served as Democratic whip for 14 years.

Emy Thurber, who previously worked for the former senator, said Alan was most devoted to bringing world peace. According to Thurber, Alan campaigned

against the Vietnam War and worked with former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev to achieve those goals.

"He helped create peaceful conditions for his time, and he may have been influential in keeping Gorbachev's Russia and the United States from going to war," Thurber said. "That to me would be his legacy: He was a fine human being and involved in politics. He helped make politics respected during his time."

Kim said his father worked hard with other national leaders in promoting global democracy, advocating against the installment of internment camps, protecting the environment and promoting low-cost housing.

"One of his biggest accomplishments in the Senate, he felt, was passing the Cranston-Gonzalez affordable housing bill, which was the first piece of legislation like that in over 10 years," Kim said.

Beyond succeeding on a

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Measure **D** is DANGEROUS and DECEPTIVE

NO on **D**

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Wastes millions on lawsuits - Indemnifies the proponents and allows them to defend the measure in court and in appeals with the City, all at taxpayer expense. (The proponents wrote Section 10 of the measure to give themselves this authority.)

Risks losing local zoning control and opening Builder's Remedy - Measure D contradicts Los Altos' state-approved housing plan. If the State finds us out of compliance, the City may have to identify housing sites elsewhere, including shopping centers and residential neighborhoods along major corridors. We risk Builder's Remedy, losing local control throughout Los Altos.



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Stops investment downtown - After years of talk and study and dozens of public meetings, the City is close to an investment downtown. Measure D intentionally stops downtown investment.

What can happen if we defeat Measure D?

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Parking Positive - The City's proposals on the plazas all include replacing and/or adding to existing parking. Tell the Council you are parking-positive. Vote No on D.

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Village Positive - Lets your elected City Council thoughtfully guide downtown Los Altos' evolution and avoids out-of-town property owners cashing in with massive Builder's Remedy developments. Vote No on D.

Community

Los Altos resident launches second RIPPLE Station to promote kindness

By Celine Zhang

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

At a paint-stained table in her studio, Los Altos resident Mansi dips a round sponge brush in yellow watercolor. Her finished artwork will reach the community in 2-by-4-inch pieces – small, personalized tokens of appreciation for those in the workforce who aren't always recognized.

Mansi, who prefers to go by her first name, said she has been placing these tokens in a teal box outside her house for a year. Similar to a Little Free Library, people are encouraged to take one, write a note on the back and give it to a worker they believe deserves praise.

She calls it the RIPPLE Station. RIPPLE – an acronym for

reflect, identify, play, personalize, let go, embrace – is a framework Mansi said she created to encourage intentional acts of kindness toward strangers.

“If people are given an easy way to be kind to others, they will take it and they will run with it,” she said.

Earlier this month, Mansi opened a second station at the Sweet Shop on Los Altos Avenue. At the Aug. 23 event, she invited community members to create collaborative paintings to be cut into tokens for the station.

“This allows them an excuse to notice somebody else who's working, ask them their name, say thank you,” Mansi said. “I think if it becomes a community practice, it just makes us kinder in general.”

Mansi added that each week, she and her 12-year-old daughter Mira make 30-40 tokens using watercolor, acrylic paint and other media. They stock the station outside their home with nine tokens at a time.

The practice started in 2018, when Mansi said her daughter asked to give their restaurant server a drawing as a thank-you. The gesture led to a conversation about their shared experience having family members with allergies.

“We just connected on a very human level, and it just suddenly dawned on me that we treat so many people in the service industry as server or as crossing guard



CERISE WONG/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Sophia Mann, a Pinewood School graduate bound for New York University, takes a moment at the RIPPLE station at The Sweet Shop.

a token to Sweet Shop manager Sandra Colunga, who said she soon spoke to Mansi about the practice.

“I thought, ‘The Sweet Shop needs a RIPPLE Station,’” Colunga said.

Colunga added that she met with Mansi multiple times before asking an employee and her brother to build the station, which they filled with tokens painted by Sweet Shop workers.

The RIPPLE Station launch at the Sweet Shop drew approximately 50-60 people, according to Mansi. They included Los Altos resident Julie Takagi,

or as receptionist,” she said. “We don't ever think of them as humans with their own lives, as people.”

The second station came about just months after Mansi handed

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City of
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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

In Person

Note- This is not the Final Agenda

Members of the public are invited to participate in person at the Los Altos Council Chamber at Los Altos City Hall located at 1 N. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA. To attend virtually, please view the final agenda for details.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Adopt a Resolution approving revised Fiscal Year 2026/27 Pay Schedules for the Los Altos Municipal Employee Association (LAMEA), Los Altos Peace Officers' Association (POA), Unrepresented Management, and Unrepresented Professional and Confidential classifications
2. Adoption of Resolution - Amendment No. 4 with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc
3. Adopt a Resolution to Update the Bi-Annual Conflict of Interest Code
4. Adoption of Resolution - Disband the Los Altos - Los Altos Hills Joint Volunteer Awards Committee and Establish the Los Altos Volunteer Awards Committee
5. Adopt a Resolution to Rename Lee Street

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Citizen Initiative - Potential Impacts to Zoning
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RIPPLE

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who said she plans to give tokens to her coworkers to thank them for their kindness.

"I just want them to know that they're thought of, and that what they do is important," she said.

Ruchika Sikri of Los Gatos said she would give her token to a restaurant worker, hoping to make them "realize that their work is appreciated."

"People don't stop and acknowledge their time and effort, and I think something like this can help them feel better, feel encouraged and motivated to work

every day," she said.

For Los Altos resident Liz Quinn, the event was an opportunity to connect with her neighbors. Quinn plans to give tokens to her coach and a grocery clerk as a "tangible reminder" of their impact, she said.

"Each time they see it, it's a glimmer of what they mean to someone else," Quinn said. "And maybe they'll pass it on, too."

Solimar Tabares, a Sweet Shop employee and Gunn High School senior, said she received a token from two event participants while working.

"I thought it was really sweet," Tabares said, adding that it was

her first time receiving a token of appreciation. "It's really kind for people to do that, and it makes me feel more seen as someone who just works here."

Acts like these can help recipients "know that they matter," Mansi said.

"We're all humans at the end of the day," she added. "If we take the time to just notice that and not see each other as a server, a mailman, a driver and just as human first, I think we just move through the world a bit differently."

For more information on the RIPPLE stations, see maansee.com/ripple.

CRANSTON

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national level, Cranston led the effort to create the parking plazas in downtown Los Altos. According to Kim, his father loved growing up in Los Altos and returned to the town after his time in office. Thurber said Los Altos helped shape Alan's character.

"(Alan) was very oriented toward keeping California safe, and I think part of that surely came from growing up in the beautiful little town of Los Altos," Thurber said. "It's different from (growing up) in San Francisco or New York. (Los Altos) has a country atmosphere, and I think that car-

ried through his whole life. He was a relaxed, easygoing guy and hard worker."

Kim said his father – who died in 2000 at age 86 – would want young people to be active in their community and find a place where they could make a difference.

"(He valued) the importance of engaging and collaborating with other people," Kim said. "When the (best leader's) work is done, people say, 'we did this ourselves.' (My father) was very involved in working with other people and not taking credit. He really made a point in most of his speeches of saying, 'We've accomplished this.'"

Thurber offered a similar sentiment and added that Alan would encourage young people to travel, learn about different cultures, volunteer in other countries and devote part of their life to establishing peace.

"I think he'd encourage young people to get involved in politics in the United States," Thurber said. "The more the citizens are really involved, the better things turn out, and I think he would hope that he was an example for that kind of devotion to world peace."

This is the third in a series of articles about people who have shaped Los Altos.

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Clara the sheep with Mandy Bach.

COURTESY OF MANDY BACH

A Rotary project at Jasper Ridge Farm

By Mandy Bach
ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ALTOS

When I was a new member of the Rotary Club of Los Altos, I had the opportunity to complete one of the most meaningful parts of the Red Badge program for new members – a hands-on community service project of my choice. This way, the Los Altos Rotary Club encourages immediate involvement of each new member.

For my project, I joined fellow Rotarians at Jasper Ridge Farm in Woodside, a non-profit organization that depends heavily on community support and donations.

Together, we spent the day preparing the farm for its annual fundraiser. Our work was simple but impactful. We cleaned animal stalls, refreshed the property with flower decorations and tan bark and created table centerpieces to help set a welcoming tone for guests. We also set up tables and chairs, transforming the space into an inviting environment for the upcoming event.

ing event.

What stood out most to me was the genuine appreciation from the people who run the farm. Their gratitude made it clear how much volunteer efforts like ours truly matter. It was a reminder that even small, hands-on contributions can have a meaningful impact.

I especially value that Rotary encourages new members to engage in service right from the beginning. This experience not only allowed me to give back, but also deepened my connection to the community and the purpose behind Rotary's mission.

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Stepping Out

LA Stage Company's 'Revolutionists' opens Friday at Bus Barn

By Mia Scott

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Los Altos Stage Company is set to bring a dose of wit, high stakes and historical drama to the stage with its upcoming production of "The Revolutionists." The play opens Sept. 4 and runs through Sept. 27 at Los Altos' Bus Barn Theater.

Since its premiere in 2015, Lauren Gunderson's "Revolutionists" has been performed in theaters throughout the U.S. It explores the questions of who gets to be remembered and who gets to write history, according to the Los Altos Stage Company press release.

Set during the French Revolution, the play follows four fierce, opinionated women – playwright Olympe de Gouges, former queen Marie Antoinette, assassin Charlotte Corday and Haitian rebel Marianne Angelle – who share humorous stories from their lives.

"It's unusual to have a show that's entirely a female cast," said Roneet Aliza Rahamim, who co-directs the play with Gary Landis. "I was just so impressed with the wit and how it reminded me of one of those sitcoms where the words just keep coming."

The dialogue-heavy play presents challenges for the four actors, according to Rahamim. It requires the directors and actors to find dynamic staging and pacing so that quick jokes and heavy dramatic moments land and flow effectively.

"Landis and I collaborate well, and I think that we have eyes on different pieces of the project," Rahamim said. "We're very good at complementing each other's notes and direction."

Actor Christina Bolognini, who plays Marie Antoinette, described her character as a "bubbly, totally opinionated, totally unaware and unexpectedly profound" figure who is desperately

trying to control the narrative of her story before being executed.

Bolognini is joined in the cast by April Culver (as Charlotte Corday), Nique Eagen (Marianne Angelle) and Brittney Mignano (Olympe de Gouges).

In the process of putting the production together, Rahamim said it was important to bring a sense of empowerment to the audience viewing the play.

"There's also a big message about how art is an important and necessary way to tackle the challenging nature of our politics today," Rahamim said. "How we need that communal experience of emotions and storytelling to help move history in the right direction."

Performances are set for 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays at the Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave. Tickets are \$24-\$48.

For more information, see losaltosstage.org.

History Museum hosts 15th annual Train Day



MAX ASMAR/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Families spent Sunday at Train Day at the Los Altos History Museum learning and playing.

By Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Train Day at the Los Altos History Museum brings together community members of all ages to experience Los Altos' past through interactive learning.

The event, on Aug. 30, featured a wide variety of model trains for attendees to view, touch and learn about. Additionally, train enthusiasts and experts offered insight into the pivotal role trains played in historic Los Altos.

"It's a way to get people interested in an important part of our history," said the museum's executive director, Anna Toledano. "This is kind of a bonanza day where you can see not just (model trains) behind the glass, but also ones you

can touch, and ones that shoot steam out, and ones that are made out of Legos and ones that you can maybe make at home."

This year's event featured the train float from the Los Altos Festival of Lights parade, as well as food and refreshments from The Bay's Lemonade.

"The educational experience of talking about the history of the train and bringing our community together is something that's important to us," Toledano said.

Train Day encourages young people to understand the sci-

ence and engineering that keeps trains running, alongside the pivotal role trains play in local history, she said.

Train Day ties into one of the museum's permanent exhibits, which features a replica-model of the train that ran through Los Altos in 1932.

This train heavily influenced the local economy and community, Toledano said. While the Los Altos area was heavily agricultural, not everyone worked on farms and orchards.

"The train was the link for people to commute from their homes in Los Altos to their jobs in San Francisco," Toledano said. "The train was kind of what made the town, in a sense, livable."

Although this train stopped running in 1963, it played a big role in day-to-day life among the local population for many years.

Toledano added that a similar commuter system could be beneficial for today's workforce, many of whom do not live in Los Altos despite working in the area.

"Anything to increase awareness of what things used to be like, and how we could make transit better ... We're always happy to talk about what worked and what didn't in the past and how we got there, and this is one of those opportunities to do that," Toledano said.

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By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

The Mountain View-Los Altos (MVLA) High School District is preparing for a larger role for artificial intelligence in classrooms, but district officials are stressing that the goal is not to encourage students to rely on AI for answers.

Instead, the district wants students to learn how to use AI thoughtfully, evaluate its output and know when not to use it.

The Board of Trustees heard an update at an Aug. 17 meeting from the district's Educational Technology Committee, which spent the past school year developing an AI guidebook. The presentation itself was also prepared with AI, according to a disclosure in the document.

"Our end goal is not about using a tool or creating a prompt," Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Teri Faught told the board. Rather, the goal is for students to develop the knowledge, judgment and adaptability to thrive in a world increasingly shaped by AI.



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The district's approach rests on three principles: using AI as a "thinking partner" rather than a substitute for reasoning; developing students' critical-thinking and AI-literacy skills; and using technology to promote efficiency, innovation and equity.

As a longer-term goal, the

district envisions students using only AI tools that have gone through its approval process. Student information, including names, identification numbers, IEP information and disciplinary records, would be redacted from AI prompts or queries. Officials also stressed that AI would not make final

decisions about grades, discipline or special-education matters.

Teachers would also be expected to clearly communicate how AI may be used on an assignment. The district has developed a 0-to-4 scale ranging from no AI use to more extensive use.

At the time of the presentation, the district had approved AI tools for staff – including Google Gemini, NotebookLM and Brisk Teaching – but had not yet formally approved general AI tools for students.

The district cannot control what students use at home, officials said, but it can teach students about responsible use and provide safer, district-supported alternatives.

That could change this year; the district is considering making Gemini and/or NotebookLM available to students within the district's Google environment. NotebookLM, in particular, could be used as a study aid, helping students create flashcards and audio overviews from documents.

Officials acknowledged that students are already using tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini and Claude outside the

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LASD changes course on teacher housing

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

The Los Altos School District (LASD) is changing course on a publicly funded workforce-housing project after finding that demand from its employees was lower than anticipated.

At its Aug. 17 meeting, the district's Board of Trustees unanimously approved an amendment to its agreements with Acacia, the workforce-housing development located in Palo Alto, allowing the project to broaden its tenant pool while returning \$900,000 to the district.

The district purchased 24 units at Acacia as part of an effort to provide lower-cost housing for educators and support employee recruitment. Six district employees currently live in the development.

But filling the units with district employees has proved difficult. District officials said staff feedback pointed to several obstacles, including the relatively small size of the apartments, limited storage, parking concerns and rents that remained too high.

The district said it made extensive efforts to attract employees, including open houses, marketing and direct outreach to newly hired teachers. Even so, demand did not develop as expected.

"Just because we have the units, it didn't create the demand," Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Erik Walukiewicz told the board, citing the gap between available housing and what employees were willing or able to rent.

The situation also changed

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The Acacia, a workforce-housing development located in Palo Alto.

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classroom. The district cannot control what students use at home, officials said, but it can teach students about responsible use and provide safer, district-supported alternatives.

Board President Thida Cornes generally praised the committee's work but raised questions about consistency, equity and accountability, while Board Vice President Vadim Katz questioned whether teachers would apply AI expectations consistently. "Adding AI to education and formalizing it, I think, would be a mistake without an alignment," Katz said. Officials said course teams would work to establish greater alignment while allowing teachers to determine when students need to demonstrate skills without AI assistance.

Cornes asked how the district would fairly determine whether students had improperly used AI, including how to distinguish AI-generated

work from a student's own work without relying on subjective judgments. Additional requests included more information about the student survey conducted the previous year, as well as continued scrutiny of student-data privacy.

Trustee Alex Levich suggested that the district consider AI's potential to support teachers and improve district operations, including through teacher best practices and data analysis. District staff said they were looking at ways for teachers already experienced with AI to share practices within their departments.

The district plans to continue teacher training, conduct an AI-readiness survey, provide resources for families and maintain the committee's oversight of the AI guidebook.

Officials characterized the effort as an ongoing process aimed at preparing students to make informed choices about AI as the technology continues to evolve.

Graham Middle School earns National PTA Excellence recognition

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

Graham Middle School in Mountain View has been named a National PTA School of Excellence, recognizing the school community's efforts to strengthen partnerships among families, teachers, staff, school leaders and the PTA.

The designation follows a yearlong improvement process led by parent volunteers Cherylle Goebel, Peggy Prendergast and Kerry Klein. Focusing on National PTA's "Welcome All Families" standard, the team surveyed families, identified

priorities and developed initiatives to improve communication, accessibility and connections within the Graham community.

Among the efforts was a one-page resource guide designed to help new families navigate Graham and find key school and PTA information. The team also established a multilingual parent support network, connecting families with volunteers who speak Spanish, German, Hindi, Mandarin and Russian.

Follow-up survey results showed measurable progress.

The percentage of families who said they felt welcome in the PTA and parent community increased from 83% to 93%, while the percentage who said school information was available in their preferred language rose from 90% to 99%.

The two-year designation reflects the broader contributions of Graham families, educators, administrators, PTA leaders and volunteers. The parent team hopes the recognition will inspire other schools in the Mountain View Whisman School District to pursue similar family-engagement efforts.

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as the district hired more experienced teachers who already had housing in the area. At the same time, trustees noted that local rental conditions had shifted, making some alternatives comparatively more affordable.

Acacia, meanwhile, faced financial deadlines and needed to fill vacant units. The development proposed making units available more broadly, raising concerns for the district that public money could end up subsidizing housing without benefiting district employees.

Under the amended agreement, LASD will give up its preferential access to the units but will not prevent employees from living at Acacia. District employees remain eligible to rent there. When one of the six units associated with LASD becomes available, the district will receive advance notice so it can market the opening to its employees.

A representative from Acacia told the board that the apartments are available to all district employees, not just teachers. She also said the de-

velopment was offering a promotion of two months' free rent, either taken up front or spread across a 12-month lease, along with parking options.

The district will receive \$900,000 under the revised arrangement and return the money to the building fund that helped finance the original housing investment.

Board members acknowledged that the project had not developed into the teacher-housing solution originally envisioned, but said the district had nevertheless gained useful experience and would continue looking for ways to address employee housing.

One possibility is expanding the use of accessory dwelling units, or ADUs, particularly for newly hired teachers who may need a smaller, more affordable place to live. Officials said ADUs located in Los Altos could also reduce commuting times.

While the original investment did not produce the expected level of demand, the district said the revised agreement allows it to recover much of its investment while keeping Acacia available to its employees.

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Sports

Homestead downs Los Altos in football season opener



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Max Kremen (No. 3) finds a lane and takes it on Friday's opener at LAHS.

By Curtis Driscoll

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Reeling from a season-ending injury to running back and linebacker John Becker during a scrimmage against Gunn last week, Los Altos could not make enough plays to keep up with Homestead in a 21-13 loss Friday night.

"We can fix the X's and the O's, but if the kids are willing to do what they did tonight, we will get better, and I'm sure we will."

Mark Adams, LOS ALTOS COACH

"We did not play perfect, but there are some bright spots, especially given what we are trying to get through with the loss of our best player," Los Altos coach Mark Adams said. "It was a tough game, and we let up some unfortunate points, but it is what it is."

Becker, an all-league player last year for the Eagles, was expected to be an integral part of the team as a running back, linebacker, receiver and long snapper, with his loss forcing many players out of position to cover the gaps Friday.

"We were trying kids at different positions all week, trying to make up for that," Adams said.

Adams said. "It wasn't bad, it just wasn't enough."

Homestead (1-0) opened the first quarter by scoring off a forced fumble of quarterback Giancarlo Mendoza, returning the fumble for a touchdown with eight minutes left in the first quarter. However, the senior responded with a long drive in the second quarter and a touchdown run with seven minutes left to tie the game for Los Altos (0-1). Homestead took momentum back into halftime with a touchdown run with just a few seconds left in the second quarter, chewing up the clock with several runs before punching it in.

"It was a great defense stand," Adams said. "The last play, they scored with eight seconds left, but the defense did great. It's kind of hard holding them off for four downs."

A Homestead touchdown in the third quarter increased the lead to 21-7, and a Los Altos touchdown with 18 seconds left in the fourth quarter to make it 21-13 was too little, too late, as Homestead recovered the onside kick.

Los Altos has three games remaining before league play in the PAL El Camino Division kicks off against defending league champion Terra Nova Oct. 2. Los Altos went 3-2 in the El Camino Division last season (3-7 overall) and finished tied with South San Francisco for second place,

Mountain View bolts past Capuchino Friday



KELLEN SCANLON/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Mountain View (1-0) got off to a fast start in its 52-13 season-opening win over Capuchino (0-1) Friday, scoring 35 points in the first half. Mountain View's Micah Perkins (No. 11) works to evade a Capuchino defender. Mountain View next plays San Lorenzo Valley 7 p.m. Thursday.



CERISE WONG/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

QB Giancarlo Mendoza (No. 7) rushes through the Homestead defence in Friday's home game.

with Santa Clara, Fremont and newly-promoted Jefferson from the Lake Division rounding out the league this year. Los Altos next travels to play

Gunderson Sept. 4 at 7 p.m., while Homestead travels to play Silver Creek. Adams noted the team kept fighting and would learn from its mistakes.

"We can fix the X's and O's, but if the kids are willing to do what they did tonight, we will get better, and I'm sure we will," Adams said.

Sports

Los Altos flag football sets tone in opener

By Curtis Driscoll

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

It's early in the season, but the Los Altos flag football team is already firing on all cylinders, dismantling Homestead 53-0 in its opener Friday.

The team earned the first win for the school on the new home field turf installed in the summer, and the Eagles didn't miss a beat despite the field changes, scoring four touchdowns before the two-minute warning in the first half, including three touchdowns from quarterback Sabrina Neal (one passing and two rushing).

"I just think it shows that we are going to have a great season, maybe even better than last season," Neal said.

Neal returns as the team's star quarterback after earning SCVAL first team all-league honors and will be key to the team's success this year. She finished the day with two rushing touchdowns. Los Altos coach Gabe Stewart praised her leadership and calmness on the field, noting nothing seemed sped up while she was playing.

"When you have the superior athlete on the field, you have to let them be the superior athlete," Stewart said. "At one point they seemed really concerned with stopping the pass, so Sabrina ran. Then, they tried to stop her running, and so she threw."

Neal has emerged as a dual-threat option after spending time working on her game, focusing on becoming more comfortable staying in the pocket to step up and pass or looking to pass while moving out of the pocket.

"Last year I used to run a lot when I got out of the pocket, but I've been throwing on the run more while rolling out," Neal said.

Los Altos has several returning starters like junior Chloe D'Amico, a force in the passing game and on defense, while Erin Jesensky is back after injuries limited her last year. Stewart noted Lily Whiting will be a "terror" on defense, rushing the passer, while Charlotte Wolfe, Ruby



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Charlotte Wolfe (No. 11) couldn't be stopped on her rush to another touchdown for Los Altos at Friday's opener.



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Junior Fernanda Mendieta (No. 19) makes a break for it during Friday's opener against Homestead.

Gibson, Fernanda Mendieta and Kaila Rutiga will also be key. D'Amico earned SCVAL first team honors along with Neal last year, while Wolfe and Whiting were second team and Mendieta was third team. The team scoring was balanced against Homestead on Friday, with Gibson, Mendieta, Wolfe and Rutiga all scoring touchdowns, while the Los Altos defense stopped the Homestead offense from getting started at any point in the game.

"I think the offense will be as it has been the last couple of years," Stewart said. "We will be able to move the ball. I want to make sure we are not overly dependent on one or two people to make all the plays, so I'm trying to make sure we have a really balanced offense."

Los Altos is back in the SCVAL De Anza Division again this year, joined by Santa Clara, Los Gatos, Milpitas

and new teams Palo Alto and Wilcox. Gunn and Mountain View are now in the El Camino Division. Defending league champions Los Gatos is one of the league favorites thanks to its depth and athletes, along with Milpitas, which finished second. Los Altos finished third last year in one of the three automatic playoff bids, and Stewart hopes to compete for a league title.

"We've lost some people, but I think we can fully compete," Stewart said. "We just have to go out and do it on the field."

The CCS playoffs will again have an Open Division, with the next two divisions organized by school size. Los Altos was in the CCS Open Division as the No. 8 seed, losing to eventual champions Menlo School.

"I hope that we make Open Division playoffs again this season, and I hope we make it even further," Neal said.

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On the Move

2026 Acura ADX: Badge engineering done right

By Mike Hagerty
AUTO REVIEW

The concept of “badge engineering” – the same car with more than one brand or model name – got a deservedly bad rap in the 1980s and 1990s. The problem was that in those days “badge engineering” was too much badge and not enough engineering.

GM was among the worst offenders, making cars that were so cookie-cutter that it was hard to distinguish the Chevrolet from the Pontiac from the Oldsmobile from the Buick (and sometimes even the Cadillac) without looking at the badge.

Today, the concept survives, but it’s called “platform sharing” now, and automakers for the most part do a very good job at differentiating vehicles with designs in common.

Case in point – the 2026 Acura ADX. It shares a platform with the humble, slow and (when viewed from the front) homely Honda HR-V (“On the Move,” September 2022). And yet the ADX is upscale and stylish.

You’ll notice I didn’t say “quick.” The 32-horsepower boost in the ADX’s engine output lets it beat the HR-V’s snail-like 11-second 0-60 time by about 2.5 seconds. The payoff for your patience comes at the

gas pump – an EPA-estimated 25 mpg city/30 mpg highway.

But the Acura more than makes up for its speed deficit with handling. Its steering is specifically tuned for quick response, all-wheel drive (AWD) is an extra-cost option that can send more than 50% of the torque to the rear wheels. There’s variable-ratio electronic power steering, a stiff torsion bar for rigidity and selectable drive modes that enhance performance both in terms of canyon-carving and driving in snow.

Our test vehicle was the top-of-the-line Acura ADX AWD A-Spec with the Advance Package. And it comes loaded. A comprehensive suite of active safety features, leather-trimmed seats, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, a dual-zone automatic climate control system with air filtration, a 12-way power driver’s seat with memory and four-way power lumbar support, a four-way power front passenger’s seat, heated front seats, wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto and a wireless phone charger.

That’s just the ADX standard equipment (base price with AWD \$37,000-\$38,450 with destination). A-Spec (\$40,200-\$41,650 with destination) adds ventilated front seats, sport pedals, ambient



PHOTOS BY MIKE HAGERTY

Although the 2026 Acura ADX shares a platform with the Honda HR-V, the ADX is upscale and stylish.

LED lighting, rear USB jacks, a rear cargo cover, LED fog lights and exclusive exterior styling details.

And the Advance Package adds a 15-speaker Bang & Olufsen premium audio system, Google Built-in, Alexa Built-in, a hands-free power liftgate, a surround view camera system, front and rear parking sensors, a heated sport steering wheel, power-folding side mirrors, remote engine start and rain-sensing wipers, for \$44,000-\$45,450 including destination.

Our tester had only one extra-cost option, the Double Apex Blue paint (\$600), bringing the as-tested price to



\$46,450.

If you parked a Honda CR-V and the Acura ADX next to each other, you might see some resemblance around the

edges. If you drive them back to back, you’ll never believe they’re related. That’s the sign of the right proportion of engineering to badge.



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The battery pack of the 2026 Hummer EV 3X SUV weighs 3,600 pounds.

The 2026 GMC Hummer EV 3X SUV is a wasteful EV

By Mike Hagerty
AUTO REVIEW

Those old enough to remember the original civilian Hummers (1992-2009) may recall that they were huge, fuel-wasting beasts – the surest way to get yourself kicked off the Sierra Club Christmas card list.

You may have heard that GMC has resurrected the Hummer name for a pair of

electric SUVs. That is true, but the Hummer is not now an avatar of a gentler, greener world.

It’s like a superhero origin story turned inside out. Finding itself with enormous power that doesn’t pollute, the Hummer decides it’s going to use as much of that power as possible to get from point A to point B as quickly as it can while putting two and a half times the weight of a typical

car on the pavement and taking up as much of the road as it can.

That might seem harsh, but the numbers don’t lie. The GMC Hummer EV 3X SUV is 17.1 feet long, six-and-a-half feet tall, so wide (93.7 inches including the mirrors) that the Department of Transportation requires marker lights on its roof, and it still seats fewer

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people, gives second-row passengers 3.6 inches less legroom and has 36.6 cubic feet less cargo space behind the second row than the Chevy Tahoe/GMC Yukon, which is half a foot longer than the Hummer but smaller in every other dimension.

The Hummer 3X SUV has three electric motors, 830 horsepower, 11,500 lb-ft of torque, rockets from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 3.4 seconds and can go 314 miles on a charge.

At first, that combination of speed and range seems like an achievement. A breakthrough in tech, perhaps?

Nope. Sheer size. The battery pack alone weighs 3,600 pounds – 234 pounds more than an entire 2026 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray. That battery pack weight pushes the total curb weight of the 2026 GMC Hummer EV 3X SUV to 9,000 pounds (not a typo – nine thousand pounds).

The Hummer may not be wasting gasoline, but electricity is energy, too, and efficiency is an important metric. A typical electric vehicle can travel between three and four miles per kilowatt hour (kWh). I couldn't do better than 1.8 and I was driving it gently. The EPA gives the GMC Hummer EV 3X SUV an efficiency rating of 52 MPGe (a miles per gallon equivalent for EVs). The EPA also says typical electric SUVs can get up to 100 MPGe.

It's surprisingly easy to drive for (as the late P.J. O'Rourke once said about the Chevy Suburban) something as tall as a fish story and as long as an ex-



PHOTO BY MIKE HAGERTY

The 2026 Hummer EV 3X SUV may not be wasting gasoline, but electricity is energy, too.

cuse. After a few minutes, I'm kinda enjoying it. And that's a problem, because it's the same effect that lulls every driver of a ridiculously oversized vehicle into thinking that because they're okay, everyone else around them should be too. Even the ones that are in front of them and less than 48 inches tall (that's how high the top of the hood is).

The 2026 Hummer EV 3X SUV's pricing rides high, as well. Base price \$105,300 (\$107,995 with destination). You get three-zone climate control, heated and ventilated front seats, an "infinity roof" with opaque panels, a healthy suite of active safety features and a 14-speaker Bose premium surround sound audio system, but you can't have Apple CarPlay or Android Auto because GM is discontinuing those popular interfaces on all of its vehicles.

Our test vehicle has a couple of extra cost options, as well,

including the Extreme Off-Road Package (18-inch black aluminum wheels, rocker protectors with assist steps, a full underbody skid plate, front and rear underbody cameras and driver-selectable front and rear electronic differentials) for \$9,995 and \$275 for an adaptor that allows the use of Tesla Supercharger stations in addition to standard public DC fast chargers.

Total price as tested: \$118,265.

Look, the streets of the Peninsula are filled with flashy vehicular displays of conspicuous consumption. This is another one. The perversity of the wasteful EV is just a new wrinkle.

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Remember to test, test, test

By Matt Pataky

MATT THE MECHANIC

One of our longtime customers brought in her 2011 Lexus LS460 (4.6-liter V8). She stated that it was time for service and the check engine light was on. She also said that the car had been running well.

Once we got the car into the shop, we connected the scanner and pulled codes. We pulled P0015 camshaft position (CMP) B timing over retarded (Bank 1), P0365 camshaft position (CMP) sensor B Circuit (Bank 1), P0368 camshaft position (CMP) sensor B Circuit input high (Bank 1) and P1604 startability fault.

and crank position sensors tell the engine computer where the piston and valves are. Once the piston reaches TDC on the compression stroke, the air and fuel have to be ignited. The VVT system directs high-pressure engine oil to the adjustable cam gears. Once enough oil pressure is applied, the cam gears can adjust (phase) as much as 30 degrees. For example, if the car is in a heavy acceleration, the timing should advance and during a deceleration it will retard. Either way, it is making sure the cylinder detonation is as efficient as possible.

This particular V8 has one cam sensor, one crank sensor

the crank gear. The four VVT sensors are reading the Bank 1 and Bank 2 exhaust and intake camshaft positions.

The first thing we did was check the engine oil level. We need to do this because the whole VVT system is driven by oil pressure. If the engine oil is low, the VVT cannot operate normally. The oil level was good. We then checked the connectors to the cam sensor and the Bank 1 VVT sensors (all were OK). Then we swapped the Bank 1 exhaust and intake VVT sensors, cleared codes and test-drove. The same codes came back. We then disconnected the Bank 1 sensors (exhaust/intake) and back-probed to the engine control module (ECM). We found that the Bank 1 intake sensor harness was OK, but the Bank 1 exhaust sensor harness had an intermittent signal. We then performed a wiggle test and could turn the sensors off or on by just touching the wire in the middle of the harness. We then cut back the insulation and found three compromised wires.

This particular engine wire harness is extremely expensive, so we repaired all three



RACHEL ARONSON/TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

A good lesson here for the do-it-yourself mechanic is that codes will only point you in the direction of the problem.

A quick refresher on a variable valve timing system (VVT). Once computers took over engine control, there was no longer a need for certain mechanical parts (such as ignition distributors). The computers are able to calculate top dead center (TDC) from information from the cam and crank position sensors. Cam

and four VVT sensors. Bank 1 is on the driver side and has cylinders #1-4. Bank 2 is on the passenger side and has cylinders #5-8. The cam sensor is on the passenger side of the engine and is taking a reading from the timing chain. The crank position sensor is on the bottom of the engine and is taking a reading from

wires and put the car back together. Once together, we cleared the codes and test-drove the car. The problem was gone.

A good lesson here for the do-it-yourself mechanic is that codes will only point you in the direction of the problem. Usually we have people show up and say they had already replaced the cam sensor, yet it did not solve the problem. You always have to complete the test plan to get to the root of the issue. This engine was running fine be-

cause the cam sensor and the crank sensor were not compromised. It was the Bank 1 exhaust sensor wire harness that had the problem. The VVT sensors just tell the computer that the VVT system is working correctly, but don't actually give the adjustment command. Remember to test, test, test. Thanks for reading.

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Business & Real Estate

Local politicians, promoters of small businesses support bill targeting ADA lawsuit abuse

By Michael Shtrom

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Local businesses have been negatively impacted and some have even closed due to lawsuits over failing to comply with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The California State Legislature is considering a bill to protect small businesses from such suits.

ADA lawsuit abuse – a practice in which an individual sues multiple businesses for failing to comply with the ADA for the sole purpose of landing quick financial settlements – has been prevalent in Los Altos and Mountain View in recent years. Most notably in downtown Los Altos, Round Table Pizza and Los Altos Hardware both faced legal action over alleged violations of the ADA. The former closed in 2022 in part due to the financial hardship it faced after settling the suit, according to the owners, while the latter was targeted by the same serial plaintiff in 2021 over noncompliance.

Scott Hunter, executive director of the Los Altos Village Association, said that while the ADA is important, the law shouldn't be abused.

"I have heard anecdotally that there were businesses that have paid what is, in essence, a ransom, which also leads to a sense of tension," he said. "That's what's really hurting businesses when most small businesses here are mom-and-pop owned, and most don't have the money to fight a large lawsuit like that."

California State Assemblymember Marc Berman, who represents Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View, also considers this as an important issue that needs to be promptly addressed.

"The goal of California's disability access laws is to ensure that individuals with disabilities continue to have full and equal access, which I agree with wholeheartedly," Berman said. "Unfortunately, sometimes these laws are also being taken advantage of by individuals seeking a payout, not promoting accessibility. We should always be working to improve laws to address potential abuses that arise while still maintaining the original intent."

To address this concern, Berman voted for Assembly Bill 649, authored by Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal of Long Beach. Among other things, the bill incentivizes businesses to hire a Certified Access Specialist (CASP) to inspect their buildings and provides limited protections from liability for construction-related violations. For six years after a CASP inspection, businesses would have 120 days to correct the violation before they can be sued.



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The interior aisles of Los Altos Hardware, which was targeted by a serial plaintiff in 2021.

Lowenthal did not respond to requests for comment about the bill, currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Berman said the bill would benefit small businesses while protecting the motives of the ADA.

"AB 649 is a good bill that supports our local businesses while also promoting accessibility, which is why I voted to support it," Berman said. "I support allowing businesses to have a specific amount of time to fix violations of the law before they get penalized. Our goal should be to fix ADA violations as quickly as possible, not to penalize small businesses that are willing to comply once a violation is identified."

While many chambers of commerce in the state have come out against the bill, Mountain View Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Peter Katz considers it the right way to solve this problem.

"We are definitely in favor of AB 649, and so are many of the neighboring cities for the same reason," Katz said. "We all want to make sure that small businesses do the right thing, but also have time to do the right thing."

Hunter also expressed support for the bill's provisions.

"I think that's a step in the right direction," he said. "I was actually surprised when I first started reading about this that there wasn't some sort of grace period to be able to address things. One of the ways to address it is to stop being able to just drive by and point to a business and then file that suit. To be able to reduce the ability to do that, I think, would be very beneficial."

However, many critics say that AB 649 merely introduces its own set of

problems for enforcing ADA compliance. State Senator Roger Niello, who represents Placer and Sacramento counties, is among them.

"No. 1, there's only about 900 (CASP

inspectors), and there's a few million relevant businesses; it takes a long time to get them, and this would make that even worse," he said. "No. 2, there's nothing in the bill that provides any outreach to make sure that businesses even know about this, so I think we'd end up with absolutely no progress at all."

Niello's remedy was his own bill, SB 84, which died in the Assembly Judiciary Committee last year. It would have provided a 120-day window for businesses with less than 50 employees to address ADA compliance. It did not require a CASP inspection to trigger this window.

Regardless of AB 649's fate, Katz said citizens should engage with their elected officials to bring attention to this issue.

"Write your elected officials and let them know how much you care about your local businesses and how much they are hurting," Katz said. "These lawsuits hurt them, and we need to do everything we can to support our disabled community by allowing these businesses to stay open rather than to close because they're being sued."

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Business & Real Estate

Medicare Advantage plans are no advantage

By Artie Green

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I'm referring to the cost to the federal government of supporting Medicare Advantage (MA) plans. In case you're not familiar with them, MA plans are private insurer-managed alternatives to government-managed Original Medicare (OM) approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). They were originally promoted to reduce overall Medicare spending. Unlike OM, which follows a standard fee-for-service model, CMS pays MA insurers a fixed amount per enrollee per month. Politicians at the time felt that such a managed-care model would improve preventive care and operate more efficiently under private insurers. Today, some 51% of all Medicare recipients utilize MA instead of OM.

Unfortunately, according to an analysis by KFF, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that focuses on national health issues, the amount the federal government paid to insurers managing MA plans in 2025 exceeded the cost of OM by \$84 billion. That wasn't supposed to happen.

The problem originates with the funding mechanism for MA. CMS sets maximum payment amounts called benchmarks to MA insurers on a county-by-county basis to balance geographic disparities. In counties with the highest Medicare spending, the benchmark is set at 95% of the OM spending level. But in counties with lower spending, the benchmark can be as high as 115%. The intent was to attract private insurer participation in those less profitable markets.

MA insurers that create plans costing less than the benchmark additionally get a rebate of up to 70% of the difference between the plan's cost and the benchmark, depending on the quality of the plan as determined by CMS. Plus, there is an additional bonus of up to 10% paid to the highest quality plans. The bonuses alone are expected to cost

CMS \$13 billion in 2026.

There's also a risk adjustment to MA payments based on the health status of enrollees. According to KFF, by diagnosing and documenting more health conditions for their patients than OM would ordinarily cover, payments to MA insurers have further been adjusted higher without a concomitant improvement in healthcare.

Overall, this complex MA payment scheme seems to have resulted in the opposite of what Congress had intended. Costs are higher than expected and outcomes are no better. On top of that, adverse selection is also contributing to the cost disparity between OM and MA. The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), an independent congressional agency that advises Congress on Medicare program issues, found that on average, seniors who chose MA had lower healthcare spending than those choosing OM. Healthier individuals are more likely to accept MA's prior authorization and network restrictions, while those who develop serious health conditions such as cancer tend to switch back to OM to avoid those limitations.

There are numerous proposed fixes floating around Washington, according to KFF. And perhaps the Trump administration will prioritize action in this area. But the bigger tragedy is the fact that American seniors overall spend nearly double the amount per capita on healthcare than older adults in other developed nations, and our outcomes are worse. We have shorter lifespans, higher rates of preventable deaths, and higher rates of chronic conditions. Fixing that will be a lot more challenging than just fixing MA.

To read the KFF report, see tinyurl.com/MA-no-advantage.

Artie Green is the founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors dba Perigon Wealth Management, LLC, a registered investment advisor. For more information, see cognizantwealth.com.

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5100 El Camino Real #209, P. Robertson to Bonner-Meixner Family Trust for \$1,500,000

1514 Frontero Avenue, Green Living Trust to P. & P. Mazumdar for \$3,870,000

Mountain View

550 Ortega Avenue #A214, N. Traynor to T. Cao for \$680,000

2080 Marich Way #15, O. Turna to

Lee 1993 Living Trust for \$1,611,000

533 Shockley Alley, Taylor Morrison of California to R. Yang for \$1,725,000

118 Minaret Avenue, R. Chowhan to S. & S. Yun for \$1,725,000

2239 Mora Place, A. Jain to E. & K. Heng for \$1,798,000

Transaction information is obtained from public county records and provided by CalREsource.

Almost nowhere in California is building enough, according to the state. Here's why

By Ben Christopher

CALMATTERS

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Every eight years, state housing regulators give cities and counties across California an especially dreaded homework assignment: Make a plan for a bunch of new homes.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration assigns localities goals to hit at four different affordability levels. Collectively, the numbers represent the housing department's best estimate of the number of new homes needed to match any expected population growth and to chip away at the state's decades-in-the-making shortage of affordable places to live.

With these targets meted out to each region on a rolling basis, this summer, a massive chunk of the state, including most of Southern California, passed its halfway mark.

So in the spirit of a mid-term exam, how are cities and counties doing?

Bad news, California. If this were graded, the state would abound in D's

and F's.

Less than a third of cities and counties are on track to permit enough "above moderate" units, the category that typically refers to market-rate housing, according to data submitted by locals to the state housing department.

The progress report for more affordable types of housing is even bleaker. Only 32 jurisdictions – less than 6% – are on track to hit their "very low" targets. That refers to housing within financial reach of anyone earning less than half the typical local income.

After years of nudging, political trolling and litigating, most cities and counties now have state-approved plans in place. But as the production numbers show, it's one thing to plan and another to build. Almost nowhere in the state is actually seeing the new construction necessary "to meet the housing needs of all Californians," as housing regulators have described these targets. ...

What's the housing hold up?

For anyone who has been monitoring the pace of new residential development in California over the last half cen-

tury, the disconnect between housing planned and housing permitted won't come as a surprise. The state's total planning target adds up to nearly 2.5 million units over eight years, a reduction of the even more ambitious 3.5 million target Newsom set for his administration during his 2017 election. That 2.5 million figure works out to 312,500 new homes per year. Even during the state's boomiest boom years in the early 1960s and mid-1980s, construction figures never reached such lofty heights.

This decade, despite a blizzard of state legislation and policy changes aimed at boosting the construction of new homes, the number of new homes built annually is still just north of 100,000.

Critics of the state's planning process have long stressed that California's targets are unrealistic and that local governments can only do so much.

"Cities cannot require developers to develop and cities don't build housing," said Jason Rhine, a lobbyist with the League of California Cities. You can lead a developer to a rezoned plot of land, in other words, but you can't make them build.

Pro-development advocates counter that the uninspiring production numbers suggest that cities still aren't doing enough to welcome more housing.

"Cities can argue that they don't directly control production, but they do control fees, zoning and permitting," said Laura Foote, executive director of YIMBY Action. The housing needs allocation process "is only as good as we have the political will to actually hold cities accountable."

In a written statement, housing department spokesperson Jennifer Hanson said regulators are "actively monitoring and enforcing" the commitments each jurisdiction has made in its housing plans. She also pointed to a couple of recent laws exempting many urban housing developments from environmental litigation and requiring local governments to allow for taller buildings near major public transportation stops. Both have already been used to "advance approved projects representing thousands of proposed homes," she said.

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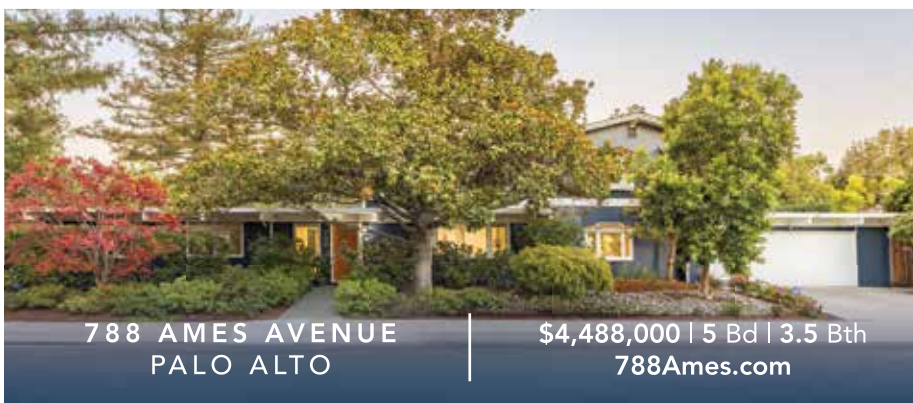
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223-T

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Building B Park Expansion CF-10023

CITY OF LOS ALTOS
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1. Description of Work: The City of Los Altos, Santa Clara County, California, invites sealed proposals for furnishing labor, material and equipment required to complete the project in the particular locations, of the forms, sizes and dimensions and of the materials and to the lines and grades and at the elevations as shown and delineated upon the plans and specifications made therof. The following information is presented to indicate the size of the project and no warranty is made or intended to final quantities:

Provide all labor, materials, equipment, permits, testing, and incidentals required to perform the following work: removal of approximately sixty (60) linear feet of six (6) inch by eight (8) inch concrete curb and the installation of one hundred forty (170) linear feet of new six (6) inch curb alongside one hundred forty (170) linear feet of new three (3) tall black fencing with two (2) new gates, as well as the removal of eighteen hundred (1800) square feet of grass and eighty (80) cubic yards of dirt off haul, the installation of approximately fifty five (55) cubic yards of new tanbark, two (2) new benches (includes foundations), one (1) sail shade structure and two (2) new playground structures to be coordinated with city staff (includes all required foundation, grading and other required earthwork).

2. Location of Work: 1 N San Antonio Rd, Building B, Los Altos, CA 94022

3. Contract Documents: Bids must be submitted on the City's bid forms. A copy of the plans (half-size) and specifications shall be obtained from the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California, 94022 for a non-refundable fee of \$100 or visit the City's bids and vendor management portal hosted by PlanetBids to download the PDF file(s) (<https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home>). Copies may also be inspected at the office of the City Engineer. To the extent required by Public Contract Code section 20103.7, the City will also make the Contract Documents available for

review at one or more plan rooms.

4. Labor Compliance. Pursuant to paragraph 7-1.01A, Labor Code Requirements, of the General Provisions in these specifications, Contractor is required to comply with California Labor Code Section 1770, et seq.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors or subcontractors bidding on public works projects must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

5. Pre-bid Site Review: A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk will be held at 1 N San Antonio Rd, Building B, Los Altos on the following date(s) and time(s): September 9th, 2026 at 10:00am. Each and every Bidder must attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk. Prospective Bidders may visit the Project Site without making arrangements. Bids will not be accepted from any Bidder who did not attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Site Walk.

6. Contractor's License: The Contractor is required to have a Class A License for this work. All bidders shall be licensed under the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California to do the type of work contemplated in the project.

7. Bid Bond: A bid bond that can be verified as authentic pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 995.311 is required.

a. Amount of Bid Bond. The bid bond shall be ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price.

b. Delivery date. The Bid bond shall be submitted to the City before the latest date and time for Bid submittal.

c. Form of Bid Bond. Bid Bonds shall be submitted to the City in cash, a certified or cashier's check, an ORIGINAL paper bid bond, or an Electronic Bid Bond (e-Bond) executed and verified by an admitted surety in favor of the City.

d. E-bond platforms requirements. In the event the Bidder elects to submit an Electronic Bid Bond (e-Bond), a bid will be considered complete only if the applicant: i. Obtains an E-Bonds issued by Surety2000 <http://www.surety2000.com> or Tinubu <https://www.tinubu.com/ebondingplatforms>; and, ii. Uploads the E-Bond in pdf form to the PlanetBids portal as a General Attachment.

E-Bonds from other e-Bond platforms will not be accepted. Bidders are solely responsible for completing Surety2000 or Tinubu registration, and payment of associated fees and charges. The City is not responsible to Bidders for (i) Surety2000 or Tinubu acts or omissions; (ii) the completeness or timely verification of the authenticity of the issued e-Bond; or (iii) any other errors by third parties in the issuance of the e-Bond.

e. Purpose of Bid Bond. In the event that the successful Bidder fails or refuses to enter into the Contract awarded to it, the bid bond shall be retained by the City and applied to any damages sustained by the City.

8. Location of Bid Submittal and Date and Time of Opening:

The City accepts electronic submittal of bids only. Bids shall be submitted electronically to the City's bids and vendor management portal hosted by PlanetBids at <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home> on or before

October 1st 2026 at 2:00 pm

The PlanetBids contract ID for this project is (CF-10023). The Bidder's PlanetBids vendor identification number may also be necessary for the Bidder's Security. Each Bid received before the Bid submittal due date will be automatically opened and unsealed by PlanetBids at the time of the Bid deadline. Bids received after the Bid submittal due date will be rejected. Bids shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days after the Bid opening date. Bid results (not verified) will be published.

9. Payment & Performance Bonds: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish the City with a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each equal to 100% of the successful Bid, prior to execution of the Contract.

All bonds are to be secured from a surety that meets all of the State of California bonding requirements, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and is admitted by the State of California. The cost of said bonds shall be included in the Bid amount.

10. Award of Contract: Said bids will be presented to and considered by the City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting. The City shall award the Contract for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder on the basis of the Total Bid. In the event of any discrepancy between extended and unit prices as set forth in the bidder's bid schedule (i.e., the bidder's extended price does not equal the unit price multiplied by the applicable quantity), the City shall use the unit price to recompute the extended price and bid totals accordingly, and the recomputed amounts shall be used as the basis of determining the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. In the event of a significant discrepancy between unit and extended prices, the City reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to reject the bid as nonresponsive.

11. Time of Completion of Work: The work shall be completed and ready for full use within **ninety (90) calendar days**, the first day of which shall be the date specified in the City Engineer's "Notice to Proceed".

12. Substitution of Securities:

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by City to ensure performance under the Contract.

13. Rights of the City: The City reserves the right to cancel the project, and to reject any or all bids if not satisfied as to the price for the work or the responsibility of the bidder. The City also reserves the right to waive any informalities according to law.

14. Project Administration: All questions relative to this project prior to the opening of bids shall be in writing submitted through the PlanetBids portal no later than **September 16th, 2026** at 3:00 pm.

Special direction is directed to Section 2 of the General Provisions for full directions as to bidding.

Dated: September 2nd, 2026

/s/ **Tyler Botkin P.E.**
Capital Improvements
Project Manager
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WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check

drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA,

all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: PARCEL ONE: PARCEL A, IN THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN ON THAT MAP ENTITLED, PARCEL MAP, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON FEBRUARY 8, 2024, IN BOOK 959, AT PAGES 54 AND 55, OF MAPS. P A R C E L T W O : AN EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF PARCEL A OVER A PORTION OF PARCEL B DESCRIBED ON THE PARCEL MAP ("EASEMENT AREA"), FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE INSTALLATION IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, HARDSCAPING, SOFTSCAPING, TREES, PLANTS, IRRIGATION SYSTEM, POOL, SPA, BARBECUE, FENCING, PERGOLA, GAZEBO, TRELIS, SPORTS COURT, FIREPLACE AND STORAGE SHE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL B; THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL B, 64.00 FEET TO THE N O R T H E A S T C O R N E R OF SAID PARCEL; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL B, 26.50 FEET; THENCE WEST, 54.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 10.00 FEET; THENCE WEST, 10.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL B; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 16.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 166 LYEELL ST LOS ALTOS, CA 94022.

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$5,597,822.41 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale.

The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election

to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation.

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CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee, 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: <https://prestigepostandpub.com> CALL: 949-776-4697 PATRICIO S. INCE', VICE PRESIDENT P P P # 2 6 - 0 0 9 3 3 2

CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid on a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of the outstanding lien that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfer. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#d_5 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 949-776-4697, or visit this Internet Web site <https://prestigepostandpub.com>,

using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 88986. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 949-776-4697, or visit this internet website <https://prestigepostandpub.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 88986 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid; by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. D i s c l o s u r e In compliance with CA civil code 2924f(F), the opening bid for the foreclosure sale is based on a valuation provided t the trustee by the lender of the lender's representative. The trustee does not determine, verify, or opine on the accuracy of this valuation and makes no representation regarding the market value of the property subject to foreclosures (the "Property"). The trustee's compliance or non-compliance with CA civil code 2924f(f) shall not be construed as an opinion, warranty, or representation regarding (i) the priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, (ii) the condition of title to the Property, or (iii) any other matters affecting the Property, including the value of the Property. The trustee relies solely on the trustee's sale guaranty and/or information provided by the lender regarding the lien priority and title condition and does not independently verify such information. All bidders are solely responsible for conducting their own independent due diligence regarding the loan, the Property, its value, the lien priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, and the condition of the title to the Property. The trustee assumes no liability for the accuracy or completeness of any information provided by third parties, including the lender. The valuation used to determine the minimum opening bid applies only to the initially scheduled sale date. Any postponement or continuation of the sale does not obligate the trustee to obtain or rely upon a new valuation, nor does it alter the trustee's limited role in the process. (09-02,09,16-26)

219-T

Public Notices

LOS ALTOS SUBURBAN NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE DUE TO PASS-THROUGH OF WHOLESALE SUPPLIER COST INCREASES

Beginning October 1, 2026, the water bills of California Water Service (Cal Water) customers in the Los Altos District will reflect a pass-through of changes in wholesale water charges and pump tax charges by the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) incurred by the company. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the state agency that regulates Cal Water, has determined that expenses for wholesale water, pump taxes, and purchased power are not under the company's control, and that a pass-through of those costs to customers is just and reasonable if properly calculated. On or around September 1, 2026, Cal Water will file Advice Letter 2598 to request authority to increase its annual revenue in the Los Altos District by \$1,702,732 or 2.72%. Pending the CPUC's review of Cal Water's calculations, the rate will be effective on October 1, 2026. With the increase, a typical monthly bill for a Los Altos residential customer with a 5/8" x 3/4" meter who uses 9 CCF of water (which is approximately 6,732 gallons) per month will increase by \$2.67 or 2.74%. A copy of Advice Letter 2598 will be available online at www.calwater.com/rates-advice-letters (please select the Los Altos District from the drop-down menu) and may also be obtained from the company's local office by calling (650) 917-0152. You may also contact the company's headquarters by mailing the Rates Department at 1720 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95112-4598. Cal Water offers many programs to help customers manage their water bill, including a low-income Customer Assistance Program (CAP), water-saving appliance/device rebates, and other conservation programs. Please visit our web site at www.calwater.com to take advantage of these opportunities.

Responses and Protests

Anyone may respond to or protest this filing. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the CPUC in its evaluation. A protest objects to the filing in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based, and shall provide citations or proof where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest. The grounds for protests are:

1. The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the filing.
2. The relief requested in the filing would violate statute or CPUC order or is not authorized by statute or CPUC order on which the utility relies.
3. The analysis, calculations, or data in the filing contains material errors or omissions.
4. The relief requested in the filing is pending before the CPUC in a formal proceeding.
5. The relief requested in the filing requires consideration in a formal hearing or is otherwise inappropriate for the filing process.
6. The relief requested in the filing is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a prior order of the CPUC).

A response or protest must be made in writing and received by the CPUC's Water Division by **September 24, 2026**, the end of the comment period. The response or

protest should be either emailed to water.division@cpuc.ca.gov or mailed to Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd Floor, CPUC, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. On the same date the response or protest is sent to the Water Division, it must also be either emailed to cwsrates@calwater.com or mailed to Rates Department, California Water Service, 1720 North First St., San Jose, CA 95112. Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners' approval to protest should inform the Water Division within the protest period so that a late-filed protest can be considered. The informing document should include an estimated date on which the proposed protest may be voted. If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact Cal Water at (408) 367-8200 and ask for the Rates Department. CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE 9/2/26 CNS-4073509# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (09-02-26)

218-T

SUN-NET CONSULTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729584

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) SUN-NET CONSULTING, (2) SUN-NET INC, (3) SUN-NET INTERNATIONAL LLC, (4) SUN-NET INTERNATIONAL, 2150 North First St, Suite 550, San Jose, CA, 95131, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): DANIEL L. SUN INC., 2150 North First St, Suite 550, San Jose, CA 95131. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/13/2016. /S/ Joanna Sun / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/18/2026. (09-02,09,16,23-26)

217-T

PitLane Moto FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729517

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PitLane Moto, 1765 Ravizza Ave, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): PitLane Technologies LLC, 2108 N St Ste N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Brian L. Harkness / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/14/2026. (08-26-26,09-02,09,16-26)

216-T

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF ANGELINA HA MONTECITO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 26CV500684

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Angelina Ha Montecito

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name:

a. Angelina Ha Montecito
b. Angelina Ha Nguyen
c. Ai Thi Le Ha

Proposed Name:

a.
b. Angelina Ha Montecito
c. Angelina Ha Montecito

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 10/20/2026 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 08/12/2026 /s/ Daniel Nishigaya Judge of the Superior Court (08-26-26,09-02,09,16-26)

215-T

KINDCENTRIC PSYCHIATRY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729380

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KINDCENTRIC PSYCHIATRY, 330 2nd St Ste 4, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): KINDCENTRIC PSYCHIATRY INC, 330 2nd St Ste 4, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Kathrine Casillas / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/11/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

214-T

CLC Construction FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728530

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CLC Construction, 1585 Bradford Way, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Mineral Selective Technologies Corp, 1585 Bradford Way, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Christopher Camire / This statement was filed with the

County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/15/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

213-T

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CATHERINE M. VALLONE, aka CATHERINE MARCIA VALLONE CASE NO. 26PR203161

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CATHERINE M. VALLONE, aka CATHERINE MARCIA VALLONE. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT P. VALLONE in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROBERT P. VALLONE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/14/2026 at 9:01AM in Dept. 2 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner Dina Hoffman 736 Chestnut St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060 PHONE (831) 423-1411 (08-19,26-26,09-02-26)

211-T

EMProductions FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729062

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: EMProductions, 826 Terrace Drive, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Elliot Michael Gorelick, 826 Terrace Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Elliot Michael Gorelick / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/03/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

210-T

Puro Michoacan Restaurant Inc FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728995

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Puro Michoacan Restaurant Inc, 1065 S 1st St, San Jose, CA, 95110, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Puro Michoacan Restaurant Inc, 1065 S 1st St, San Jose, CA 95110. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/29/2026. /S/ Juan Luis Villegas Martinez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/31/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

209-T

PISTON DORADO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729256

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PISTON DORADO, 237 Leo Ave, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): GOLDEN PISTON DIAGNOSTICS LLC, PO Box 8371, San Jose, CA 95155. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/23/2026.

212-T

/S/ Jesus Gomez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/06/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

208-T

CDEE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729255

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CDEE, 237 Leo Ave, San Jose, CA, 95112, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): CALIFORNIA DIESEL ELECTROMECHANIC ENGINEERING LLC, PO 8371, San Jose, CA 95155. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2026. /S/ Senette Ortega / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/06/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

207-T

ECHELON CONSULTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729094

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) ECHELON CONSULTING, (2) ECHELON, 2091 Huntington Lane, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): ECHELON CONSULTING PARTNERS LLC, 2091 Huntington Lane, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Andrew Kryzan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/04/2026. (08-19,26-26,09-02,09-26)

206-T

CEDAR DOULA CO. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728898

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CEDAR DOULA CO., 2310 Homestead Rd, Suite C1 #321, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Ella Maluf, 2310 Homestead Road Suite C1, #321, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/26/2026. /S/ Ella Maluf / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/28/2026. (08-12,19,26-26,09-02-26)

205-T

ALLURE DESIGN & EVENTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729118

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: ALLURE DESIGN & EVENTS, 2227 Bikini Ave, San Jose, CA,

95122, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Don Phung, 2227 Bikini Ave, San Jose, CA 95122. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Don Phung / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/04/2026. (08-12,19,26-26,09-02-26)

204-T

Julie Graham PsyD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728838

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Julie Graham PsyD, 230 California Avenue Suite 107, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Julie Graham Lunn, 1715 Selig Lane, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/30/2004. /S/ Julie Graham Lunn / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/27/2026. (08-12,19,26-26,09-02-26)

203-T

BRITO CONSTRUCTION LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728300

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BRITO CONSTRUCTION LLC, 1075 Space Parkway Spc #249, Mountain View, CA, 94043, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): BRITO CONSTRUCTION LLC, 1075 Space Parkway Spc #249, Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/12/2026. /S/ Ramiro Brito / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/07/2026. (08-12,19,26-26,09-02-26)

202-T

LEMON TREE FLORAL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN728946

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: LEMON TREE FLORAL, 809 Cuesta Dr B 1008, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Yuning Liu, 809 Cuesta Dr B 1008, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 07/15/2026. /S/ Yuning Liu / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/29/2026. (08-12,19,26-26,09-02-26)

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Public Notices

**CHICKADEE TREE CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. FBN728934**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CHICKADEE TREE CONSULTING, 3451 Grass Valley Ct, San Jose, CA, 95127, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): CHICKADEE TREE LLC, 3451 Grass Valley Ct, San Jose, CA 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/26/2026. /S/ Kaitlyn Shelton / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 07/29/2026. (08-12,19,26-26,09-02-26)

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Obituary Notice



KAREN JENNEY



*December 21, 1939 –
August 6, 2026*

Karen Jenney passed away peacefully in the early morning of August 6.

Karen was born in Clear Creek, Iowa, delivered by her grandmother during a snowstorm. Her parents were Joseph and Geneva Hammes. She was one of four siblings along with brothers Michael and Jim, and sister Mary. She attended St. Paul the Apostle grade school and Immaculate Conception Academy for high school. She went on to nursing school at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa.

After college she moved to California to work at Stanford Children's Hospital. While living in the Bay Area, she met her husband, Reed Jenney. They married in 1966 and had two children, Rebecca and Christopher. They moved to Los Altos, which became her new hometown.

She was creative, smart, funny, compassionate, and had that Iowa practicality. She loved to entertain and was a talented seamstress. She enjoyed playing bridge and mahjong. Eventually as her children got older, she went back into nursing and found a love of geriatrics. She started as an R.N. on the late shift but by the end of her career was the Executive Director of The Terraces in her beloved Los Altos. She was an outstanding leader and expected the best from everyone for her clients.

Karen and Reed loved to

travel and went on amazing trips to Europe, Machu Picchu, China, Egypt, Africa, and the Holy Land- to name a few. Reed later developed Lewy-Body dementia and Karen used all of her training to care for him. After he passed away in 2016, she eventually moved to southern California in 2020 to be near her children and grandchildren. She resided at Royal Oaks senior living community in Bradbury, California. Although she spent most of her life on the west coast, she was always an Iowa girl at heart and never forgot her roots.

She is survived by her children, Rebecca Seymour and Christopher Jenney, and 3 grandchildren Megan, Nick, and Alex. We are comforted by the fact that mom and dad are together once again.

A memorial service will be held in Los Altos at St. Williams Catholic Church on September 18th at 11am. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Lewy Body Dementia Association or the American Diabetes Association.

DONALD RAUCH

*September 11, 1924 –
August 17, 2026*

Donald Rauch passed away peacefully at Ingleside Assisted Living in Atascadero, CA on August 17, 2026, at 101 years old.

He was born in Glendale, CA on September 11, 1924, and grew up in Glendora, CA. After serving three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he graduated from the University of Southern California in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in Foreign Trade and Transportation. In 1946, Don married Louise Pixley from Flora, IL. After several years living in southern California towns of San Gabriel, Santa Ana and El Segundo, and then in Colorado and New

Jersey for four years each, they moved to Los Altos, CA. Here they purchased their home where they lived for 49 years as of 2014 when Louise passed away. Don then decided to live in a full-service retirement home and moved to the Bridgepoint assisted living community in Los Altos. In 2024, ahead of his 100th birthday, Don moved to Atascadero, CA where his daughter Ann Little resides.

Don's first love in sports was baseball. He enjoyed remembering playing for coach Rod Dedeaux at USC in Los Angeles. Then following graduation, Don worked for Rod's private trucking company, Dart Service for 16 years then sold advertising to transportation companies located in the western U.S. Don and Louise celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on August 18, 2013, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Half Moon Bay. Don passed away on August 17, 2026, just one day before what would have been his and Louise's 80th wedding anniversary.

He is survived by his two children, Bruce Rauch of Rocklin, CA and Ann Little of Atascadero, CA, four granddaughters, and eight great-grandchildren.

ROBERT EDWARD "BUZZ" SLYE

*November 27, 1934 –
August 8, 2026*

Robert E. "Buzz" Slye passed away on August 8, 2026 at the age of 91 in Los Altos, California. He was born on November 27, 1934 in Burlington, Vermont to Albert and Doris (Mansfield) Slye.

Buzz grew up in Dalton, Massachusetts (next door to his uncle Fred's (Bert's twin) family. Buzz and his sister, Sue, were close to cousins Barbara "Bobbie" and Sally).

He received a B.E. in Mechanical Engineering from Yale University in 1956, where he also served in the Reserve

Officers' Training Corps. He then earned an M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from Stanford University in 1957. He joined NACA Ames Aeronautical Laboratory in Moffett Field, California, in June 1957 as a summer student, and was then assigned to Air Force duty on the Ames campus in the fall of 1957. In 1958, he became a permanent research scientist at what was then the NASA Ames Research Center.

Buzz's career at Ames spanned more than half a century. He made important research contributions across a wide range of disciplines; including aerodynamics of lifting bodies, such as the space shuttle orbiter, as well as rockets and re-entry capsules; trajectory and payload analysis; and analysis and display of computer information, including remotely sensed images.

He received the NASA Ames Special Achievement Award in 1988. At the time of his retirement in December 2007, he was the longest continuously employed person at Ames.

Buzz loved the outdoors. In his younger years, he enjoyed skiing, hiking, climbing, traveling and gardening. He also enjoyed rally racing with his Triumph TR3 and flying as a private pilot. In his retirement, he enjoyed reading scientific articles, sharing his knowledge with those close to him, working on projects around the house and yard, playing bridge at the community center, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Buzz is survived by his wife, Sharron Slye (nee Ford); children, Laura (Mark) Haythornthwaite of Florence, Montana, Christopher (Christy) Slye of Alamo, California, Sandra (Jeremy) Slye-Hittle of San Ramon, California, Robert Slye, Jr. of Portland, Oregon; grandchildren, Akayla and Haylee Hittle; sister-in-law Gail Ford as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Sue Taylor; and first wife, Judith Norman (nee Carmichael).

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