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Los Altos Mayor Fligor and Distinguished Council Members

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Los Altos will always have limited Engineering Resource and must focus on priorities.

I recommend you continue this agenda item for low priority Halsey House to a date after Engineering Resource is allocated to other higher priority projects. At least wait until Community Center move in is complete, EOC construction start, and Complete Streets Master Plan projects are prioritized.

Allowing Halsey House Study to move forward will require full time Engineering person to work with at least three consultants. Halsey House has already been protected from roof leaks, hillside stormwater runoff, and vandalism [eight -feet fencing around house] to ensure condition will not deteriorate while waiting for Council decision.

Higher priority projects that need Engineering Resource are as follows:

- Redwood Grove safety improvements to remove / cut-back dead redwood trees that have branches that could fall on visitors and creekbank erosion undercutting pedestrian creekside cement sidewalk that allows children to fall off of 7 feet high cliff into creek.
- Staff requested safety changes after move-in to new Community Center.
- EOC building.
- Complete Streets Master Plan top safety improvement projects.
- Grant Park Master Plan building improvements
- Police Station building safety improvements.
- Decision on 999 Fremont

Council should always consider impact on Staff availability to work on new projects and possible impact on other projects before approving. It may be helpful for Engineering Resource impact be included in project staff reports.

Thank you for your consideration!

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