



MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012

7:00 P.M. - REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Council Chambers, Los Altos City Hall
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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1. Commission Minutes
Approval of minutes – Regular Meeting of July 9, 2012.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Climate Action Plan
Activity progress report by Environmental Commission Task Force.
3. Bird Protection and Habitat Enhancement in the City of Los Altos
Presentation by Shani Kleinhaus, local environmental advocate and member of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society.
4. Disposal and Management of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) and Single-Use Bags
 - a. Status update on Environmental Impact Report for EPS and Single-Use Bags.
 - b. First public hearing for San Mateo County to receive verbal comments on the plastic bag ban environmental impact report (EIR) will be at the San Mateo County Planning Commission meeting on July 11, 9am, location at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA.
5. Increasing Watershed Awareness and Stewardship in Los Altos
 - a. Fremont Bridge Creek signage.

6. Summary of Cal Water City of Los Altos Usage Data
Presentation by Vice Chair Joe Eyre.
7. Environmental Commission Website
 - a. Staff report on monthly hits to website.
 - b. Discussion of information and resources to add to website.
8. Environmental Commission Work Plan Progress Review
Review and discussion of July action items in 2012-2013 Work Plan approved by Council at the Joint Meeting on April 3, 2012.
9. City of Los Altos 60th Anniversary Celebration
Planning Committee meeting progress.
10. Announcements and Items for Information
 - a. Environmental Commissioner Representative at July 24, 2012 Council meeting – Commissioner Ardehali. August 28 Council meeting assigned to Commissioner Hedden; Sept. 11 Council meeting assigned to Vice Chair Eyre.
 - b. Citizen concern- perfumed dryer sheets – correspondence and discussion with staff.
 - c. Info on West Nile Virus spraying. In Los Altos.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012 AT
7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD,
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bray, DeMichiel, Keller, Reed, Ardehali, Hedden

ABSENT: Eyre,

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None

1. Commission Minutes

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KELLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ARDEHAI to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2012. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Welcome and Introduction of new Environmental Commissioner Gary Hedden

3. Climate Action Plan

A brief update was presented from staff and from the Environmental Commission Task Force.

- a. Residential and Commercial Survey – update on progress, purpose and postings.
- b. Commissioner Hedden will join the Environmental Commission Task Force along with Chair Bray and Vice Chair Eyre.
- c. CAP Consulting Firm will make a presentation at the August meeting.

4. Disposal and Management of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) and Single-Use Bags

- a. Brief status update presented by staff on the Environmental Impact Report for EPS and Single-Use Bags.
- b. First public hearing for San Mateo County to receive verbal comments on the plastic bag ban environmental impact report (EIR) will be at the San Mateo County Planning Commission meeting on July 11, 9am, location at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA.

5. Increasing Watershed Awareness and Stewardship in Los Altos

- a. There is no draft signage for the Fremont Bridge Creek at this time.

6. Environmental Commission Website

- a. Staff reported 282 monthly hits to website from June 11, 2012 to today.
- b. Discussion of information and resources to add to website. Commissioners discussed documents and edits for publishing to website. City Attorney will provide guidelines.

7. Environmental Commission Work Plan Progress Review

Review of each Goal and activities and discussion of June action items in 2012-2013 Work Plan approved by Council at the Joint Meeting on April 3, 2012.

8. City of Los Altos 60th Anniversary Celebration

Planning Committee meeting progress was reported by Commissioner Hedden.

9. Announcements and Items for Information

- a. Environmental Commissioner Representative at July 24, 2012 Council meeting – Commissioner Hedden. Comments on June 12 and June 26, 2012 Council Meeting.
- b. Discussion of Rosita Park Award for water drainage and watershed protection.
- c. *Sustainovation* event – Comments from Commissioner Hedden who attended.
- d. Informational brochures given to Chair Bray for review.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Audubon presentation at August meeting – Chair Bray will check.
Commissioner Reed will be absent at August meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bray adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

J. Logan, Assistant City Manager and Staff Liaison

District	Year	City	Revenue Class	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Read Count	Total CCF	Total Reads	Avg CCF
LAS	2007	LOS ALTOS	Revenue Class	13,352	9,115	11,062	884	430	20,571	427	21,914	432	20,125	432	16,758	433	20,078	5,191	39.69
LAS	2007	LOS ALTOS	Industrial Metered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAS	2007	LOS ALTOS	Multiple Residential Metered	6,305	68	3,600	41	72	12,401	71	14,116	73	13,220	103	7,010	71	16,085	862	134.83
LAS	2007	LOS ALTOS	Other Sales & Svc	5	4	260	4	2	1,344	4	1,365	3	36	3	1,222	2	85	3	10.44
LAS	2007	LOS ALTOS	Public Authority Metered	2,624	68	2,624	48	80	12,411	83	18,509	94	20,205	102	12,018	103	7,036	1,102	131.68
LAS	2007	LOS ALTOS	Residential Metered	113,622	9,391	100,968	6,748	9,518	230,423	8,577	345,877	9,384	334,264	8,842	280,483	9,631	278,204	11,271	24.33
LAS	2007	LOS ALTOS	Other Sales & Svc	12,051	415	11,472	404	426	18,960	417	19,512	422	20,571	423	18,728	417	10,782	659	184.765
LAS	2008	LOS ALTOS	Industrial Metered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAS	2008	LOS ALTOS	Multiple Residential Metered	6,064	71	3,350	71	73	11,315	70	13,485	74	12,265	72	4,325	71	10,652	107	111.035
LAS	2008	LOS ALTOS	Other Sales & Svc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAS	2008	LOS ALTOS	Public Authority Metered	4,078	84	4,303	78	85	18,912	111	23,300	117	20,660	117	13,862	113	7,339	126	152.586
LAS	2008	LOS ALTOS	Residential Metered	110,028	9,407	95,089	9,422	9,530	275,736	9,551	318,911	9,594	335,198	9,572	281,772	9,571	163,850	10,877	27,5130
LAS	2008	LOS ALTOS	Other Sales & Svc	10,473	410	7,857	204	418	16,121	422	18,295	425	19,569	412	18,140	418	10,985	948	165,502
LAS	2009	LOS ALTOS	Industrial Metered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAS	2009	LOS ALTOS	Multiple Residential Metered	6,150	70	3,878	41	73	9,698	73	11,748	73	10,344	71	4,162	73	5,445	107	101.400
LAS	2009	LOS ALTOS	Other Sales & Svc	3	1	24	1	2	1,433	4	1,468	8	21	1	205	1	9	1	498
LAS	2009	LOS ALTOS	Public Authority Metered	2,631	71	2,687	83	81	15,884	99	21,005	113	20,408	117	13,822	113	4,289	122	120,314
LAS	2009	LOS ALTOS	Residential Metered	103,290	9,411	95,307	8,713	9,549	284,776	9,604	304,246	9,620	308,881	9,578	257,660	9,587	159,564	10,804	2,465,464
LAS	2010	LOS ALTOS	Industrial Metered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAS	2010	LOS ALTOS	Multiple Residential Metered	3,668	1	1,488	82	70	7,594	71	11,492	72	10,635	72	5,220	72	1,843	100	93,713
LAS	2010	LOS ALTOS	Other Sales & Svc	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAS	2010	LOS ALTOS	Public Authority Metered	1,704	41	2,223	59	78	7,801	84	15,087	108	16,892	110	12,720	111	4,511	132	115,739
LAS	2010	LOS ALTOS	Residential Metered	90,798	8,754	73,706	8,755	9,517	183,989	9,574	247,715	9,600	301,892	9,581	257,718	9,580	171,817	10,216	2,381,678
LAS	2011	LOS ALTOS	Industrial Metered	11,496	398	6,111	209	411	15,878	406	17,024	411	19,489	423	17,413	415	11,331	881	132,616
LAS	2011	LOS ALTOS	Multiple Residential Metered	5,355	68	3,672	41	80	9,275	71	11,109	72	11,183	72	5,885	72	5,718	100	94,371
LAS	2011	LOS ALTOS	Other Sales & Svc	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	621
LAS	2011	LOS ALTOS	Public Authority Metered	2,246	68	2,141	62	67	11,713	93	16,823	104	18,453	118	10,068	111	4,653	142	114,026
LAS	2011	LOS ALTOS	Residential Metered	93,355	9,412	84,421	7,722	9,503	245,880	9,585	310,889	9,599	316,884	9,575	241,568	9,572	173,563	10,228	2,304,886

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EATING GREEN

What we eat has an impact not just on our own bodies, but also on the environment.

Eating Organic

The labels "100% organic" and "organic" are regulated by the US Department of Agriculture, which defines the standards that are applied to crops and to livestock in order for these to be labeled as organic.

For crops, these standards include use of organic seeds, avoidance of pesticides, and a prohibition on the use of genetic engineering.

For livestock, the standards include the use of organic feed, avoidance of growth hormones and antibiotics, and year-round access to the outdoors.

Buying organic thus not only allows us to avoid pesticides in produce, but also genetically engineered organisms as well as synthetic growth hormones and antibiotics used in the raising of animals.

The USDA website explains the organic certification program, as well as other labels that are allowed to be attached to food products, such as "Free-range", "Cage-free", "Natural", "Grass-fed", "Pasture-raised", and "Humane". Note that the use of many of these labels however is not regulated. See <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/NOPConsumers>.

The USDA documents on "Organic Produce and Handling Standards" (<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELDEV3004445&acct=nopgeninfoT>) and documents on the USDA National Organic Program website (<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/nop>) provide further useful information.

Pesticides in Food

The Environmental Working Group has investigated the issue of pesticide residues on fruits and vegetables. Their "Dirty Dozen" report lists the top fifteen fruits and vegetables with the highest pesticide residue as well as those that are the cleanest. Apples, celery, sweet bell peppers, peaches, and strawberries lead the list of the most pesticide-laden fruits and vegetables. Onions, sweet corn, pineapples, avocados, cabbage are the cleanest.

You can see the full lists included in the EWG's 2012 Shopper's Guide to Pesticides in Produce here:
<http://www.ewg.org/foodnews/summary/>

Don't forget to check out the other interesting information on the EWG web site as well!

Genetically Engineered Organisms

Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) have recently become a topic of considerable controversy. According to the USDA's 2012 report (<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/Acre/Acre-06-29-2012.pdf>)

genetically engineered varieties now account for approximately 88% of corn planted, 94% of cotton, and 93% of soybeans. Approximately 70%-90% of wheat, sugar beets, and canola crops grown in the United States are also genetically engineered. [Need hard reference for this]

The Union of Concerned Scientists lists some of the genetically engineered food allowed on the market, although this list however has doubtless grown since it was produced in 2006:
http://www.ucsusa.org/food_and_agriculture/science_and_impacts/science/engineered-foods-allowed-on.html

The Non-GMO project, a non-profit organization that offers verification for non-GMO products (<http://www.nongmoproject.org/About/>,) provides information on avoiding GMO foods and list of products that they have verified as GMO-free. Many of these are organic.

Impact of Livestock Production

In addition to issues such as growth hormones and antibiotics, the raising of livestock has considerable environmental impact upon the planet.

The EPA Inventory of US Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks (<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/ghgemissions/usinventoryreport.html>) estimates that 29% of all 2010 methane emissions were due to enteric fermentation and manure management, the largest proportion of these from cattle. As noted in their Executive Summary (<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/Downloads/ghgemissions/US-GHG-Inventory-2012-ES.pdf>), methane (CH₄) is approximately 21 times as effective as CO₂ in trapping heat in the atmosphere.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations report "Livestock's Long Shadow - Environmental Issues and Options" states "The livestock sector is...responsible for 18 percent of greenhouse gas emissions measured in CO₂ equivalent. This is a higher share than transport". See <http://www.fao.org/docrep/010/a0701e/a0701e00.htm>
In addition to the impact on greenhouse gas emissions, the the impact of livestock on water resources is also far-reaching.

Los Altos Environmental Commission – Workplan 2012-13 – updated July, 2012

Approved Projects & Projects for Approval

Goals approved by City Council April, 2012 Projects 2012-2013, updated 6/24/12	Goals – Progress Updates
1 Provide approved community education and outreach activities to advance natural resource conservation and environmental quality in Los Altos. (Linda DeMichiel, Zahra Ardehali,) a. Maintain updated 'Los Altos Environment' website with relevant, high-value content, in a manner that is visually pleasing, navigates well, and ties into the city website. (Owner: Linda) b. Provide approved public information forums for topics of interest to the public. (e.g. Climate Action Plan) (Owner: Steve)	– Zahra and Linda presented draft materials for 'green' choices re household chemicals, and food. Household chemicals will be tabled for now; food draft will be updated/edited by Linda, and J will have a legal review with the city attorney. – CAP survey links incorporated into EC website homepage – Linda reviewed the site, updated 'what's new' ideas and checked for broken links – In the August timeframe, CAP documents, survey results, etc., should be included in a new website tab on the EC website (TBD). – Periodic reviews and updates to site content, news items on main landing page, and staff-provided website traffic statistics; regular item on EC meeting agenda; traffic of 282 since 6/1, ~1000+ ytd. – Joe, John and Zahra tabled at the History Museum Earth Day event; develop a one-page summary of EC background activities and plans and presented website. Good event; could use better signage next time. – Conduct forums, receive reports, etc. when there are specific opportunities related to city programs or policies. One upcoming opportunity will be for interim review and public input to Climate Action Plan development process.
2 Work with Planning Services Manager and city residents to develop Climate Action Plan for City Los Altos. (Joe Eyre, Don Bray, TBD) a. Aid in developing, reviewing, and facilitating public input to a Los Altos Climate Action Plan (Owner: Joe, Don)	– Don and Joe updated community surveys on transportation patterns and home energy use; survey finalized by PMC and city staff, and has been sent out electronically through various channels to the community, including survey links on the EC homepage. – Survey will be open ~6 weeks, mid-June to July 31; email address field added so that summary of results may be sent to participants – PMC/staff will present updated inventories, and inventory projections at August meeting. – At joint session, Council and EC discussed the question of the scope of the CAP vs an Environmental or Sustainability element in the General plan; agreement that potential scope

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		additions would have to be identified and addressed after the CAP takes shape. - Work on the CAP began in March, with presentation of the project plan to EC and City Staff by the City's Planning Services Manager, and consultant PMC; EC providing GHG inventory data to PMC - The role of the Environmental Commission will be to: - o provide input and policy recommendations on reduction targets, reduction measures, and 'level of ambition' - o identify issues and opportunities and evaluate feasibility - o provide a forum for community participation
3	Improve watershed stewardship for the City of Los Altos (Joe Eyre, Zahra Ardehali)	- Re status Fremont Ave bridge over Permanente Creek, and potential to design permanent engraving of creek name, J will bring signage recommendation from 'draft final submittal' to EC for review/input likely by August timeframe. Waiting for consultant to present design. - Likely assignment of council consideration in Sept/October timeframe for Storm Drain Master Plan (to be released in the mid-May timeframe?) and provisions for implementation of standard labeling at storm drain inlets 'NO DUMPING! - Only Rain Down the Drain - Flows to xxxx Creek'. Can it be validated that this labeling will be broadly implemented? Are there pros/cons/constraints? - Advance city storm drain labeling, incorporation of recently establish standards - Investigate development and implementation of creek signage, with possible initial focus on new Fremont Road bridge over Permanente Creek - Continue to support creek restoration activities and education, information on EC website - Monitor findings of quarry-related water discharges
	a. Investigate potential education and outreach, and best practices associated with watershed awareness and protection, and identify near-term actions for implementation - improved creek habitats - storm water & runoff (Owner: Joe, Zahra)	- E.g. selected muni guidelines for native landscaping, organic fertilizers/herbicides/pesticides Joe met with Damon (city staff); city doing progressive things. Joe and Zahra will meet to discuss, and possibly present background, potential ideas - SCVWD guidelines and standards for land use near streams – Joe reported that these are in place and being utilized by the city; creek testing done every eight years or so as part of Santa Clara County runoff and pollution protection program. Joe looking in to getting testing data.
	b. High-level review of selected city policies, practices, & implementation v/v watershed stewardship, to identify potential opportunity areas (Owner: Joe)	

4	Continue to foster water conservation in Los Altos (Joe Eyre, Zahra Ardehali)	
	a. Work with Cal Water to develop detailed Los Altos water usage baseline and trends, and ongoing process for tracking. (Owner: Joe) b. Incorporate water conservation plans into broader Climate Action Plan above. (Owner: Linda) c. Continue to actively support community outreach and education activities related to water conservation (Owner: Zahra)	- Work with CalWater, City Staff and others to develop and present water use baseline, recent trends; General trend toward reduced water use. Joe will present a summary of 2007-2011 data recently received from CalWater. - leveraging water baseline developed above, incorporate specific water efficiency measures into Climate Action Plan. - Additional co-sponsorship of CalWater conservation classes - Promotion of such elements as SCVWD rebates (landscape conversion and hardware upgrades), weather-based irrigation controllers in muni and residential applications
5	Monitor and advance solid waste diversion and source reduction practices in Los Altos. (Don Bray, Joe Eyre, John Reed)	- Overall diversion rate of 71.44% for calendar year 2011; need to achieve 78% in 2013; in 2011, estimate diversion rate for single family residential at 81% (75% of overall tonnage), commercial at 39% (23% of tonnage), and multi-unit residential at 52% (2% of tonnage). - Publication of 2011 results, and 'leading practices' article featuring top business/commercial participants in Los Altos; Feb 2012 - Discussed possible development of a news article featuring waste management efforts at leading local businesses – to highlight 'best practice' examples, and educate the public and other businesses; Don will look into this with Margie Suozzo, Town Crier - Educational visit to Newby Island conducted with EC, staff, council, community participants; learned about 85-day composting process, and issues with certain items such as compostable tableware that requires substantially longer than 85 days to compost; also, some biodegradable foodscrap bags contain GMOs, so all such bags are placed in the garbage stream; Joe working with Teresa and GTLA on 'best practices' guide for what is best introduced to organics stream to fully enable composting. Cascadia doing testing on compostability of selected materials in MTWS processes. - Continue to work on supporting and communicating 'Green Events' guidelines, e.g. for 60th anniversary event. Steve Anderson will stay active with the 60th anniversary; also, Gary Hedden is

		involved in the Historic Bike Tour being planned as part of the event.
	b. Monitor overall solid waste volumes relative to source reduction and longer-term 'zero waste' concepts & practices; (Owner: John)	- Incorporate source reduction measure(s) into CAP - Support education and outreach v/v source reduction, zero-waste practices (e.g. participation in free-cycling networks, e-waste collection)
6	Evaluate and recommend program options, and assist in implementing effective city programs restricting use of selected environmentally-harmful products. (Chris Keller, John Reed) a. Engage in on-going analysis of program and implementation options v/v restricting use of expanded polystyrene and 'single use' plastic bags (Owner: Chris)	- Support city development and implementation of restrictions on use of expanded polystyrene, plastic shopping bags, etc. as recommended by the Santa Clara County RWRC, and required by the Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Board. Environmental Commission will study potential recommendations, timing, and approach. - Los Altos participating in San Mateo County EIR process for plastic bags; final recommendations due out in September/October timeframe. J will forward info on next steps in the DEIR/comment process and timeframes. - J will maintain dialog with staff on status of a potential EIR for EPS, and partnership options similar to San Mateo county for bags; timing for EIR likely late this year or early next year. Notes: In January 2012, the EC subcommittee studying EPS met with Los Altos city engineer and staff to discuss perspectives on potential issues such as EPS ban enforceability, inspection, budgets, burden to merchants, etc; It turned out that banning EPS is part of a new Water Board requirement, related to trash load reduction in storm water outflows. City staff has prepared detailed recommendations, including an EPS ban, to meet the Water Board requirements of 40% load reduction by 2014. After a thorough discussion the EC voted to support staff's 'Baseline Trash Load and Short-Term Trash Load Reduction Plan' as written, with two additional recommendations. Firstly, the EPS ban be made effective 1/1/13, consistent with the original RWRC recommendation, and secondly, that the EPS ban requires that replacement products are compostable or recyclable, consistent with the MTWS diversion program (also per the original RWRC recommendation).
7	Other Council goals as directed a. City position on potential move at state level to relax CEQA guidelines?	- J talked with City Attorney re knowledge of this; in Jolene's queue; does not believe this is a relaxation, more of a clarification

General Comment from Council: If any programs require funding, case must be presented in time for annual budget cycle.

Miscellaneous Topics for Possible Discussion/Consideration TBD

- disposal of prescription drugs – police department will take; ‘drugs and sharps’ also collected elsewhere in the city, including some pharmacies?
- use of outdoor chemicals
- use of environmentally-friendly cleaning materials

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Michael Horta

From: J Logan
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 11:18 AM
To: 'Dave@Yost.com'
Subject: FW: laundry perfume and Los Altos air quality

Hello Mr. Yost,

Thank you for your comments to Environmental and request to meet and talk about this matter.

The Environmental Commission next meeting is Aug. 13 at 7pm at City Hall, One North San Antonio Rd. in the Council Chambers.

The agenda for the Aug 13 meeting will be posted on the Environmental Website on Aug. 10 at
<http://losaltosca.gov/committees-commissions/environmental/meetings.html>

The agenda invites Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting to allow the public to express their views.

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For purposes of air quality control and regulations, the State Air Resources Board sets state regulations that also affect local air quality requirements. Cities must follow regional or state requirements in matters of air quality and do not set these regulations for its city.

This is a link for the State Air Quality Resources Board.
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/lawsregs.htm>

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is at
<http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Communications-and-Outreach/Air-Quality-in-the-Bay-Area.aspx>

This link provides info on control of pollutants and air quality management programs.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you have questions or comments, the Environmental Commissioner is available to hear your comments.

Thanks,

J. Logan



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From: Dave Yost [<mailto:daveyostcom@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Dave Yost
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 4:47 PM
To: environmental
Subject: Re: laundry perfume and Los Altos air quality

Hi.

I would appreciate a reply.

Thanks

P.S. [USA Today article](#) today

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dave Yost <Dave@Yost.com>
Subject: Fwd: laundry perfume and Los Altos air quality
Date: Thursday, April 26, 2012 3:03:00 PM PDT
To: environmental@losaltosca.gov

Can we meet to talk about this?

Dave
650 988 9883

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dave Yost <Dave@Yost.com>
Subject: laundry perfume and Los Altos air quality
Date: April 2, 2012 3:09:29 PM PDT
To: environmental@losaltosca.gov

Los Altos should lead the nation in air quality, insofar as we have control over our own air.

We have a local source that is more and more of a problem.

Laundry perfumes from dryers are toxic, and they pervade hundreds of feet from the source, affecting

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several houses and affecting people on a walk by the source. These fumes are unnatural, and they don't belong in our air.

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504763_162-20097302-10391704.html

As the warm months approach, the problem of unwanted fumes becomes more urgent. For many hours of the week, the air that comes in open windows and doors is not fresh air, it is toxic air, and the air pervading my entire yard is toxic.

We live in a beautiful community with wonderful fresh smells of plants, including flowers. It is weird that we tolerate the destruction of this quality of life, turning acres at a time into consumer product chemical marketing battlegrounds.

Dave Yost
650 988 9883

(also sent to Green Town Los Altos web site)

8/9/2012