

From: [Roberta Phillips](#)
To: [Candace Avina](#)
Subject: Roberta Phillips/ Hillview Park
Date: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 1:40:57 PM

Hi

Here is the information I provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Donna Legge

<https://pdailypost.com/2019/11/26/opinion-want-to-ban-something-ask-the-people-first/>

https://www.losaltosca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/parks_and_recreation_commission/meeting/21781/parks_and_recreation_commission_work_plan.pdf

General Plan

https://www.losaltosca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/39021/openspaceelement.pdf - see Page 4 and map on page 6

Most Important is the ordinance passed and see the spread sheet after attachment #3 with all the land designations in the General Plan. You will notice 1 North San Antonio Rd is made up of 2 parcels. They are designated as Public Institutional and not as Parks

https://www.losaltosca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/city_council/meeting/43236/item_8.pdf

Sincerely

Roberta Phillips

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
2013/14 Work Plan
(as of February 12, 2013)

Goal	Projects	Assignments	Target Date	Status
Recreational planning and programming	Resident survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct online resident survey Final stage: present report to City Council (Parmar, Baron) 	2012	Completed
			Presented to Council 9.10.2013	Completed
Community feedback on parks and recreation	“Friends of Parks”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit parks and be response to the public-advise staff accordingly (all Commissioners) 	Ongoing	
	Joint Commission meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form a Joint Committee with the Senior commission to explore interest and topics for joint meeting (Beggs/Lee Eng) Develop agenda topics Identify date Hold a joint meeting with the Senior Commission (Beggs/Lee Eng) 	July 2013 September 2013 Winter 2014	Completed - Senior Commission appointed a representative to work with PARC on items of mutual interest
	Community outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend two Recreation Special Events per year (each Commissioner) Strive for PARC representation at all special events (all Commissioners) Park Events highlighting two neighborhood parks (Tooley/James/Lucia) 	Ongoing	Completed
			Ongoing Summer 2014	Completed In progress
Community feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define new mechanisms that would improve the ability of citizens to provide comments and concerns (James/Parmar/Lee Eng) Utilize Downtown Farmer’s Market non-profit booth for outreach (James/Tooley/Baron) 	Summer 2014 July-August 2013	In progress Completed	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Summer Concert Series and man information booth; Commissioners sign-up for dates (Baron) 	June-August 2013	Completed
Quality parks and facilities	Capital Improvement Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestions to City Council on prioritization of the five-year CIP 	April 2013	Completed
	Community Plaza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input on the Community Plaza as directed by Council 	CIP Process	Completed
	Naturescape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn more about what a Naturescape play area entails, scope, materials & cost (Tooley/Baron) 	April 2014	In progress
	Redwood Grove developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond as directed by City Council to developments in the Redwood Grove Plan Obtain update from Acterra regarding ongoing work at Redwood Grove 	When needed April 2013	Completed
	Comprehensive Drinking Fountain Replacement Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop CIP project for replacing all park drinking fountains (Lee Eng/James) 	Spring 2014	
Park plan priorities	Long Term Goal #1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and write a memo to the City Council outlining plan to achieve (Parmar/Beggs/Lucia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial outline September 2013 Final draft November 2013 Present to City Council Joint Meeting with the City Council Identify two to three projects to address from the Parks Plan for FY 2013/2014 Form subcommittees to work on projects 	February 2013 March 2014 March 2014 May 2013 May 2013	Completed Completed In progress On going



DATE: 4 March 2014

AGENDA ITEM #

TO: City Council
FROM: Parks & Recreation Commission
SUBJECT: Goal Four: Park Plan Priorities

RECOMMENDATION:

Make acquiring new parkland in Los Altos a top City Council priority

BACKGROUND

The number one priority listed in the 2012 City of Los Altos Park Plan is to increase the amount of total parkland. The Plan recommends the City strive to “fill the gaps” in areas within the City that are not in close proximity to parks.

The 2013/2014 Parks & Recreation Commission (PARC) Work Plan listed goal four as “Park Plan Priorities” with a sub project and assignment of Long Term Goal #1; research and write a memo to the City Council outlining a plan to achieve additional park land in north Los Altos.

The Plan Priority Subcommittee (Parmar/Baron) was created to complete this goal and brought a draft memo back to the PARC in September 2013. The Commission reviewed the draft memo and the consensus was to present it to the City Council during a joint meeting.

DISCUSSION

There are three reasons PARC advocates this recommendation:

- 1. Los Altos has the lowest park acreage per 1,000 residents among nine cities in the region.**

City of Los Altos adopted a new Park Plan in 2012. The plan identifies the short- and long-term priorities based on inputs from City residents, City Council, PARC Commissioners, and City Staff. The plan also compares total park acreage per 1,000 residents in Los Altos to neighboring cities. Los Altos has the lowest developed park acreage among 9 cities in the area.

City	Population ¹	Developed Parks Acreage	Park Acreage per 1,000 Residents
San Carlos	28,406	143	5.03
Campbell ²	39,349	132	3.35

¹ Based on 2010 Census

Burlingame	28,806	94	3.26
Cupertino²	58,302	162	2.78
Mountain View²	74,066	187	2.52
Palo Alto	64,403	162	2.52
Saratoga	29,926	63	2.11
Menlo Park	32,026	54	1.69
Los Altos	28,976	45.45	1.57

Therefore, the 2012 Park Plan recommends increasing the available parkland in Los Altos from 45.45 acres to 60 acres³ over time. It is unlikely that the entire 14.55 acres deficit will be addressed by adding one new park. Therefore, it is important to either add to existing parks, or find smaller land parcels that can be developed into new neighborhood parks.

2. The Los Altos Park Plan recommends providing a park in north Los Altos as a number 1 long-term priority.

The number 1 long-term recommendation of the Park Plan is: “Provide a park in north Los Altos.”⁴

But it is difficult to locate and acquire available open spaces that can become parks. Therefore, it is important to search for new parkland not only in north Los Altos, but also in other parts of Los Altos. The Park Plan supports this: “The City should strive to “fill in the gaps” of the City’s park system (i.e., those areas which are not close to parks). Areas that are currently lacking in parks include all of north Los Altos (identified as north of Almond Avenue), south Los Altos (specifically south of Foothill Expressway), and central Los Altos (between Rosita Park and McKenzie Park).⁵”

3. The process to identify and acquire new land for parks is time consuming.

It takes time and resources to identify and acquire land that could be developed into a park. Therefore, it is important to start now; else, this goal will keep getting pushed out to a future date. Prime land opportunity may be lost if action is delayed. Additionally, many short-term and one-time recommendations in the 2012 Park Plan have already been implemented, or are being implemented. It is now time to address the number 1 long-term recommendation.

² Includes school sites under joint-use agreements

³ Los Altos Parks Plan, May 8, 2012, page 24

⁴ Due to the need to identify a location for a park in north Los Altos, projects which receive a lower priority should be considered first until a location can be identified and acquired (as stated in Park Plan)

⁵ Los Altos Parks Plan, May 8, 2012, page 23



Surrounding/Regional Open Space

Amenities: Significant regional open space includes Rancho San Antonio Open Space and the Duveneck Windmill Pasture Area. Located southeast of Los Altos in the foothills, Rancho San Antonio includes a 967-acre preserve (meadows, creeks, wildlife, hiking trails) and a 130-acre park. The Duveneck Windmill Pasture is a 761-acre preserve located in Los Altos Hills. The City should continue to encourage cooperative planning of joint facilities and access to regional amenities

Designated Parkland/Commercial Recreation

The Land Use Element provides a Parks land use designation to protect and utilize open space resources in the City's planning area. This land use designation covers approximately 32 acres of land, or one percent of the total acreage within the planning area. The location of lands designated as Parks is depicted on Figure OCC-1.

The Parks designation provides for publicly owned and dedicated parkland. Activities that may be developed include areas for active sports play, large multipurpose fields for community events and informal recreation, tot lots, picnic areas, multipurpose sports fields and courts, concessions, community event space, outdoor amphitheaters, maintenance/support facilities and caretaker facilities.

Existing park land in Los Altos is minimal, with a ratio of approximately 1.3 acres of dedicated park land per 1,000 residents. The City has adopted a higher standard park dedication requirement for new subdivisions of 5.0 acres of park land per 1,000 residents. In an effort to expand park and recreational facilities and programs, the City will implement options to lease and or purchase additional park sites. The City will also implement programs to encourage public and private development of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and services.

Natural Resources

Natural resources within Los Altos include surface water within creeks, vegetation, wildlife and remaining orchards.

Creek Channels and Water Quality: The City's creeks (Adobe Creek, Hale Creek, Permanent Creek and Stevens Creek) are an important natural resource and open space amenity within the community. The creeks and associated floodplain areas provide recreational opportunities as well as valuable open space for preservation of biological resources and riparian habitat. See Figure OCC-1 for location of the creek corridors within the Los Altos Planning Area. Preservation and enhancement of the City's creeks and floodplains is also addressed in the Natural Environment Element of this General Plan.

Vegetation and Wildlife: Because Los Altos and its immediate surroundings are mostly urbanized, significant vegetation communities and biological resources have not been identified and are not likely to exist within the Planning Area. However, riparian corridors and tree groves exist along creek corridors and within the Redwood Grove Nature Preserve. These areas provide habitat for a variety of animal species. Mature trees are also scattered throughout the City's low-density residential neighborhoods, parks and school sites.

Orchards: Los Altos was historically an agricultural community. While not naturally occurring, the few small remaining orchards provide open space resources and a historical connection for the community. The Los Altos civic center landscape incorporates a small orchard representative of the community's past.

In order to preserve and enhance its natural resources, the City will implement a program that supports the preservation and enjoyment of the habitats and corridors around creeks and open space areas.

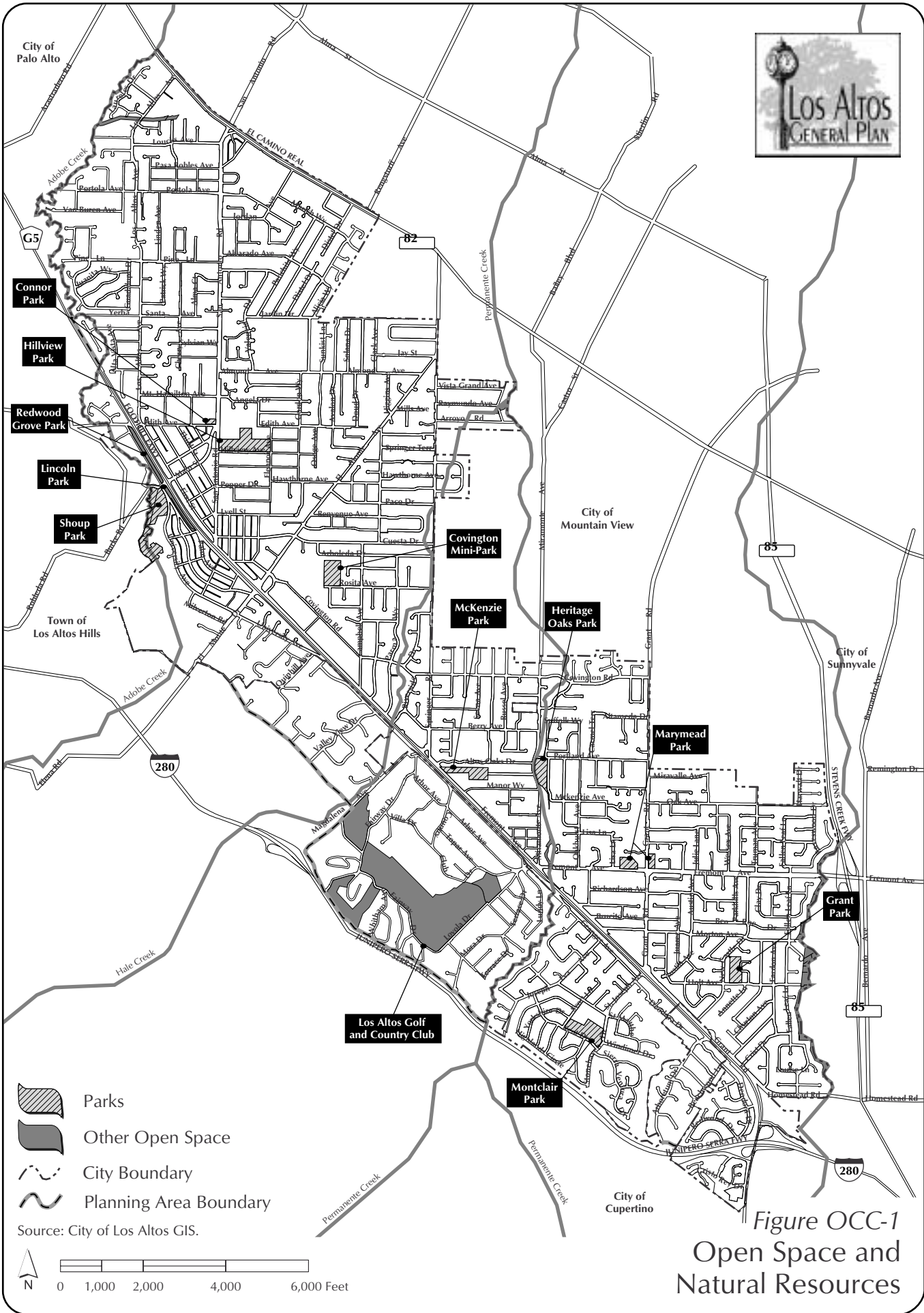


Figure OCC-1
Open Space and
Natural Resources



Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs

To meet the recreational and open space needs of the community, the City must ensure that a variety of park and recreational facilities exist. The City currently provides a wide-range of park and recreational facilities and programs through its Recreation Department. Existing park facilities are listed in the table below. Most of the park sites are smaller neighborhood parks, some of which are shared facilities with school sites (see Table OCC-1).

Recreational activities and programs offered through the Recreation Department include art and dance classes, cooking classes, fitness programs, music classes, outdoor activities/camps, special interest classes, and youth and adult sports leagues and programs. Special programs are also provided

with a focus on teens, seniors, and theater. As the community continues to grow and change, new recreational activities and facilities will be needed. Therefore, the City should continue to pursue the purchase or lease of both existing and alternative park sites.

Bicycle Facilities: Bicycle facilities in Los Altos include bike paths, bike lanes, and bike routes. Bike paths are paved facilities designated for bicycle use that are physically separated from roadways by space or a physical barrier. Bike lanes are lanes on the outside edge of roadways reserved for the exclusive use of bicycles, designated with special signing and pavement markings. Bike routes are roadways recommended for bicycle use and often connect to bike lanes and bike paths. Designated with signs only, bike routes may not include additional pavement width.

**Table OCC-1
City Park Sites**

Park Site	Description
Connor Park	0.75-acre passive park
Covington Mini-Park	2.0-acre park with sports courts, play area, and picnic facilities
Grant Park	3.5-acre park with multi-purpose room, outdoor recreation and picnic area
Heritage Oaks Park	5.0-acre park with outdoor play and picnic areas
Hillview Park	6.0-acre community center and recreation facilities
Lincoln Park	Passive park – 0.7 acres of City land/1.8 acres of County land
Marymeade Park	2.5-acre park with tennis courts and outdoor recreation and picnic facilities
McKenzie Park	1.3-acre park with courts and outdoor recreation and picnic facilities
Monteclair Park	0.75-acre park with tennis courts, picnic facilities, and preschool play area
Redwood Grove	6.0-acre nature preserve with trails/picnic areas
Rosita Park	5.0-acre park with baseball and soccer facilities
Shoup Park	2.84-acre park with outdoor recreation and picnic facilities with Garden House



PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item # 8

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 25, 2018

Subject: Resolution No. 2018-38 and Ordinance No. 2018-450: General Plan and Zoning Code Amendments regarding the disposition of City-owned property

Prepared by: Jon Biggs, Community Development Director

Approved by: Chris Jordan, City Manager

Attachment(s):

1. Draft Resolution No. 2018-38
2. Draft Ordinance No. 2018-450
3. Figure LU-1, Land Use Policy Map from the Los Altos General Plan Land Use Element
4. List of City-owned land
5. Public correspondence

Initiated by:

City Council

Previous Council Consideration:

May 22, 2018; June 12, 2018; June 26, 2018; July 10, 2018 and August 7, 2018

Fiscal Impact:

None anticipated

Environmental Review:

The proposed amendments to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance relate to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the State CEQA Guidelines, sections 15378(b)(5). Alternately, these amendments are exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3), "the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment" as the measure has no potential to result in a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect impact on the environment.

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the City Council wish to amend the Los Altos General Plan and Title 14, Zoning, of the Los Altos Municipal Code to prohibit the sale or transfer of City owned land with an "Other Open Space" or "Parks" land use designation and prohibit the re-designation of these lands to a different land use designation without voter approval?



Subject: Resolution No. 2018-38 and Ordinance No. 2018-450: General Plan and Zoning Code Amendments regarding the disposition of City-owned property

Summary:

- The City Council is considering a draft ordinance and resolution that, if approved/adopted, will require voter approval for the sale, transfer title, or re-designation of City-owned lands with an “Other Open Space” or “Parks” designation on the Land Use Policy Map of the Land Use Element of the Los Altos General Plan

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 2018-38 and introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance 2018-450 regarding the disposition of City-owned property with an “Other Open Space” and “Parks” land use designation

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-38

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL FOR: (1)
THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF TITLE OF CITY-OWNED LAND; AND (2) THE RE-
DESIGNATION OF CITY-OWNED LAND DESIGNATED AS “PARKS” OR “OTHER
OPEN SPACE”**

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos has a unique arrangement of land uses that require regulations and standards that preserve the character of the community and provide for compatibility of adjacent uses; and

WHEREAS, under the City’s police power, the City may enact comprehensive land-use and zoning regulations to promote community values, beauty, health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space, Conservation, and Community Facilities Element of the Los Altos General Plan provides for public facilities and services and ensures a high quality of living for residents of and visitors to Los Altos; and

WHEREAS, the “Other Open Space” and “Parks” General Plan Land Use designations provide for appropriate land uses and certain site development standards that help protect and maintain public parks, open space, facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the City of Los Altos General Plan to prohibit the sale, transfer of title, or re-designation of City-owned lands with a “Other Open Space” and “Parks” General Plan Land Use Designation without voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the General Plan would require voter approval of: (i) the sale or transfer of title of any City-owned land; and (ii) the re-designation of any City-owned land with a General Plan land use designation of “Other Open Space” and “Parks” to any other use; and

WHEREAS, at its September 6, 2018 meeting, the Planning Commission of the City of Los Altos reviewed the amendments to the Los Altos General Plan and voted to recommend its approval to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby adopts the following:

SECTION 1. the Los Altos General Plan is hereby amended by adding or amending the following Goals and Policies, to read as follows:

- A. Additions to General Plan.** The following Goal 1A and Policies 1A.1, 1A.2, and 1A.3 are hereby added to the General Plan immediately following Goal 1 on page 10 of the Open Space, Conservation and Community Facilities Element of the General Plan:

Goal 1A: Require voter approval for the sale or transfer of title of City-owned land or re-designation of City-owned land designated as “Parks” or “Other Open Space” in the General Plan.

Policy 1A.1: Voter approval shall be required for any of the following:

- a. The sale or transfer of title of any City-owned land to another party, whether public or private, with a land use designation of “Parks” or “Other Open Space”; and
- b. The re-designation of City-owned land with a land use designation of “Parks” or “Other Open Space” to a different land use designation, except that the re-designation of any City-owned land from “Parks” to “Other Open Space”, and vice versa, shall not require voter approval.

Policy 1A.2: Procedure and Exemptions. For purposes of this Policy, approval by a vote of the People is accomplished when an action is placed on the ballot at a general or special election through any procedure authorized in the California Elections Code, and a majority of the voters voting on the measure vote in favor of it.

Policy 1A.3 The voter approval requirement contained in Policy 1.A.1 may be waived by the City Council where necessary to comply with State or Federal law governing the provision of housing, including but not limited to affordable housing requirements.

B. Conforming Amendments to General Plan. To promote internal consistency among the various sections of the General Plan amended by Section 1(A) above, the following Policies of the General Plan are hereby amended:

1. Policy 3.6 on page 12 of the General Plan Community Design & Historic Resources Element is amended as follows:

“Evaluate the public benefit of City-owned parking plazas and the best use thereof, while preserving or increasing public parking Downtown, *consistent with the requirements of Goal 1A of the Open Space, Conservation and Community Facilities Element of the General Plan and its respective Policies.*”

2. The Open Space and Conservation Plan on page 3 of the General Plan Open Space, Conservation and Community Facilities Element is amended as follows:

“In order to preserve and enhance community open space resources, *and consistent with the requirements of Goal 1A of the Open Space, Conservation and Community Facilities Element of the General Plan and its respective Policies,* the City will implement a program that supports the joint-venture use of open space areas to reduce City maintenance costs and increase City revenues for maintaining open space resources. Joint ventures could involve other local government agencies, non-profits, and private development of commercial recreation facilities. The City

will also coordinate with public and private organizations to provide revenue generating open space uses to protect important open space resources, *consistent with the requirements of Goal 1A of the Open Space, Conservation and Community Facilities Element of the General Plan and its respective Policies.*

3. Goal 11 on page 14 of the Open Space, Conservation and Community Facilities Element is amended as follows:

“Maximize opportunities for joint public and private utilization of City, private sector, private school land and facilities, and public school district land, facilities, programs and resources to provide the most cost efficient and effective services for present and future Los Altos residents, *consistent with the requirements of Goal 1A of the Open Space, Conservation and Community Facilities Element of the General Plan and its respective Policies.*”

4. Policy 11.4 on page 14 of the Open Space, Conservation and Community Facilities Element is amended as follows:

“Encourage private sector provision of facilities and/or services, *consistent with the requirements of Goal 1A of the Open Space, Conservation and Community Facilities Element of the General Plan and its respective Policies.*”

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any portion of the Resolution is declared invalid by a court of law or other legal body with applicable authority, the invalidity shall not affect or prohibit the force and effect of any other provision or application of the Resolution that is not deemed invalid. The City Council hereby declares that they would have voted for the adoption of this Resolution, and each portion thereof, regardless of the fact that any portion of the Resolution may be subsequently deemed invalid.

SECTION 3. CEQA. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the amendments relate to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines, sections 15378(b)(5). Alternately, these amendments are exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3), “the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment” as the amendments have no potential to result in a direct, or reasonably foreseeable, indirect impact on the environment.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 25th day of September 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Attest:

Jean Mordo, MAYOR

Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-450

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS AMENDING CHAPTER 14.66, GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 14.66.271, TO TITLE 14, ZONING, OF THE LOS ALTOS MUNICIPAL CODE THAT PROHIBITS: (1) THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF TITLE OF CITY-OWNED LAND; AND (2) THE RE-DESIGNATION OF CITY-OWNED LAND DESIGNATED AS “PARKS” OR “OTHER OPEN SPACE” WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos has a unique arrangement of land uses that require regulations and standards that preserve the character of the community and provide for compatibility of adjacent uses; and

WHEREAS, under the City’s police power, the City may enact comprehensive land-use and zoning regulations to promote community values, beauty, health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space, Conservation, and Community Facilities Element of the Los Altos General Plan provide for public facilities and services and ensure a high quality of living for residents of and visitors to Los Altos; and

WHEREAS, the “Other Open Space” and “Parks” General Plan Land Use designations provide for appropriate land uses and certain site development standards that help protect and maintain public parks, open space, facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the City of Los Altos General Plan to prohibit the sale, transfer of title, or re-designation of City owned lands with a “Other Open Space” and “Parks” General Plan Land Use Designation without voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the General Plan would require voter approval of: (i) the sale or transfer of title of any City-owned land and (ii) the re-designation of any City-owned land with a General Plan land use designation of “Other Open Space” and “Parks” to any other use; and

WHEREAS, at its September 6, 2018 meeting the Planning Commission of the City of Los Altos reviewed the amendments to Chapter 14.66, General Provisions and voted to recommend their approval to the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. After considering the record before it, including but not limited to the agenda report, presentation of staff, public comment, and discussion, the City Council hereby finds that adoption of this Ordinance will help protect and promote public health, safety, comfort, convenience, prosperity and welfare by clarifying the City’s existing regulations.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CODE. The following Section, is hereby added to Chapter 14.66, General Provision, of Title 14, Zoning, of the Los Altos Municipal Code.

14.66.271 Voter Approval Required for Sale, Transfer, or Re-designation of City Owned “Parks” and “Other Open Space” Lands

A. Voter approval shall be required for any of the following:

1. The sale or transfer of title of any City-owned land to another party, whether public or private, with a General Plan land use designation of “Parks” or “Other Open Space”; and

2. The re-designation of City-owned land with a General Plan land use designation of “Parks” or “Other Open Space” to a different land use designation, except that the re-designation of any City-owned land from “Parks” to “Other Open Space”, and vice versa, shall not require voter approval.

B. For purposes of this Policy, approval by a vote of the People is accomplished when an action is placed on the ballot at a general or special election through any procedure authorized in the California Elections Code, and a majority of the voters voting on the measure vote in favor of it.

C. The voter approval requirement may be waived by the City Council where necessary to comply with State or Federal law governing the provision of housing, including but not limited to affordable housing requirements.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision or decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. Based on all the evidence presented in the administrative record, including but not limited to the staff report for the proposed Ordinance, the City Council hereby finds and determines that the proposed Ordinance relates to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines, sections 15378(b)(5). Alternately, this Measure is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3), “the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment” as the Ordinance has no potential to result in a direct, or reasonably foreseeable, indirect impact on the environment.

SECTION 5. CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS. The documents and materials associated with this Ordinance that constitute the record of proceedings on which the City Council’s findings and determinations are based are located at Los Altos City Hall, One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California. The City Clerk is the custodian of the record of proceedings.

SECTION 6. NOTICE OF EXEMPTION. The City Council hereby directs City staff to prepare and file a Notice of Exemption with the County, County Clerk within five working days of the adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION. This Ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code section 36933.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption date.

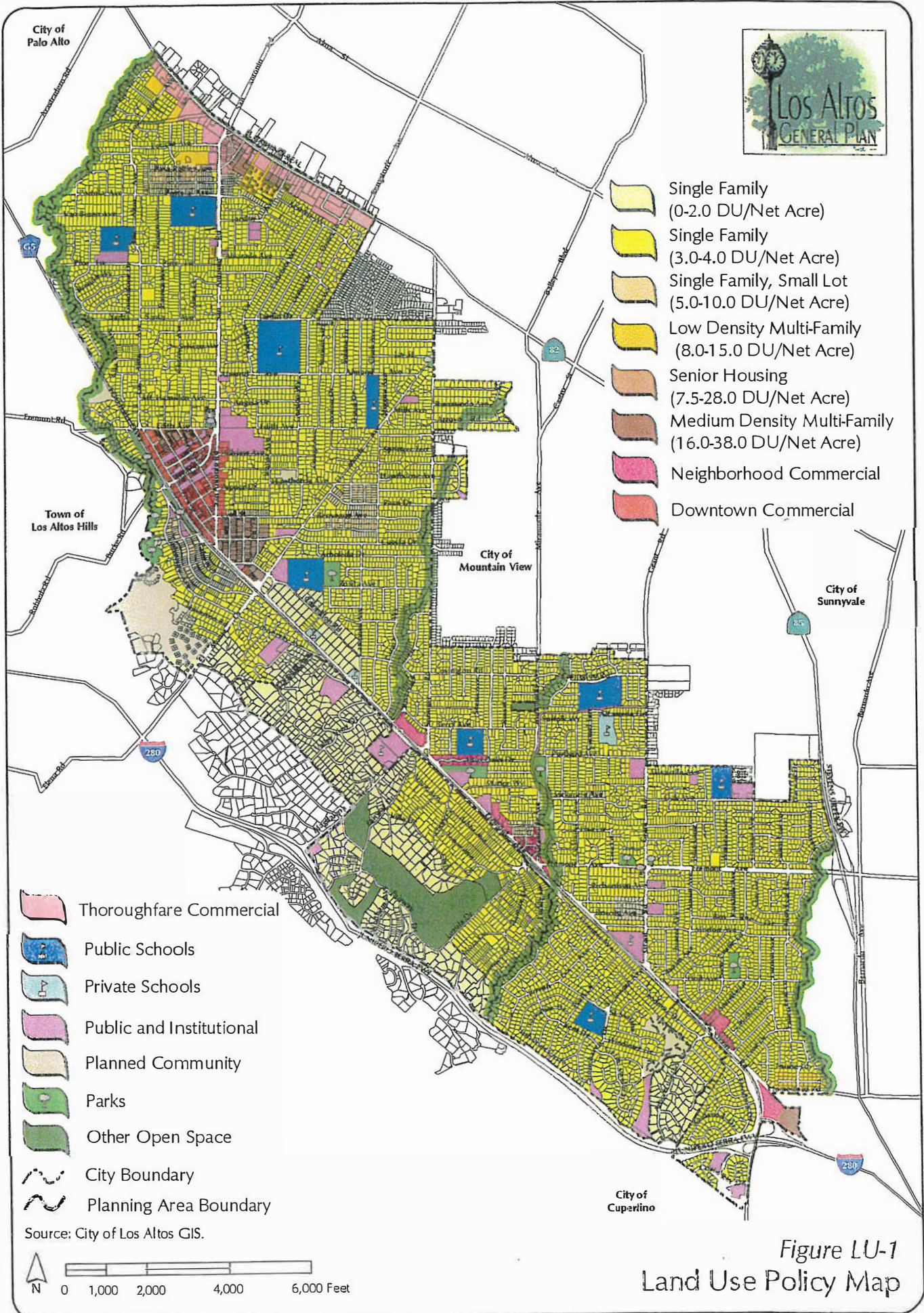
The foregoing Ordinance was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on _____ and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on _____ passed and adopted by the following vote:









AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Jean Mordo, MAYOR

Attest:

Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK



-  Single Family (0-2.0 DU/Net Acre)
-  Single Family (3.0-4.0 DU/Net Acre)
-  Single Family, Small Lot (5.0-10.0 DU/Net Acre)
-  Low Density Multi-Family (8.0-15.0 DU/Net Acre)
-  Senior Housing (7.5-28.0 DU/Net Acre)
-  Medium Density Multi-Family (16.0-38.0 DU/Net Acre)
-  Neighborhood Commercial
-  Downtown Commercial

-  Thoroughfare Commercial
-  Public Schools
-  Private Schools
-  Public and Institutional
-  Planned Community
-  Parks
-  Other Open Space
-  City Boundary
-  Planning Area Boundary

Source: City of Los Altos GIS.

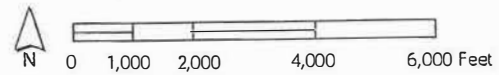


Figure LU-1
Land Use Policy Map

Approximate Address	Land Use (GP)	Lot Size (ft2)
1 N San Antonio Rd (Civic Center Campus- City Hall, PD, LAYC, Orchard)	Public and Institutional	206598
1 N San Antonio Rd (Civic Center Campus- Library, Bus Barn, Soccer/Baseball fields, Hillview Community Center)	Public and Institutional	562987
1575 Holt Ave (Grant Park)	Park	172996
1575 Holt Ave (Grant Park)	Single Family, Small Lot (4 du/net acre)	11556
1575 Holt Ave (Grant Park)	Single Family, Small Lot (4 du/net acre)	12966
1575 Holt Ave (Grant Park)	Single Family, Small Lot (4 du/net acre)	13032
Portland Ave/ Miramonte Ave (Heritage Oaks Park)	Open Space; Park	203924
Lincoln Park	Park	193406
Lincoln Park parking along University Ave	Park	30536
1285 Fremont Ave (Marymeade Park)	Park	97556
707 Fremont Ave (McKenzie Park)	Park; Public and Institutional	352411
482 Univeristy Ave (Redwood Grove)	Open Space; Park	59192
482 University Ave (Redwood Grove)	Park; Open Space	170381
482 University Ave (Redwood Grove)	Park; Open Space	5341
401 Rosita (Rosita Park)	Park	249163
400 Univeristy Ave (Shoup Park)	Open Space; Single Family, Small Lot (4 du/net acre); Park	156176
400 University Ave (Shoup Park)	Open Space; Park	10018
2 N San Antonio Rd (Village Park)	Park	30926
1975 Grant Road (Woodland Library)	Public and Institutional	63828
10 Almond Ave (Fire Station)	Public and Institutional	39287
201 Covington Rd (Los Altos School District- Los Altos Parent Preschool, Stepping Stones Preschool, Covington School, Rosita Park)	Public School / Park	664662
647 N San Antonio Rd (Tiny tots)	Public and Institutional	15675
647 N San Antonio Rd (Tiny Tots)	Public and Institutional	6120
1st St (Parking Plaza 1)	Downtown Commercial	46258
2nd St (Parking Plaza 2)	Downtown Commercial	46695
3rd St (Parking Plaza 3)	Downtown Commercial; Public and Institutional	88401
1st St (Parking Plaza 4)	Public and Institutional	24833
2nd St (Parking Plaza 5)	Public and Institutional	25994
State St (Parking Plaza 6)	Public and Institutional; Downtown Commercial	25296
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Parking behind State of Mind	Downtown Commercial	4500
Along Permanente Creek at Portland Ave and Miramonte Ave	Public and Institutional	5800
N Springer Rd and El Monte Ave (corner parcel/public art)	Park	17868
NE corner of Fremone Ave and Grant Road	Park	94080
S corner of Grant Road and Fremont Ave	Park	10685
Paco Drive and Springer	Open Space; Single Family, Small Lot (4 du/net acre)	2105
Along Grant Road between Richardson Ave and Green Oak Lane	Planned Community	5155
Corner of Bendigo Dr and Green Oak Lane	Planned Community	11228
Green Oak Lane & Grant Road	Planned Community	1169
Along Los Altos Ave across from Santa Rita Ave	Single Family, Small Lot (4 du/net acre)	3920
Corner of N San Antonio Road and Arbuelo Way	Single Family, Small Lot (4 du/net acre)	9472
N Corner of Woodstock Ln and S. El Monte Ave	Single Family, Small Lot (4 du/net acre)	9636
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I'm disappointed that four city councils in our area have decided to place restrictions on natural gas rather than allowing consumers to decide for themselves what makes sense in their own lives.

It used to be that politicians trusted the people to make decisions. Now we have city council members deciding how people are going to live their lives.

It's an example of the "we know better than you" mentality that we get from Washington.

If it makes sense to ban natural gas in new construction — or ban plastic bags or drinking straws — then that fact should be perfectly obvious to the entire community. The council shouldn't need to pass an ordinance imposing a ban. People will do it on their own, and that will solve the problem.

If a city wants to ban something people use, city leaders should make the case for the ban and see how residents react. Council members should speak to different community groups, hold rallies, and be willing to debate the merits of the ban with others.

Yes, that would take some work by council members. But it would show that the council respects the public.

At the public hearings preceding these bans in Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Mountain View and Los Altos, there was little in the way of debate. Instead, the city employees produced reports calling for the ban on natural gas in new construction. And then — after a handful of people went to the microphone to make comments — the council voted to approve the report.

There was no give-and-take in this process. It felt to me as if the outcome was predetermined.

Questions for everybody

I'd rather see a robust debate to answer these questions:

1. Is gas less expensive for a homeowner than electric? People on both sides of this question have good arguments — let's hear them debate.
2. Does a natural gas ban hurt the poor by eliminating a low-cost source of home heating?
3. Is electricity reliable given PG&E's pre-emptive power outages this fall? Will these outages continue? When people lose their electric power, what alternatives are available?



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4. Is natural gas safe? It's a fair question, especially after the 2010 explosion in San Bruno that killed eight people and leveled 38 homes.

5. Is eliminating natural gas worth the benefit of reducing gases that are supposedly changing the climate? Will the amount of gas eliminated here matter in a world where China and India are adding coal-fired power plants every week?

No kids, please

One more thing. Adults should be able to make their case without dragging a child to the council chambers to read a script about how the earth is going to come to an end in 12 years.

Normal kids, at least pre-teenagers, don't care about this stuff at all. They only get involved when they're brainwashed by their parents.

I don't want to hear somebody say we should "listen to the wisdom of children." What we're listening to is rehearsed lines by kids who have manipulative parents.

Teens care about such things only when they're in a class that forces them to take a side in order to write an essay or participate in a debate. Of course, they'll take the teacher's side of the argument in order to get the highest grade. Kids aren't stupid.

My advice to our city leaders is: Before you take away something that people believe is their right, make the case supporting your position, engage the residents in a debate, and let them decide what is right. They might end up agreeing with you. And then they'll voluntarily stop using the produce you were intending to ban. But when you use the heavy hand of government to force your views on them, you make it seem as if your position is weak and that it couldn't hold up to scrutiny.

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