

From: [Bob Sims](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Monta Loma School fence
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Dear City Council Members,

I have written before on this so I'll try to keep this as brief as possible. I've just reviewed the school's "Campus Access Log" which has modified my position somewhat. Best case from a frequent park user's perspective would be no fence. From the school's, I would imagine a high, secure fence keeping everyone out the park and school during school hours. The Access Log reveals transgressions that range from trivial to irritating to occasionally worrisome.

In my opinion, a compromise would be a fence that protects the school, is close to actual school buildings, blacktop and playground, but leaves the park a visually-unobstructed green space. If they fence the main park and ball-park it will not be welcoming at any time, not even "our" time, evenings and weekends. And it is the only practical, peaceful and frequently used green space in the neighborhood, Thaddeus Park being teenie-tiny and on a very busy dangerous street.

This school and this neighborhood have been co-existing for 66(?) years, and the fairly open campus approach to all the campuses that I and my son have attended is pervasive throughout the state and part of the culture here. And until this recent school fencing proposal, I had not heard any concerns about Monta Loma School from any of my neighbors with children in the system.

The school system has been heavy-handed in dealing with the neighborhood, and from what I've observed, don't have any real intention of working with the neighborhood. Recently disbanding the "working group" that had "neighborhood representation" (that as far as I know did not have the support of the neighborhood association, or the neighborhood in whole), to me, shows their interest in our opinions and/or concerns.

As such, we only have you, the city council, to represent the neighborhood residents' concerns.

Respectfully,
Bob Sims



Monta Loma

From: [Scott Lamb](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Resident and parent perspective on Joint Use Agreement on Monta Loma Park
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Dear Mountain View City Council,

I understand that today's session includes discussion of the Joint Use Agreement on Monta Loma Park.

I am a Monta Loma resident and parent of two young children—one current Monta Loma Elementary student and one future Monta Loma Elementary student.

I urge the council to work to maximize public access to what is marked as Monta Loma Park and to treat MVWSD's arguments against public access with extreme skepticism. On Friday, the Mountain View Voice wrote that a district official said "Monta Loma had to deal with intruders 111 times over the course of seven weeks this year." Today, I saw the supporting "Campus Access Log" for the first time. I now know what an outrageous misrepresentation the district official's statement was. I see three major problems with using this log as a justification for fencing the green space:

1. The log started on 18 Mar 2021. As MVWSD pointed out, the fencing plans were part of Measure T last year. This log is by definition a post hoc justification. Where is the evidence the district used to decide it's necessary to fence the green space?
2. The incidents I find most concerning have nothing to do with the green space. One row says "German Shepard lunged at, growled and showed aggression toward a 1st grade student who was visibly upset and parent was upset". I'd be upset too! But it was "in front of MUR", not the disputed area. Improving fencing around the school proper is what I expected from the language in the ballot, and I'm unaware of anyone opposing it.
3. Most rows describe people doing normal park activities in an area marked as a park, without presenting any danger to students or teachers. For example, "2pm - family with small children picnicing on the field". That field is next to a big sign that says "Monta Loma Park". This happened on 22 Mar 2021, I believe before there were bollards around the field. I don't think it was obvious this is school property. I don't see evidence this picnic interfered with any school activities. The field has been unused by the school most "off-limits" times I've walked by, including during the regular school year pre-COVID, during remote and hybrid instruction this school year, and during summer school recently.

I don't care what the property records say. This has been my neighborhood's park for generations, and MVWSD has no right or reason to take it away. If push comes to shove, I urge the council to seize the land under eminent domain and allow the school to use it for scheduled activities.

Best regards,
Scott Lamb

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From: [Ann Q](#)
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Hello City Counsel,

As a 15+ year resident in the Monta Loma area of Mountain View, I'm an interested constituent who would like to know more and actually read the Joint Use Agreement. Is this document available for public review?

Additionally, I have concerns that the proposed fencing concerning Monta Loma green space may not meet the objectives the school board/district believe it will accomplish in terms of safety of the students and teachers. I sure hope that the city and school board take the neighborhood residents' point of view into consideration.

Kind regards,
Ann Quesinberry
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From: [Jack Mahoney](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Letter from Community Leaders re Item 4.2 - Eviction Moratorium
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Attachments: [Mountain View Eviction Moratoriums \(1\).pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please see attached a letter from 17 community leaders regarding item 4.2 on today's council meeting agenda.

Thank you,

Jack Mahoney

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June 22, 2021

Re: Item 4.2, Urgency Ordinance Extending Residential Eviction Protections

Dear Mayor Kamei and members of the Mountain View City Council,

California's eviction moratorium, established in its most recent form by SB 91, is set to expire on July 1, 2021. Many people in the region have not returned to work and are not prepared to pay the substantial debt they owe. Data published in March 2021 by the Bay Area Equity Atlas shows that "Californian renters face an estimated \$2.4 billion in rent debt, approximately \$2,900 per household." Without an extension by the state or by local governments, people in the most vulnerable circumstances will likely be forced from their homes in an overwhelming wave of evictions.

While it may seem that reopening is synonymous with recovery, the reality is that unemployment in Silicon Valley is still more than double the pre-pandemic rate. Data shows that the lag in the recovery is primarily impacting low-wage workers. California's low-wage workers today are earning one third less than they were in early 2020. For many families, recovery is still many months away. If the eviction moratorium ends as scheduled on July 1, thousands of local families will be unable to pay the rent they owe. Incomes will only stabilize when hiring has risen to pre-pandemic levels, which can only happen with significantly more time following reopening.

Even though the state government created the "Housing is Key" program in an effort to resolve the rent crisis, there are still significant barriers that prevent the program from protecting renters. Our community partners have reported that many landlords have refused to participate in the program at all, which leaves renters with no option to seek relief. Processing of applications is also moving slowly - the State's data indicates that less than 6% of the total funding requested has been paid.

The impacts of a premature end to the eviction moratorium will be felt most by people of color and those with limited means. The aforementioned analysis of rental debt from the Bay Area Equity Atlas also shows that 77 percent of renters who are behind on their rent are people of color, and 77 percent of renters earn less than \$50,000. Only 6 percent of households with incomes \$75,000 or more are behind on rent. Ending the moratorium prematurely will create a debt spiral that many families will be unable to recover from. It will also widen the wealth inequality gap in our region.

The City Council should continue to advance policies that protect the tenants in the city that are most at risk of eviction. The local eviction moratorium ensured thousands of people would be able to stay in their homes during the public health and economic crisis. However, a premature end to eviction moratoriums will imperil the basic needs for those same families.

We call on the City Council to establish an eviction moratorium until December 31, 2021 to protect Mountain View renters.

Sincerely,

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Councilmember Sally J. Lieber, Councilmember Lisa Matichak, Councilmember Pat Showalter

From: [Tushar Moorti](#)
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Subject: June 22 Meeting Item 4.10 (Calderon Ave Bike Lanes)
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Dear Council,

I have been bicycling and driving along Calderon for over 22 years, living now in Old Mountain View and in the Cuesta Park area before.

As both a bicyclist and as a driver, I support the revival of the bicycle lanes on Calderon. I have seen many times where a car driver is unable to determine whether he/she can pass a cyclist at the edge of the lane when there is not a bicycle lane. In my experience, this never happens when there is a bike lane, as the driver realizes that there is enough space for the car to pass the bicycle without incident.

So having the bicycle lanes can actually be beneficial to car drivers, too.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tushar Moorti


From: [Matt Fernald](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Downtown Castro St -- closure, car traffic
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Hi City Council,

I represent a group of 6 friends & family living in a few condos in Mountain View, just off Moffett Blvd close to Castro.

On behalf of the six, I would like to report our enormous satisfaction with Castro St as pedestrian-only for the first 3 blocks. We would love for it to be a year-round feature (or at least for the 9 warmer months).

We have spent more time there and eaten more frequently downtown since the street closure. We have just two small complaints:

- 1) If possible, please open up the first 50 ft of Castro southbound. This would allow vehicles to cross south from Moffett to Castro, turn right onto W Evelyn, and park in the garage near there. It would also allow eastbound cars on Central Expy to turn right at Castro and access that same garage.
- 2) The 4th block doesn't need to be closed, at least in our opinion. It has far fewer eateries, and isn't as pleasant a walking experience.

All in all, if the merchants and shopowners of Castro are okay with a walking downtown, the six of us absolutely love it.

Thank you for considering our six voices in anticipation of your meeting tonight.

All the best,
Matt

From: [J Steach](#)
To: [Abe-Koga, Margaret](#); [Hicks, Alison](#); [Kamei, Ellen](#); [Lieber, Sally](#); [Matichak, Lisa](#); [Ramirez, Lucas](#); [Showalter, Pat](#)
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Ladies and gentleman of the Mountain View City Council:

Regarding Item 4.27 (Extension of Castro Street Closure and Outdoor Mountain View! Program) on the agenda for this evening's City Council meeting, I strongly encourage you to extend the closure *at least* through the end of 2021. During that time, the long term, if not permanent, closure of the 100-300 blocks Castro St. deserves the council's considered thought, research, debate and analysis. The current closure of the 100-400 blocks has shown that downtown businesses can not only survive but *thrive* with outdoor dining -- and *without* traffic along that stretch Castro St., which will be all the less necessary once the street is closed permanently at the Evelyn Ave. Moreover, the downtown presently has an alluring "vibe" it's not had in recent times, if ever, that would be the envy of countless other cities.

This agenda item presents the council with a unique opportunity to begin charting a course for the downtown that will pay dividends to downtown businesses, residents and the city as a whole for decades to come.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Jerry Steach
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