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From: Serena Chen <serenatchen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:55 AM
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Malia Vella; Jim Oddie; John Knox White; Tony Daysog; LARA WEISIGER
Cc: Holly Lim
Subject: Universal Code Enforcement

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Nov. 19, 2019

Dear Mayor Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Knox White, and Council members Oddie, Daysog and Vella,

As a longtime Alameda resident, I strongly support Council Member Vella's referral to develop an autonomous code enforcement division, which would partner with the newly approved city prosecutor position.

As Alameda adopts more quality of life codes, the City needs to allocate resources to their enforcement. It is extremely frustrating for residents to not be able to rely on the city to see that their issues are being addressed. Residents who take the time to engage city government in the adoption of new laws are then met with a lack of timely follow-through.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Cari Lee Donovan <carileedonovan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 1:37 PM
To: City Clerk; John Knox White; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella; Tony Daysog
Cc: Alameda Tenants Together
Subject: Supporting Council Referral for Code Enforcement

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To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for considering this letter in lieu of my attendance at the City Council meeting scheduled for [11/19/19](#). As a 22 year Alameda resident, who has spent the last 11 years living adjacent to a bar that has been illegally using the outdoor area as a drinking, smoking and partying area for belligerently drunk patrons, I'd like to offer my support for Council Member, Malia Vella's council referral intended to increase code enforcement. Over the past decade, I have made numerous attempts to report code violations related to the noise, nuisance, unsafe, and illegal actions and behaviors of The Club House Bar and their patrons. Unfortunately, these reports (to Code Enforcement, APD, and The ABC) have not been given the responsiveness needed to enforce the laws with this bar or their patrons. This lack of responsiveness has allowed this bar and their patrons to continue to blatantly ignore the laws for years and years. I believe that Ms. Vella's council referral to transition building inspections into a new unit for universal code enforcement will significantly increase the City's ability to enforce existing laws in a timely and effective manner. Ms. Vella's plan will allow Alameda citizens better access to code enforcers and may result in a higher likelihood that the reported issues are remedied sufficiently. Thank you for considering my letter in support of the council referral proposed by Council Member, Malia Vella.

Sincerely,

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