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**To:** [City Clerk](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [John Knox White](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Nov 16 council meeting, Items 7-B, 7-C, 7-D  
**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 12:59:40 PM

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Dear mayor and city council members,

Your agenda is robust for Tuesday night! My hope is that each of you are focused on getting to the most consequential items the city has seen in a long time, specifically Items 7-B, 7-C, and 7-D.

**Item 7-D:** I encourage you all to vote to approve the movement of parking enforcement positions to public works. There is no reason why sworn officers should enforce parking, and this item addresses that inefficient use of resources. I encourage the council to keep going. Most routine traffic stops likely do not need an armed response, either.

**Item 7-C:** Please vote yes to certifying the final EIR and to adopting the Alameda General Plan 2040. The amount of public engagement on the Alameda General Plan has been impressive. I thank staff for their effort to hear from as many organizations and community members as possible. The resulting document centers equity and recognizes that change is our only constant - whether from inertia and decay or from a purposeful, creative vision that puts people first. The General Plan 2040 enables us to do that.

**Item 7-B:** While this is a workshop rather than an item to take yes/no action on, it is important for this council to offer a clear point of view and direction. My sincere hope is that you all are able to identify the things that the city is required by state law to do. My sincere hope is that you all do not waste your constituents' time on re-litigating our rejected RNHA appeal. The City of Alameda will need to meet those goals, and our Housing Element should allow us to plan for change with purpose and creativity. The result, from that process, will be a city we can all recognize and enjoy.

Given the new emphasis on accountability from the state, and the potential for us to not have our Housing Element certified if we choose to be too cutesy with workarounds, it seems more important than ever to be realistic and clear-eyed when it comes to some of the actions that we are going to have to take in order to meet our immediate RHNA goals. I am thinking specifically of Encinal Terminals, of doing everything we can to maximize housing at Alameda Point, and to targeting any new multifamily homes at 60 units/acre density.

The current draft Housing Element is good, and I encourage the council to adopt an attitude of getting things done to help clarify for your constituents what the stakes are, what the options are, and what the council can accomplish. Get to agreement; it is the best way for the community to hear clear messaging and to understand what is negotiable and what

isn't. Please be forthright and clear. This is no time to insinuate, to muddy the waters, or to be contrary for the sake of being contrary.

Thank you for your service to the city of Alameda.

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**From:** [Is Sullivan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [John Knox White](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Manager Manager](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 7-D on 1/2/21 Agenda  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:21:24 PM

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Dear Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and members of Council,

I urge you to vote in favor of moving parking enforcement responsibility from the police department to public works.

Thank you,  
Is Sullivan

**From:** [Grover Wehman-Brown](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [John Knox White](#); [Manager Manager](#); [Trish Spencer](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 7-D: Parking Positions  
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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my support to move two parking enforcement positions from the police department to the public works department. The position of parking enforcement is much more appropriate within the department that manages the functioning of our public spaces such as the department of public works.

As I know each of you know, a former Alameda parking enforcement employee, Charlie Clemens, participated in the restraint that resulted in Mr. Gonzalez's death. While both his participation and the behavior of APD officers was inappropriate and deadly, any opportunity to house the basic duties of city operations such as parking outside of the police department is a good step for our community.

Sincerely,

Grover Wehman-Brown  
Alameda Resident & member of Transform Alameda

**From:** [Ashley Gregory](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 7-D  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:22:50 AM

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Good morning,

I would like to voice my support of moving two parking enforcement positions from the police department to the public works department.

This is a welcome step in the direction of transitioning police funding to public funding to create real safety for all,

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ashley Gregory