

## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** Patricia Young <aht@alamedahometeam.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 3:43 PM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Support for Eagle Ave and Site A, item 6A on tonight's agenda  
**Attachments:** Support for Site A and Eagle Ave projects - City Council mtg on March 7 2017.pdf

To City Council and Staff,

Alameda Home Team supports staff recommendations on item 6-A of the City Council meeting's agenda tonight.

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*Helen Sause*  
**President**  
**Alameda Home Team**



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*Homes are the Heart of Alameda*

March 7, 2017

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cc: Lara Weisiger, City Clerk

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