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To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)
Cc: [Allen Tai](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Jennifer Ott](#); [Amy Wooldridge](#); [Sarah Henry](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alameda 2023–26 Strategic Plan– Item 5-B on City Council November 7, 2023 agenda
Date: Monday, November 6, 2023 11:01:22 PM
Attachments: [2023-11-6AlamedaStrategicPlanCtyCncl--AAPS CmntsFnl.pdf](#)

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Councilmembers:

The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS) plans to present the attached comments at the City Council's 11-7-23 meeting. Please contact me at (510) 523-0411 or cbuckleyaicp@att.net if you have questions or would like to discuss these comments.

Christopher Buckley, Chair
AAPS Preservation Action Committee



November 6, 2023

Mayor and City Council
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Room 190
Alameda, CA 94501

Subject: Revised Draft Alameda 2023–26 Strategic Plan– Item 5-D on City Council November 7, 2023 agenda

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Councilmembers:

The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS) would like to thank the City Council and staff for incorporating many of the recommendations in our September 18, 2023 letter into the revised Strategic Plan to be considered for approval at the council's November 7 meeting.

However, the provisions in the following two September 18 recommendations have not yet been included:

1. **Add the following project under the “House All Alamedans and Homelessness” strategic priority:** *Explore policies and implementing actions which will facilitate a higher proportion of affordable housing, especially low and very low income housing in future development while maintaining and preserving historic resources.*
2. **Add the following project to the “Enhance Community Safety and Services” strategic priority:** *Establish standards for new development on streets in older neighborhoods in order to minimize congestion, maintain safety and ensure adequate ingress, egress and parking for adjacent properties.*

We request the Council to include these provisions in the Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me at (510) 523-0411 or cbuckleyAICP@att.net if you would like to discuss these comments.

Sincerely,

Christopher Buckley, Chair
Preservation Action Committee
Alameda Architectural Preservation Society

cc: Sarah Henry, Allen Tai, City Manager and City Clerk (by electronic transmission)
AAPS Board and Preservation Action Committee (by electronic transmission)

From: [Alameda Citizens Task Force](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)
Cc: [Manager Manager](#); [City Clerk](#); [Yibin Shen](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Agenda Item 5-D - Recommendation to Adopt the City of Alameda 2023-2026 Strategic Plan
Date: Friday, November 3, 2023 9:14:53 AM

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Alameda Citizens Task Force

Vigilance, Truth, Civility

Dear Mayor Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Daysog and Council Members Vella, Spencer & Jensen:

We strongly object to the placement of the “Recommendation to Adopt the City of Alameda 2023-2026 Strategic Plan” on the Nov. 7, 2023, consent calendar as item 5-D and ask that it be placed on the regular action agenda.

A “workshop” on a draft Strategic Plan was placed on the regular action agenda on Sept. 19. Suggestions for amendments to the Plan were presented at that meeting by both Council Members and public commenters. In several instances the City Manager responded to these suggestions by giving assurances that she would develop language for amendments to address these issues. However, no specific language was drafted at the meeting, nor was any vote taken by the City Council to approve the same.

The revised Strategic Plan attached as an Exhibit to Item 5-D does contain amendments that address the issues raised on Sept. 19. However, if 5-D remains on the consent calendar neither City Council nor the public will have a reasonable opportunity to comment on the sufficiency of the amendments to meet their concerns.

We recognize that any Council Member may pull section 5-D from the consent calendar, but this still relegates this very important Plan that will be guiding the City Council for several years to significantly less comment time for Council Member input. Your Rules of Order allow only placement of “routine” items on the consent calendar. There is nothing “routine” about developing final language for our Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

ACT Board of Directors