

From: [Ingrid C. Llewellyn \(Mackay\)](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Attn: City Council, 9/19/23 Meeting, Item 7-B
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 7:38:07 PM

Please please include the historic buildings on the base in your plan. Alameda's history, charm and quaint small-town feel and beautiful historic homes are what have drawn people here and then you build and build and stack people on top of each other so it's now crowded and we sit in the traffic we were avoiding by moving here. The very least the city leaders can do is retain this history and put money into rehabbing historical buildings. Thank you.

From: [Ellen Chesnut](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 9/19/23 Meeting Item 7-B
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 6:42:54 PM

Dear City Council Members,

Hello. I have worked as a volunteer librarian for over five years at the Alameda Naval Air Museum Library. I happily give up my Saturdays to work in the library because it has been visited by numerous people who worked at NAS.

Alameda Naval Air Museum is an invaluable resource for citizens of Alameda and beyond. The work that was done on the base is expertly indexed for posterity. It is really pitiful that the city of Alameda does not take care of such a gem in its midst.

Kindly take care of it and maintain it.

Sincerely,

Ellen Chesnut

From: [Dodi Kelleher](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#)
Cc: [Allen Tai](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Jennifer Ott](#); [Amy Wooldridge](#); [Sarah Henry](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Draft Strategic Plan, Item 7-B Sept. 19, 2023 City Council Agenda
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 12:51:39 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

This letter is written in support of the comments and recommendations submitted in the letter from Christopher Buckley, the AAPS Chair of the Preservation Action Committee. Although there is some mention in the Survey Report, there also needs to be distinct references in the Strategic Plan regarding preservation of Alameda's architecturally historic neighborhoods and commercial districts, as suggested in the AAPS letter. I believe this will further the collegial and collaborative engagement between AAPS, Planning, and the City Council.

Sincerely,
Dolores Kelleher

From: [Alameda Citizens Task Force](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 9/19/23 City Council Meeting, Item 7-B, Strategic Plan
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 8:40:11 AM
Attachments: [ACT 09 19 2023 Letter to City Council Strategic Plan.pdf](#)

Dear Clerk,

Please see attached letter and report for submission to Item 7-B.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Zo6JPCMwPlSFASaeMSOPEn83-vh8Yp2cCi46v3JasRI/edit?usp=sharing>

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Re: Item 7-B, Work Session on the Draft City of Alameda Three-Year Strategic Plan (Fiscal Years 2023-2026)

ACT recognizes the importance of the Strategic Plan as a roadmap for the City of Alameda to focus on specific areas that deserve attention. We believe it is paramount to invest in the future and recommend that you review the attached visual assessment report on the current status of the NAS Historic District and add the following line item under **Strategic Priorities: Invest in Alameda's Transportation, Infrastructure and Economy** to include the following:

- Create an assessment report of all 88 contributing NAS historic buildings and direct City Staff to prioritize their rehabilitation and adaptive reuse to prevent further deterioration.
- Direct incoming market-rate rental revenue to restore The Big Whites and the Little Whites.
- Develop a landscaping plan to address diseased trees and overgrowth in the historic district, and provide a proper maintenance schedule to retain the historic aesthetic of the area.

We appreciate your continued work as the Strategic Plan is envisioned to support the community of Alameda.

Sincerely,
ACT Board

ACT_NAS Historic District Report

Visual Assessment Report: September 11, 2023
Re: Naval Air Station Historic District,
Contributing Buildings Big Whites and Little
Whites Building FH-0001, 101 Corpus Christi Rd
Building FH-0002, 103 Corpus Christi Rd Building
FH-003, 105 Corpus Christi...

docs.google.com

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alameda Citizens Task Force

ACT
Alameda Citizens Task Force
Vigilance, Truth, Civility

September 19, 2023

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Sincerely,
ACT Board

From: [Donna Fletcher](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#)
Cc: [Allen Tai](#); [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment: Draft Strategic Plan, Item 7-B Sept. 19, 2023 City Council Agenda
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 12:03:35 AM

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and members of the City Council,

I am writing in support of the additions to the Draft Strategic Plan that the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS) has submitted to the Council for consideration at tomorrow night's meeting. You will notice that the theme of their recommendations is the recognition and preservation of Alameda's historical architectural resources. Surely this unique asset of our City should be identified in the document that determines our priorities and what we value as a community. Over the weekend we saw this value reinforced in a very demonstrable way as more than 900 Alamedans and guests attended the AAPS 50th Anniversary Legacy Home Tour, touring seven architecturally significant homes, staffed and hosted by more than 130 local docents! As one of those docents, I had the joy of hearing first-hand how much people love Alameda and appreciate its rich architectural heritage.

Our City's website hints at this under: "Love Our Island"

*"People are drawn to Alameda for our safe and **inviting residential communities** with distinguished neighborhood schools, boutique shopping, and a broad mix of destination restaurants. Alameda takes pride in being a **vibrant community with** a rich maritime history and **small-town charm.**"*

Please include AAPS' reasonable additions to the Strategic Plan that strengthen and protect our ongoing commitment to the architectural resources that make Alameda so appealing and desirable!

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Donna Fletcher
112 Centre Court
Alameda, 94502

From: [Christopher Buckley](#)
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] Draft Alameda 2023–26 Strategic Plan– Item 7-B on City Council September 19, 2023 agenda
Date: Monday, September 18, 2023 9:10:33 PM
Attachments: [2023-9-18AlamedaStrategicPlanCtyCncl--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 9-19-23 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



September 18, 2023

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

Subject: Draft Alameda 2023–26 Strategic Plan– Item 7-B on City Council September 19, 2023 agenda

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Councilmembers:

It is very good that the City has initiated the strategic plan process. It is prudent management practice to identify in advance key priorities and projects needed to help implement a stated vision within a particular timeframe.

A number of Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS) members participated in the online survey and suggested several additions to the vision statement and project lists. We are very pleased that one of our recommended projects, “Identify reuse opportunities for the Carnegie Building“ is on the project list as TIE 22. However, we were surprised that none of our other recommendations found their way into the plan document and only three items (4b, 6a, and 6b below) are listed in the Community and Staff Engagement Survey Report, although not in the plan document. We are especially surprised that there is no reference to Alameda’s historic architecturally distinguished neighborhoods and commercial districts and that historic preservation is not even mentioned in the plan document.

We therefore reiterate the following online recommendations with some minor modifications:

1. **Vision Statement, line 2:** add “architecturally distinguished” between “safe” and “neighborhoods”.
2. **Expanded Vision Statement, Paragraph 2:** Add after “neighborhoods”: *Residents and visitors admire Alameda’s beautiful, increasingly well-preserved and architecturally distinguished Victorian, Craftsman and other late 19th and early 20th century buildings and similarly distinguished historic neighborhoods and business districts.*
3. **Strategic priorities:** Add “and Historic Resources” after the “Invest in Alameda’s Transportation, Infrastructure and Economy” strategic priority statement, so it reads: “Invest in Alameda’s Transportation, Infrastructure, Economy and Historic Resources”.

Each of the five Strategic Priority statements should be numbered.

4. **Add the following projects under the “House All Alamedans and Homelessness” strategic priority:**
- a. *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.*
 - b. *Add to HH8d (Improve and streamline design review and building permit processes for housing per state law): Ensure that the state–required objective design review standards protect historic buildings and neighborhoods as effectively as the current discretionary design review program.*
5. **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.*
6. **Add the following projects under the “Invest in Alameda’s Transportation, Infrastructure, Economy and Historic Resources” strategic priority:**
- a. *Rehabilitate the historic police garage next to City Hall.*
 - b. *Add to TIE 27 (Implement the City’s Alameda Point disposition strategy – renting and leasing City properties): Implement a program to adequately maintain Alameda Point buildings, especially historic buildings, protect them from vandalism and perform deferred maintenance. Include program provisions to ensure that vacant buildings are occupied as soon as possible to help prevent further deterioration and vandalism.*

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: [Vadim Sidelnikov](#)
To: [Jennifer Ott](#)
Cc: [CityCouncil-List](#); [Gail Payne](#); [Allen Tai](#)
Subject: Re: [SUSPICIOUS MESSAGE] Sept. 19 Council Meeting - Strategic Plan Work Session - Central Avenue safety improvement project delay concern
Date: Monday, September 18, 2023 7:10:45 PM

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Thanks Jen,

Appreciate your response and clarification. I also received a call from Gail with some additional information that I found very helpful. I'm glad the project will be moving forward in FY 24/25.

- Vadim

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 18, 2023, at 5:33 PM, Jennifer Ott <jott@alamedaca.gov> wrote:

Hello Vadim:

I hope you are well and thank you for emailing. The Central Avenue project remains a top priority of the City. I'd like to clarify that the years shown in the Strategic Plan project list (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y3+) indicate fiscal year, not calendar year. For example, both the Central Ave Safety Improvement Project and the Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure Project are listed for construction in Y2 which is FY 2024-25 and starts July 1, 2024. Both projects remain on schedule to begin construction in 2024. We will make the change to the Strategic Plan to clarify that the years indicate fiscal year.

Thank you and I appreciate that your input will continue to improve the Strategic Plan.

Jen

Jennifer Ott, she/her
City Manager
City of Alameda
jott@alamedaca.gov
510-867-8237

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From: Vadim Sidelnikov <vsidelnikov@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 1:18 PM

To: CityCouncil-List <CITYCOUNCIL-List@alamedaca.gov>

Cc: Gail Payne <GPayne@alamedaca.gov>; Jennifer Ott <jott@alamedaca.gov>

Subject: [SUSPICIOUS MESSAGE] Sept. 19 Council Meeting - Strategic Plan Work Session - Central Avenue safety improvement project delay concern

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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

My name is Vadim Sidelnikov and I write to you with my concerns regarding the delay in the Central Avenue safety improvement project. I was recently reviewing your agenda for the upcoming discussion on the Strategic Plan Work Session (Sept. 19 Council meeting), and noticed the Central Avenue safety improvement project is scheduled to start in 2024. I believe previously this project was slated for 2023 but there appear to have been some delays. As a resident of the west end and a parent, I am writing to you to raise my concerns.

Bike safety is a major transportation concerns through the City, but especially in those areas that are most frequently used by our children. If you have not experienced Central Avenue during the morning school commute, I would highly encourage you to come check it out. I walk my daughter to Paden Elementary every morning and I see a ton of kids biking to school, both to the elementary school and to Encinal Jr. and High School. Overall, this is great! I love seeing more and more of our community defer to bike travel as opposed to driving.

However, nearly all of the bicyclists and the vast majority of school aged kids that I see biking in the morning are staying off the road. Instead, they're opting for biking on the sidewalk, which they share with all of the pedestrian traffic. This presents a safety concern in itself; however, it also clearly demonstrates that the community does not feel safe biking on Central Ave and sharing the road with motorists.

I realize there are a few transportation/safety improvement projects going on in the City and the City is having to work with Caltrans on some of these, which has led to additional delays; however, I would encourage you to prioritize the Central Avenue

safety improvement project and avoid any further delays. We need to improve the safety of our roads and to make sure that our kids feel safe on their way to and from school. This project would go far in achieving this goal.

If you wish to discuss further or if you wish to come walk my kid to school with me and see for yourself, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

- Vadim Sidelnikov

From: [Jennifer Ott](#)
To: [Cyndy Johnsen](#); [CityCouncil-List](#); [City Clerk](#)
Cc: board@bikewalkalameda.org; [Allen Tai](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Item 7-B: Draft Strategic Plan Work Session
Date: Monday, September 18, 2023 4:57:21 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello Cyndy:

Thanks to you and BikeWalk for your engagement and thoughts on the Strategic Plan. This is to address the concerns outlined by BikeWalk Alameda.

First, I'd like to clarify that the years shown in the Strategic Plan project list (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y3+) indicate fiscal year, not calendar year. For example, both the Central Ave Safety Improvement Project and the Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure Project are listed for construction in Y2 which is FY 2024-25 and starts July 1, 2024. Both projects remain on schedule to begin construction in 2024. We will make the change to the Strategic Plan to clarify that the years indicate fiscal year.

Second, the Strategic Plan absolutely aligns with existing City Council approved plans such as the Active Transportation Plan and Vision Zero Implementation Plan. The project lists were developed based on these and other Council approved plans. We will also add language so that is more clear.

Lastly, the Sweeney Park Trail Connectors are not currently listed in the Strategic Plan but could certainly be added for clarity. This project is continuing, however the costs will exceed the grant funding amount due primarily to quickly increasing construction costs. Staff is currently identifying funding to ensure the project continues and will go out to bid and bring the construction contract to City Council in 2024.

Thank you and I appreciate that your input will continue to improve the Strategic Plan.

Jennifer

Jennifer Ott, she/her
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From: Cyndy Johnsen <cyndy@bikewalkalameda.org>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 8:24 AM
To: CityCouncil-List <CITYCOUNCIL-List@alamedaca.gov>; City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>; Jennifer Ott <jott@alamedaca.gov>

Cc: board@bikewalkalameda.org

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 7-B: Draft Strategic Plan Work Session

Dear Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Daysog, and Members of the City Council,

Please see our comments, attached, regarding item 7-B on Tuesday's agenda.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Bike Walk Alameda



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September 18, 2023

[Item 7-B: Draft Strategic Plan Work Session](#)

Dear Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Daysog, and Members of the City Council,

We have some broad questions about the Strategic Plan, but before sharing those, we wanted to alert you to some very specific and important projects that appear to be delayed or missing in this draft.

First is the [Central Avenue Safety Improvement Project](#). As you know, after many years of planning, this project was approved by Council in 2021, and was slated to begin construction this year (2023) according to this year's Work Plan. Because it was anticipated to be done by 2024, it was actually spec'd in the [Active Transportation Plan](#) as a finished project on the maps there. The community cares very deeply about the safety improvements this project will bring to all users, and we've been eagerly looking forward to it finally getting built. We were very disappointed to learn in staff's recent status report that the construction start date has slipped to mid-2024, and even more disappointed to note that here in this draft Strategic Plan, construction start is pushed even further out, to 2025. We urge you to ask staff to look into this and report back with details around obstacles and possible solutions to ensure that the timeline stops slipping, and construction starts as soon as possible.

Similarly, [Safe Routes to School Infrastructure](#) was in this year's Work Plan, but in staff's recent status report, it was delayed to next year (2024), and in this draft it's pushed out even further, to 2025. Please do not delay this very important project that will make our school zones much safer.

The **Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Trail Connectors**, which would finally open up access to the park and Cross Alameda Trail from neighborhoods to the north and south, were also in this year's Work Plan, were then pushed to next year in the recent status report, and don't appear to be mentioned here in this plan at all. We urge you to include and expedite this long-overdue project as well.

Beyond those specific concerns, we have some questions about the Strategic Plan initiative overall. We understand the objective, and applaud and support

the outreach and alignment involved, but it seems to us that much of this work has been done previously. In our minds, a strategic plan in large part already exists. It's in a set of documents our city has been working on together over the last couple of years: the [General Plan](#) and its Elements, and the sets of plans that support it. For transportation, those are plans like the Active Transportation Plan and the [Vision Zero Action Plan](#). These plans establish not only our city's big vision, but more granular details like prioritized projects and timelines. As we understand it, they work together as a system, in service of big and ambitious goals we need to achieve around climate and safety. These plans all went through traditional channels of staff development, robust community outreach, in some cases statistically significant surveying, commission and board debate and input, and final adoption by Council.

To us, a natural workflow to determine a 3-year work plan would be to copy over and evaluate all the near-term programs, projects, or actions from departmental plans like those. Perhaps estimated costs would be included, too. If there are factors that might impede deliverability at this point, they would be noted for accounting and clarity, enabling the public to understand considerations and track progress. We imagine an approach like this saving time and effort by leveraging community input and work previously done, and being more transparent as well.

Instead, the Strategic Plan seems separate from those other plans, and that introduces discrepancies and questions. For example, we're uncertain about the status of the near-term projects and programs in [Tables 9 and 10](#) of the Active Transportation Plan that were to get attention over the next three years, such as the Bay Farm wooden bridge improvements, the electric bike rebate program, and bike parking expansion, to name just a few. There are numerous [short-term actions in the Vision Zero Action Plan \(page 19 and beyond\)](#) — what would be the status of those? If they are not mentioned here, where do they stand? If timelines vary, which is the timeline of record? Knowing that many of these projects and programs are building towards really important goals, like Vision Zero by 2035, we're very concerned about any potential slippage, so this clarity is important.

Essentially, we'd like to better understand if and how this Strategic Plan incorporates and relates to other approved plans. We think it would be much improved if it were revised in a way that explains this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bike Walk Alameda

From: [Patricia Lamborn](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alameda Strategic Plan Sept. 19, 2023 City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, September 18, 2023 4:35:31 PM

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and City Council Members Daysog, Vella, Spencer, and Jensen,

Please include the Historic District in the Strategic Plan and support the recommendations submitted by AAPS. Maintaining the historic maritime character of Alameda provides our community with a unique opportunity that visually transports us to our past. Let's keep Alameda a historically charming place. Combining modern development with historic structures is what makes Alameda a special and much valued place to live. It is good for our civic pride and for our economy.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Sincerely,

Pat Lamborn

Alameda Resident 31 years

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Amy Wooldridge](#)
To: jrosebowles@gmail.com
Cc: [Erin Smith](#); [Amy Wooldridge](#); [Jennifer Ott](#); [Jodi Owens](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michelle Koka](#); [Sarah Henry](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Yibin Shen](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Sept. 19th City Council Mtg.
Date: Monday, September 18, 2023 9:14:44 AM

Hello Ms. Bowles,

I appreciate your advocacy to protect trees in our community. The draft Strategic Plan, being discussed by City Council at their Sept. 19 meeting, includes a project (#CC3) to Complete and Implement the Urban Forest Plan for all City trees. The draft Urban Forest Plan, which will be brought to City Council for approval in the first half of 2024, includes improving the tree protection ordinance and staff is already discussing how it can be strengthened and looking at models in other cities.

Thank you,
Amy

Amy Wooldridge, she/her
Assistant City Manager
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From: Jennifer Ott <jott@alamedaca.gov>
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2023 8:51 PM
To: Erin Smith <ESmith@alamedaca.gov>; Amy Wooldridge <AWooldridge@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Sept. 19th City Council Mtg.

FYI

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From: Jennifer Bowles <jrosebowles@gmail.com>
Date: September 16, 2023 at 1:09:49 PM PDT
To: Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>, Malia Vella <MVella@alamedaca.gov>, Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>, Tracy Jensen <tjensen@alamedaca.gov>, Jennifer Ott <jott@alamedaca.gov>, Sarah Henry <SHenry@alamedaca.gov>, Lara Weisiger <lweisiger@alamedaca.gov>, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sept. 19th City Council Mtg.

Madam Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to ask that an improved tree protection ordinance - which gives immediate protection from harm or removal of all private and public trees of designated species and size that have been identified as environmentally and aesthetically valuable to our community at large - be added as a priority project under the Alameda Strategic Plan's "Build resilience to climate change and water level rise" strategic priority.

Furthermore, a significant monetary penalty should be applied to individuals who disregard this protection. It is beyond time that trees be valued for their indispensable role in carbon sequestration, soil stabilization, habitat for the fauna that also play a critical role in our regional ecosystem, etc. The science supports this. City Council should as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowles

From: [Amy Wooldridge](#)
To: 2baers@att.net
Cc: [Danielle Mieler](#); [Erin Smith](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Sarah Henry](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Jennifer Ott](#)
Subject: RE: Trees
Date: Monday, September 18, 2023 9:08:13 AM

Hello Ms. Baer,

I appreciate your advocacy for trees in our community. The draft Strategic Plan, being discussed by City Council at their Sept. 19 meeting, includes a project (#CC3) to Complete and Implement the Urban Forest Plan for all City trees. The draft Urban Forest Plan, which will be brought to City Council for approval in the first half of 2024, includes improving the tree protection ordinance and staff is already discussing how it can be strengthened and looking at models in other cities.

Thank you,
Amy

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Patricia Baer <2baers@att.net>
Date: September 16, 2023 at 7:33:45 AM PDT
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>, Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>, Malia Vella <MVella@alamedaca.gov>, Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>, Tracy Jensen <tjensen@alamedaca.gov>, Jennifer Ott <jott@alamedaca.gov>, Sarah Henry <SHenry@alamedaca.gov>, Lara Weisiger <lweisiger@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Trees

Council Members,

Please include an improved tree protection ordinance in the Strategic Plan.

Thank You,

Patsy Baer

From: [Paul and Rosalinda Corvi](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sept 19 City Council Meeting re: Strategy Plan Alameda Point
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 5:40:07 PM

Dear MAYOR and City Council members,

The City of Alameda has NOT been maintaining the little white and big white houses at Alameda Point and therefore a fair amount of deferred maintenance on the exterior of these historic houses has occurred. I personally would have fired the city if the city was my property manager!

Please take the recommendations from the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society and incorporate them in the strategic plan to insure that these homes will be properly maintained to preserve Alameda's Maritime history for our city's future.

I hope each of you keep in mind when you are making decisions on the rent control ordinance that you as a city who has more income, more resources, more personnel and more reserves, **can't** even keep up these residential units, how do expect Mom and Pop housing providers to do it? How do you expect Mom and Pop housing providers to keep up their properties when the rent control measures that were decided by 5 people (NOT BY THE VOTERS) is stricter than most other counties.

Mom and Pop housing providers are HEROS!!!

Please include the little and big white houses as an Historic District in the Strategic Plan to preserve the "charm" of Alameda UNLIKE the city's recent acceptance of developments of large UGLY tall plain buildings constructed that the city allowed on Clement, Buena Vista, Alameda Landing and Alameda Point. The developers ran over the city's planners and staff. Now we have these EXTREMELY DENSE ugly boxes/ buildings with insufficient parking. Why are Alameda citizens paying staff to make these bad decisions?

Thank you,
Rosalinda Fortuna Corvi