

## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** Linda Vallee <lindavallee@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 10:47 AM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** FW: Please Email City Councilmembers Sunday or Monday to vote for Ruben Tilos and Steven Gortler for the Planning Board

I support Major Spencer's nominees and reject a 3<sup>rd</sup> term for Wjite.

Respectfully,

Linda Vallee  
222 Centre Ct, Harbor Bay Isle, 94502

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**From:** announcements@alamedacitizenstaskforce.org [mailto:announcements@alamedacitizenstaskforce.org]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 16, 2017 11:54 PM  
**To:** announcements@alamedacitizenstaskforce.org  
**Subject:** Please Email City Councilmembers Sunday or Monday to vote for Ruben Tilos and Steven Gortler for the Planning Board

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## Alameda Citizens Task Force

Vigilance, Truth, Civility

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[lweisiger@alamedaca.gov](mailto:lweisiger@alamedaca.gov)

Honorable Mayor Trish Spencer [tspencer@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tspencer@alamedaca.gov)  
Council Member Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft [mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov](mailto:mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov)  
Council Member Frank Matarrese [fmatarrese@alamedaca.gov](mailto:fmatarrese@alamedaca.gov)  
Council Member Jim Oddie [joddie@alamedaca.gov](mailto:joddie@alamedaca.gov)  
Council member Malia Vella [mvella@alamedaca.gov](mailto:mvella@alamedaca.gov)

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO OTHERS-- Thank you!**

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**From:** Julie Conner <julieconner26@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 4:23 PM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER; Malia Vella; Jim Oddie; Frank Matarrese; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
**Cc:** Scott Milsten; Spencer  
**Subject:** Please Support Mayor Spencer's Nominations to the Planning Board

Dear Council Members,

I write to urge you to support Mayor Spencer's nominations to the Planning Board and to refuse to submit to John Knox White's power play for a third term. Mayor Spencer was elected by the voters of Alameda, including my husband and me, who were and remain very interested in a measured and thoughtful approach to development.

Since Mayor Spencer first entered office, John Knox White has refused to acknowledge Mayor Spencer's position and the voter imperative that led her into office. His disdain for her positions has grown more visible and vocal. He is entitled to disagree with her positions and approach as a private citizen but the ability to nominate the appointments to the Planning Board remains with the Mayor.

It is time for change. Both Ruben Tilos and Steven Gortler are qualified candidates. We, the voters, deserve a chance to be represented on the Planning Board by Alamedans who represent our interests.

Many thanks,  
Julie  
Bay Street Resident

## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** Sarah Foltz <sarahfoltz1057@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 3:50 PM  
**To:** Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella  
**Cc:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Please vote for Ruben Tilos and Steve Gortler - please do not reappoint John Knox White

Hello, Council members:

Thanks for your hard work for our amazing city.

It is time for a change on the planning board. As a concerned, involved and life-long resident of Alameda I ask you to not reappoint John Knox White and please vote for Ruben or Steve. It is time for other voices to be heard.

I appreciate your time. Thank you,

**LARA WEISIGER**

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**From:** GARY THOMPSON <GATFENCE@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 3:09 PM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Cc:** Trish Spencer; Malia Vella; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie  
**Subject:** Planing Board nominees

Dear Mayor Spencer, Vice Mayor Vella and City Council members Mattarrese, Oddie, and Ashcroft.  
I am asking for your support and approval of the two new Planning Board nominees Reben Tilos and Steven Gartler.

Our planning board needs new and fresh perspectives which I think Tilos and Gartler will bring.

Thank you

Gary Thompson

Alameda Resident

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**From:** annmq60 <annmq60@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 2:17 PM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Meeting for City Council

To Whom It May Concern:

Please send copies of this email to each City Council Member.

Thank You

We want to support Mayor Trish Spencer's choices for planning board, Ruben Tilos and Steven Gortler.

This over building in our small island town has got to be stopped permanently. All of these new

developments look alike and have no character, three story boxes. Look at the house being built at

3349 Fernside Blvd. for example. They also seem to let people build whatever they want.

John Knox White has done enough damage to our town especially to shoreline Dr. Who approved that mess? JWK needs to go and not serve another term.

Lets not let Rob Bonta's puppets, Marie Vella, Jim Oddie(who cannot manage his own finances) and Marilyn Ashcroft send us down the wrong path as they have been doing already since Vella got elected. They must be getting something for ruining this town. I hope Frank Mattarrese wakes up

and backs away from those three. We thought the council worked for the people, but not these three on the current council.

Regards,

Victor and Ann Quintell

510-521-8117



**LARA WEISIGER**

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**From:** Sarah Foltz <sarahfoltz1057@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 12:57 PM  
**To:** Trish Spencer  
**Cc:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Please vote for Ruben Tilos and Steve Gortler

Hello, Mayor Spencer:

Thanks for your hard work for our amazing city. It is time for a change on the planning board and as a concerned, involved and life-long resident of Alameda I ask you to note reappoint John Knox White and please vote for Ruben or Steve. It is time for other voices to be heard.

I appreciate your time. Thank you,

Sarah Foltz  
415-420-7676

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**From:** Mary Tigh <marytigh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 12:24 PM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** PLEASE FORWARD TO COUNCIL MEMBERS

Honorable Mayor Trish Spencer  
Council Member Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Council Member Frank Matarrese  
Council Member Jim Oddie  
Council Member Malia Vella

Mayor Trish Spencer and Council Members:

Mayor Spencer has nominated 2 very qualified candidates for the planning board, Ruben Tilos and Steven Cortler. As a long time resident of Alameda (since 1972) I urge you to vote for these two men.

Please do not re-instate John Knox White, who is presently a member of the planning board. and who has applied for, in effect, a third term, as he has already completed a partial term and one full term.

Mr. White does not, in my opinion, represent the average Alamedan. He has been trying to turn Alameda into a car unfriendly city and 12 years ago he supported 6 foot high advertisements on our bus shelters on our residential streets. Most of all, he supported Sun Cal's effort to put 4,000 to 6,000 homes on the old navy base, but that was opposed by our Alameda voters. He opposed saving the Crab Cove property from development and lost again. He also opposed and tried to weaken our Measure D initiative (which passed by 85% of the voters) which protected all our parks from transfer or trade without the consent of Alameda voters. He lost again!

Thank you for taking my suggestion into consideration and vote for Ruben Tilos and Steven Cortler for our planning board.

Respectfully,

Mary Tigh

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**From:** Brian Schumacher <bdschumacher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 11:43 AM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Please vote for the 2 new candidates Ruben Tilos and Steve Gortler.

[sent individually to Mayor and four City Councilmembers]

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Tomorrow at your City Council meeting please vote for the 2 new candidates Ruben Tilos and Steve Gortler.

They will likely bring ideas to the Planning Board that are in the best interests of most Alamedans.

The track record of the incumbent candidate has looked more at his personal agenda.

Thank you.

Brian and Kathy Schumacher

## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** Reyla Graber <reylagraber@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 11:35 AM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Support the Planning Board Nominees

Dear Honorable City Council Members, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Frank Matarrese, Jim Oddie and Malia Vella,

I'm writing you to ask for your support for Ruben Tilos and Steven Gortler for the Planning Board. I believe they're both very good candidates.

I've met Steven Gortler and was impressed: He is smart, articulate, analytical and a critical thinker. He sees all aspects to a problem or project. His background as a financial consultant to several Bay Area cities would be a benefit on the Planning Board-- and I believe for the City.

Ruben Tilos, who I have not met, I've heard very good things from those who know him. Again, he brings a lot of talent to the table, and having been on the Board of the Parks and Recreation Department makes him an appealing nominee.

I have heard that one Council Member has implied that a Planning Board nominee should have first served on a City board or Commission before being appointed to the Planning Board. However, this is not an eligibility requirement, and in point of fact, many, many Planning Board members over the years have served very capably on the Board, without prior board or commission experience.

I believe what the Community wants from a Planning Board appointee is dedication; ability to work hard and research well; be able to analyze a lot of material from all different aspects and be willing to speak up and articulate the resulting analysis. He or she needs to have the best interests of the entire City at heart, as well as local neighborhoods. Not just be dedicated to one segment or group or focused on one big idea for the City. The person needs to respect the community and the residents who reside here.

I do not believe John Knox White, who has reapplied for the board, meets the above criteria in several critical aspects: His blogs do not serve the community well; neither do his inter-actions over the years with residents; neither do many of the issues he has opposed against the will of the people.

Here are just 3 issues( there are many more) JKW opposed, against the desires of a majority of concerned Alamedans.

JWK opposed Crab Cove initiative to turn it into a park , working against the desires of at least 10,000 Alamedans who registered to have the issue heard on the ballot. He even "hassled" some petition gatherers, although he was a Planning Board member.

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Moreover, JWK is reapplying, in effect, for a third term in that he has completed a partial term and one full term. If he is reappointed for another 4 years, he will be on the Planning Board over the normal 8 year term. This isn't fair to Alamedans, who cannot vote him in or out, unlike the Council seats. And there are past Mayors who had a policy of never reappointing someone under that scenario. Therefore, given those facts, please do not re-appoint.

In conclusion, I ask and urge you to support the 2 nominees, Ruben Tilos and Steven Gortler, because they are both well qualified candidates and there is no good reason not to support them. Historically, throughout Alameda's past, the Council has supported the Mayors nominees. If you do not support these candidates, you will not only be discouraging good applicants from applying in the future, you are in danger of diminishing and obstructing the entire "Office of the Mayor"-- far into the future. I trust that you do not want that blot on your political resumes.

Thank you

Sincerely,  
Reyla Graber.  
Alameda Resident

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**From:** Salvador Robles <srobles@cra-arch.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 11:32 AM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Cc:** Trish Spencer; Malia Vella; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie  
**Subject:** City Council Approval of Planning Board Nominees

Dear Mayor Spencer, Vice Mayor Vella, and City Council members Matarrese, Oddie and Ashcroft ,

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**From:** Pat Lamborn <patricia.lamborn@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 10:15 AM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
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Sincerely, Pat Lamborn, Alameda resident.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 9:16 AM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Cc:** Trish Spencer; mezzyashcraft@alameda.gov; fmatarrese@alameda.gov; joddie@alameda.gov; mvella@alameda.gov  
**Subject:** Laura, please see that the Council members receive copies of this. THANKS

Dear Mayor & Council members,

As I read the ACT information below, newspaper Letters to the Editor, and watch your interactions at Council Meetings, it is clear to me that much of your decision making gives substantial consideration to your future political aspirations and your desire to build a voter and financial base. **However, the citizens of Alameda need you to rise above "POLITICS" as you participate in the process of making two Planning Board appointments.**

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Sincerely, Janet C. Gibson

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**From:** Patsy Baer <2baers@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 8:25 AM  
**To:** Trish Spencer; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella; LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Planning Board Nominees

Dear Council Member

I think it is time for some new faces on the Planning Board.

Two terms on the Board should be the maximum term. Even if one could dismiss opinion on how Mr. Knox White has voted in the past, he has had his time. A democratic process should allow for new people and ideas.

I urge you to confirm the two nominees, Mr Tilos and Mr Gortier who are well qualified to serve the city and its citizens.

Thank You,  
Patsy Baer

## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** abockis@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 16, 2017 8:46 PM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Tuesday council meeting

To all council members,

I'm supporting our Mayors nominees for the city planning board--John Know White has served his term, exceeded his limit, and needs to be out.

Thank you,

Regards, Anda Bockis

## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** Tom Krysiak <tsitjk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 16, 2017 12:38 PM  
**To:** Trish Spencer; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Jim Oddie; Frank Matarrese; Malia Vella; LARA WEISIGER  
**Cc:** DONNA CHENG; chadwotten@aol.com; Viola. Otten; Mark Palmer; Chuck Thompson Wireless; Monie Thompson; andrewtvics@aol.com; j.pappas@comcast.net; John Barhaugh; stevevic322@gmail.com; Paul Ravetti; Curtis Don; Kristina Wun  
**Subject:** The Upcoming Planning Board Vote

Dear Alameda City Council Members;

We live in Harbor Bay, volunteer locally, vote in every election, commute often to The City on the Ferry, vehemently oppose the Trump administration and truly appreciate the difficulties you face with the contentious housing issues facing our city. Our fine city's traffic clogged streets keeps worsening yet there are dozens of development projects slated that will only further diminish public safety and our quality of life.

Compounding the Alameda traffic is the OAK Airport noise complaints. I'm sure you already know that noise complaints from Bay Farm in 2016 have increased by over 724% from the previous year!

The Planning Board impacts these very local, Harbor Bay issues. That's why Mayor Spencer's nominees represent a needed change for a more attuned planning board that reflects the urgent needs of our city and the desires of our neighbors and friends in Harbor Bay.

We encourage you to vote in favor of Ruben Tilos and Steve Gortier for the Planning Board. It is our belief that this infusion of new blood on the board will help strengthen and maintain the great character of our cherished Alameda.

Thank you for your attention to this important vote.

Regards,

Tom and Donna Krysiak  
Sweet Road  
Alameda, CA 94502

## **LARA WEISIGER**

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**From:** ncpereira@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 16, 2017 9:36 AM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Subject:** Planning Board

To: City Council Members (Spenser, Ashcroft, Matarrese, Odie, Vella)

We strongly support Ruben Tilos and Steven Gortier for membership on the planning board.

Nick and Cecelia Pereira  
58 Steuben Bay  
Alameda, California

Sent from my iPad

## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** Patricia Gannon <pg3187@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 11:29 AM  
**To:** Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Trish Spencer; Malia Vella; Frank Matarrese  
**Subject:** Planning Board Nominations

July 15, 2017

Honorable Trish Spencer  
Mayor, City of Alameda  
Honorable City Council Members

Dear Mayor Spencer and City Council Members

On Tuesday, July 18th, your Council will consider approving Mayor Spencer's two nominations to the Planning Board. I strongly recommend that you approve both of her nominations. Both of these candidates are highly qualified to serve and bring a diverse set of skills and talents to the Planning Board.

Ruben Tilos is a financial analyst with a very strong interest in our parks having served on the City Parks and Recreation Board. During his unsuccessful run for the City Council in 2004 he clearly identified his support for our parks and small, friendly neighborhoods.

Steve Gortler is a financial consultant for several Bay Area cities.

He successfully challenged the Planning Board's approval of the improperly zoned assisted living facility in the business park next to the airport takeoff zone. Mr. Gortler is articulate, a quick learner and analytical. He and his wife are also strong supporters of FAAS and have supported its goals through volunteerism, financial support and have adopted several shelter dogs over the years.

Both of these candidates would be a decided asset to the Planning Board and to the City of Alameda

John Knox White has already served one full term as well as a partial term and should not be reappointed. He does not represent the majority of Alamedans for the following reasons:

He supported Sun Cal which was defeated by a huge majority; he opposed saving Crab Cove while citizens were busy circulating petitions to save it; he actively opposed and tried to weaken Measure D which protected the Mif and all parks from transfer and trade without a vote of Alamedans.

Mr. Tilos and Mr. Gortler will serve the Planning Board, the City Council and the citizens of Alameda well. I urge you to approve Mayor Spencer's nominations.

Thank you.

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## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** Ron Kamangar <ronkamangar@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 4:11 PM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER  
**Cc:** Ron Kamangar; em kelle  
**Subject:** We support the following nominees to the Planning Board: Ruben Tilos and Steven Gortler. It is time for a change on the Planning Board. Please vote for them.

**Importance:** High

TO:  
Honorable Mayor Trish Spencer  
Council Member Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Council Member Frank Matarrese  
Council Member Jim Oddie  
Council member Malia Vella

It is time for a change on the Planning Board. I urge you all to support and vote for the 2 good nominees: namely: Mr. Ruben Tilos and Mr. Steven Gortler.

Thank you!

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## LARA WEISIGER

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**From:** David Howard <dhoward773@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 8:23 AM  
**To:** LARA WEISIGER; Trish Spencer  
**Subject:** Council Meeting July 18 Item 6-A - Planning board appointments

Please add this as correspondence to the packet for the July 18 city council meeting, re: item 6-a, planning board appointments.

I'm writing to voice support for the Mayor's nominations for planning board.

One planning board member, John Knox White, whose term is up, does not deserve to be re-appointed.













I clearly recall several years ago, when he stood before the city council at the lectern, trying to answer for how and why he came into possession of city confidential documents apparently leaked to him by then councilmember Tam.

In the present day, he clearly has his facts wrong, which he promulgates from the planning board dais and on social media.

Specifically, with regards to Accessory Dwelling Units, he was trying to say that ADUs have a minimum sq ft of 750ft, by state law.

This is obviously wrong. Someone with the facts to wrong, should not be on the planning board.

He was forced, on the NextDoor social media forum, to admit his error an delete his inaccurate statement - see below.

-  John Knox White, East End Zone · 1d ago   
Additionally, the properties still need to maintain lot openness and permeable surface requirements, as well as setbacks. Add to the requirement that ADUs be only a single story... [See more](#)  
 [Thank](#)
-  John Knox White, East End Zone · 1d ago   
Dorothy, Mr. Buckley is correct and I was wrong. I've removed my inaccurate post.  
 [Thank](#) 1 Thank
-  Joe LoParo, East End Zone · 1d ago   
Lisa Sorani, I believe the 50% limitation only applies to attached ADU's. Unattached are still limited to 1200sqft as long as lot space doesn't prohibit it  
 [Thank](#)
-  John Knox White, East End Zone · 23h ago   
Lisa is correct. It's 50% of the existing unit or 1,200 sf, whichever is smaller in both attached and detached cases.  
 [Thank](#)

David Howard  
Alameda, CA