



PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

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From: [Nancy Hill](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Loyola Corners
Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 3:40:01 PM

We are totally against this insane idea! The traffic is bad enough as it is right there already, that small area could not handle that traffic!

From: [Margaret Goossens](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [Los Altos Planning Commission](#); [City Council](#); [Margaret Goossens](#)
Subject: Public Comment #1
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 4:30:32 PM

Honorable Mayor, City Council Members and Planning Commissioners,

- **Please do not change the Loyola Corners Specific Plan, at this time.**
Please do not increase the height limit allowed at Loyola Corners, which I believe currently is 31 feet .
- **In addition, when considering what changes (if any) to make in the OA district on San Antonio Road, please carefully consider the needs of the residents who live on adjacent streets behind this district to the East of San Antonio Roa**

I've lived at 1278 Miramonte for 30 years. I've seen the traffic increase to where during commute times, cars are backed up 1-2 blocks. If you are not providing 2 parking spots per uniting built, then you should not be building here.

If the building height cap is increased, builders will have more independent say on limits, and not have to adhere to the Loyola Corners Specific Plan.
The builders should not have more say than the Residents; this should be a discussion, and not new surprises popping up at each meeting. We are the Taxpayers.

I am concerned about the bike-riding students, who already have difficulty maneuvering the maze.

**Thank you,
Margaret Goossens**

From: [Yvonne Dupont](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment Item No. 1 April 26
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 3:56:21 PM
Importance: High

From: Jerry Clements [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 4:04 PM
To: Los Altos Planning Commission <PlanningCommission@losaltosca.gov>; council@losaltos.ca.gov
Subject: Public Comment Item No. 1 April 26

The "Planners" and legislators in Sacramento are presiding over the demise of California. Please preserve the integrity of our City, including the charm of Loyola Corners. **Resist and defy** until we can pass the stalled initiative which requires Sacramento to stand down. Someone up there years ago said, "we are in an era of limits". Water, water everywhere?? Local decisions are better than those of our Commissars.

Jerry Clements

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: 4/26 Study Session Housing Element Update and Policy
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 2:49:23 PM

Hello all

I would like to encourage all of you to consider an important piece of the puzzle as we have housing discussions. As leaders, you need to also factor in the extra city infrastructure, staffing and office space to accommodate future needs due to the expanded population that will be coming into Los Altos. We should be thinking about how we will build out city expansion in the way of office space, material storage and other needs. We need to be planning for where this expansion will occur before we start maxing out all the available space with apartments and dwelling units. Thank you

Nancy Phillips
Los Altos

From: [MJ Lopatin](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #1 - 4/26/22 Study Session
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 1:33:40 PM

Dear Council Members and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed changes to the Loyola Corners Specific Plan zoning requirements, as well as the possible change of zoning for the PCF land at Grant and Fremont.

The Loyola Corners Specific Plan was already amended by the Council in 2017 to increase heights and densities, allowing more development while still preserving the intent of the LCSP. The area directly abuts small narrow single-story R-1 in most cases, its parking is already too tight, and it has no transit nearby. If you increase height limits to 3 stories all-residential, that becomes an automatic 4 stories with the density bonus exception, greatly adding to the parking and traffic issues, impacting pedestrian and bike safety, overshadowing R-1, and making likely the loss of the vital businesses and restaurants that the LCSP district is protecting and area residents patronize and enjoy. This area is not a transit corridor, and the area and its narrow convoluted roads cannot support Mountain View's cavernous high-rises. Knowing the development pressures ahead, the Council still largely upheld the LCSP limits in 2017 for all these reasons, and I ask you to do the same.

Another zoning change you are considering, the PCF land at Grant and Fremont, is on a very busy corner, with many kids walking and biking to school and Marymeade Park, and with R-1 abutting all around. Safe ingress/egress and parking for high density there would be huge problems. Any safe development would actually be very difficult. It needs to stay zoned as is.

Sincerely,
MJ Lopatin
Los Altos resident

From: [Nancy Martin](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [City Council](#); [Los Altos Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Gabriel Engeland](#)
Subject: Loyola Corners Study Session
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 1:12:44 PM

Dear Mayor Enander and City Council Members and Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concern and objection to any proposed changes to the Loyola Corners Specific Plan (LCSP), **especially changes that allow for high density housing.**

It was not long ago (2017) that the Loyola Corners Specific Plan was amended. The heights and density were increased at that time.

Those changes were made by a Council who fully understood the potential, and now very real, massive changes to State demands of increased density in our city.

The Council members chose to respect the intent of the LCSP and the residents and businesses within Loyola Corners and the nearby neighborhoods.

They chose to try to maintain the intent of the zoning for the area being a Commercial Neighborhood (CN) district. **It is a district that is meant to serve the nearby residents and also meant to protect the nearby residents from the impacts of the noise and density.**

There are **constant traffic flow problems** in Loyola Corners that have not been addressed and **very limited parking**. New state laws do not require developers to provide for more than one car. That puts the the second car on the street. Any kind of dense housing will create nonstop issues in Loyola corners.

Finally, please consider having a meeting with the residents of the area to discuss options to changing the LCSP. We fully understand the dilemma of the state forcing the City to look for increased density within the city. **I believe there are many other ways to accomplish this.**

Please follow the wise lead of your past council members, in 2017, and abide by their height and density changes. **The changes were studied and researched. Do not increase them any further because the area cannot handle the noise, the traffic and the lack of parking.**

Thank you!
Brad and Nancy Martin

From: [Frances Mueller](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Housing Element Update and Policy Discussion
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 12:58:05 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council and Planning Commission,

I'm a resident of the Los Altos Country Club neighborhood and support raising the cap on density in Loyola Corners as one means to meet our RHNA requirements.

No doubt traffic flow will be considered in the planning process, but currently there is a visibility hazard at the intersection of A St. and Miramonte Ave. Cars traveling northeast on A St. wanting to turn left or right onto Miramonte Ave. have limited visibility of oncoming traffic from the left when there is a queue of vehicles southbound on Miramonte Ave. turning right onto A St. I'm concerned that increased housing density in Loyola Corners and greater traffic flow will make this intersection more hazardous. This intersection should be improved as part of any development of Loyola Corners.

Sincerely,
Frances Mueller

From: [Yvonne Dupont](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: FW: Housing Element joint CC meeting 4/26/22-LCSP
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 12:57:41 PM
Importance: High

From: carol little [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 11:54 AM
To: Los Altos Planning Commission <PlanningCommission@losaltosca.gov>
Subject: Housing Element joint CC meeting 4/26/22-LCSP

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am sharing a letter I sent to the City Council regarding the Loyola Corners Specific Plan (LCSP). It is my hope that you will consider the points I make, in my email to them, when discussing any changes to the LCSP.

Thank you.
Teresa Morris

Dear Mayor Enander and city Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern and objection to any proposed changes to the Loyola Corners Specific Plan (LCSP). It was not long ago (2017) that the Loyola Corners Specific Plan was amended. The heights and density were increased at that time. Those changes were made by a Council who fully understood the potential, and now very real, massive changes to State demands of increased density in our city. The Council members chose to respect the intent of the LCSP and the residents and businesses within Loyola Corners and the nearby neighborhoods. They chose to try to maintain the intent of the zoning for the area being a Commercial Neighborhood (CN) district. It is a district that is meant to serve the nearby residents and also meant to protect the nearby residents from the impacts of the noise and density.

Please look at what is being proposed at 996 Loraine, you will see how dense the buildings can be in this area with the current height and density limits. Additionally, you can look at the building that is under construction on Miramonte Ave. to see exactly how dense the buildings can be. The owner of that building is already complaining about lack of parking on the side of his building. The building isn't even built yet and he is complaining about how little parking is available!

For those who do not know, Loyola corners is a unique place in that noise travels great distance from Loyola Corners business district. Noise echos off of the creek and spreads far into the neighborhoods. Often as far as 3-4 blocks further than the

creek area that runs along the area.

There are constant traffic flow problems in Loyola Corners that have not been addressed. Adding more density and height will only exacerbate that issue.

Additionally, there is very limited parking and given the state laws that restrict parking requirements for dense housing, there will be nonstop issues in Loyola corners.

Finally, please consider having a meeting with the residents of the area to discuss options to changing the LCSP.

Please follow the wise lead of your past council members, in 2017, and abide by their height and density changes. The changes were studied and researched. Do not increase them any further because the area cannot handle the noise, the traffic and the lack of parking.

I fully understand the dilemma of the state forcing the City to look for increased density within the city. I believe there are many other ways to accomplish this.

Thank you.

Teresa Morris

Resident of Loyola Corners

From: [Kartik Chandrasekhar](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Proposed changes to the Loyola Corners Specific Plan (LCSP)
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 12:16:25 PM

Dear Mayor Enander and city Council Members, I am writing to express my concern and objection to any proposed changes to the Loyola Corners Specific Plan (LCSP), especially changes that allow for high density housing.

Living on Fremont Ave, we are already seeing standstill traffic on the road during rush hour in the morning and in the evening. This is a major concern. It was not long ago (2017) that the Loyola Corners Specific Plan was amended. The heights and density were increased at that time. Those changes were made by a Council who fully understood the potential, and now very real, massive changes to State demand for increased density in our city. The Council members chose to respect the intent of the LCSP and the residents and businesses within Loyola Corners and the nearby neighborhoods. They chose to maintain the intent of the zoning for the area being a Commercial Neighborhood (CN) district. It is a district that is meant to serve the nearby residents and also meant to protect the nearby residents from the impacts of noise and density. There are constant traffic flow problems in Loyola Corners that have not been addressed and very limited parking. New state laws do not require developers to provide parking for more than one car. That puts the second car on the street. Any kind of dense housing will create nonstop issues for Loyola corners. Finally, please consider having a meeting with the residents of the area to discuss options to changing the LCSP. We fully understand the dilemma of the state forcing the City to look for increased density within the city. I believe there are many other ways to accomplish this. Please follow the wise lead of your past council members, in 2017, and abide by their height and density changes. The changes were studied and researched. Do not increase them any further because the area cannot handle the noise, the traffic and the lack of parking. Thank you! Kartik Chandrasekhar
1188 Fremont Ave.
Los Altos

From: [Yvonne Dupont](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment - Agenda Item #1 - 4/26/22 - JOINT CITY COUNCIL- PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 6:24:00 AM
Importance: High

From: Sandy Salinger [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 8:22 PM
To: City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>; Public Comment <publiccomment@losaltosca.gov>; Los Altos Planning Commission <PlanningCommission@losaltosca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item #1 - 4/26/22 - JOINT CITY COUNCIL- PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION

Dear Council Members and Planning Commissioners.

Please do not lift the CAPS on Housing Density and Building Height at Loyola Corners. Keep the current limit, per the Loyola Corners Specific Plan, of 2 stories, which is reasonable for a small commercial area surrounded by a residential area.

Higher and more dense buildings in this mostly residential area would create massive driving and parking problems. Fremont Avenue at Loyola Corners is a narrow one-way street, with entry and exit ramps from Foothill Expressway. (Also, A Street is extremely narrow.) Because the expressway is adjacent to Fremont Avenue at Loyola Corners, there is not space to widen Fremont Avenue. There already are traffic bottlenecks in this area, creating problems for drivers and dangerous conditions for children on bicycles. Cars exiting new buildings from underground parking would further exacerbate existing traffic problems.

Parking is already extremely difficult for patrons of the current Loyola Corners businesses. The current 2 story limit under the Loyola Corners Specific Plan for an additional 20 units would necessitate underground parking and some additional ground level parking, since this area is not served by public transit. Increasing the number of additional units allowed to more than 20 additional units would create traffic chaos.

Thank you.

Sandra Salinger
Los Altos

From: [Jane Osborn](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [Los Altos Planning Commission](#); [City Council](#)
Cc: [Jane Osborn](#); [Jonathan Shores](#); [Laura Simpson](#); [Planning Services](#)
Subject: Public Comment, Agenda Item #1, Study Session, April 26, 2022, Housing Element
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 3:00:00 AM

Dear Honorable Mayor, City Council Members, and Planning Commissioners,

• **Please do not change the Loyola Corners Specific Plan**, at this time. A great deal of effort on the part of many people went into creating this plan, including city staff, city council, planning commissioners, and residents, over a long period of time. All aspects of this plan were thoughtfully and carefully considered. There were very good reasons behind the drafting of the various elements in the current plan.

At the time this plan was reviewed and amended in 2017, a compromise already was made with regard to the density of housing allowed. At the time, the number of units allowed was increased substantially from the level of density that had been proposed or allowed previously. As I recall, the increase may have been at least by 50% over the previous levels. The density for new residential housing was increased to 24 additional units, including four units that currently are under construction.

Also, please do not increase the height limit allowed at Loyola Corners, which I believe currently is 30 feet (about two stories). Due to changes in state law, it is my understanding that developers now will be able to ask for an increase in height due to the housing density bonus laws. This could result in buildings that are at least three stories tall, even under the existing height limits in the specific plan. If the height limits are increased, we could end up with four-story buildings or taller. This alone could have a significant, negative impact on this modest, small scale and historic district, which is surrounded by R1 housing on at least three sides, or on all sides, if you include the residential area that is directly across from Loyola Corners, on the other side of the "Loyola Bridge".

Please keep in mind that this is a small scale area. The roads in this area all are two lanes. They quickly lead into residential neighborhoods, which are zoned for R1. Historically, these narrow roads were quiet and rural in character. In the past, they primarily served only local traffic. They were never intended or designed to hold heavy traffic. The area has become increasingly more congested with traffic, especially during certain times of the day. Also, parking is limited, and there already is a shortage of parking spaces at Loyola Corners. Parking encroachment onto the adjacent residential streets already exists. **Traffic congestion, noise impacts, parking shortages and parking encroachment all would be expected to increase substantially in Loyola Corners with additional increases in residential density allowed in this confined area.**

Pedestrian safety issues already exist at Loyola Corners. It is likely that these also would be exacerbated with further increases in residential density and traffic levels. Crossing the streets at Loyola Corners already can be dicey, even with the current traffic levels. My husband was almost hit by a car while walking his bike in the cross walk coming from the West side of Miramonte Ave. (near Loraine) to get to the Post Office on the other side. The car was driven by a younger man who appeared to be a commuter, who was impatient and suddenly veered into the oncoming lane in order to pass the car that was stopped at the cross walk ahead of him, just as my husband was crossing at that spot. My husband stopped suddenly and the car stopped just in time to avoid a horrible collision. If the person crossing had been a child or a

shorter adult, it is likely that they would have been hit. Other people have reported the exact same type of close call at that same spot. Local residents and anyone who uses the post office can attest to the considerable traffic issues that exist at that location in front of the post office. Also, local residents have witnessed cars often speeding and running red lights in the area. For example, on one occasion, my husband witnessed a child (who appeared to be about 11 years old) start to cross on the green light at the intersection of A Street and Fremont. Her father pulled her back just in time to prevent her from being hit by a car that was speeding through the red light on Fremont. If she had not been with her father, she would have been hit and severely injured or killed.

• **In addition, when considering what changes (if any) to make in the OA district on San Antonio Road, please carefully consider the needs of the residents who live on adjacent streets behind this district to the East of San Antonio Road.** In the interest of fairness, please protect these residents from intrusions to their privacy and from noise impacts that could occur as a result of any changes that you might be considering. I assume I am "preaching to the choir," since presumably you (the council and the planning commission) already were planning to be mindful of the needs of those residents. In my opinion, if the existing office buildings on the East side of San Antonio are replaced with housing, the new buildings should not be any taller than the existing buildings. Also, it seems reasonable to require that any new housing projects have to provide sufficient resident and visitor parking so as not to encroach on the surrounding residential neighborhoods,

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jane Osborn
Los Altos Resident
(Resident of the greater Loyola Corners area)

E. Jane Osborn, Ph.D. Nationally Certified School Psychologist, NCSP [REDACTED] Licensed Educational Psychologist, LEP [REDACTED]. Cognitive and Developmental Psychology. [REDACTED]
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From: [Sandy Salinger](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#); [Los Altos Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item #1 - 4/26/22 - JOINT CITY COUNCIL- PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 8:21:55 PM

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Thank you.

Sandra Salinger
Los Altos

From: [carol little](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #1 - 4/26/22 STUDY SESSION
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 6:33:19 PM

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Thank you.
Teresa Morris
Resident of Loyola Corners

From: [John Dilley](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #1 - Tuesday, April 26 STUDY SESSION
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 3:02:36 PM

Regarding the proposed conversion of OA Zoning to housing,

I am concerned if the new zoning includes:

- much taller structures, impacting visibility of the sky from OA-adjacent parcels
- significantly increased through commute traffic on residential streets, which may impact safety for children who bike and walk to school.

I agree with these observations from the LWC recommendation against rezoning OA into residential from the Joint City Council - Planning Commission Study Session Agenda Packet (page 5):

- "The OA District has narrow lots and shouldn't be rezoned to allow residential."
- "Concern about allowing residential in the OA District and insufficient parking."

The residential feel of Los Altos is a significant part of the charm of this city. It would be a shame to lose it.

I ask that the plans maintain the characteristics of the current residential-adjacent OA zoned parcels.

Sincerely,

John Dilley
44 Marvin Ave
Los Altos, CA 94022