

## Melissa Thurman

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**From:** Ken Girdley <kengirdley@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2024 10:27 AM  
**To:** Public Comment; City Council  
**Subject:** Repeal Los Altos Gas Appliance Ban NOW

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Many residents of Los Altos are expecting city council to immediately repeal the current ban on gas appliances in new construction and major remodels based on the recent appellant court's decision to force Berkeley to repeal their gas appliance ban. I hope our city council is not waiting for a resident to file a lawsuit before repealing the ban because as we all know, lawsuits can be very costly for both parties.

Ken Girdley  
Los Altos Resident

## Melissa Thurman

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**From:** Mar P <psychiatrymp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 7, 2024 6:10 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public written comment for 4/9/24 Agenda item #7: Tiny Tots/ Kinder Prep Preschool

Dear Los Altos City Councilmembers,

As you vote on the city's proposed plan for the **Tiny Tots/Kinder Prep preschool on 4/9/24**, I thank you in advance for considering the strong opposition of many community members to this plan. I thank you as well for the attention which you have already given to our concerns. **I strongly oppose this plan. I urge you to reject this plan.** By doing so, **you will be saving the most valuable school experience** that many of our community's children will ever have.

It is one thing if a building is not being used and is rented out by the city to a private company. It is completely different and, in my opinion, **UNETHICAL to eliminate quality affordable preschool programs already established in order for the city government to PROFIT OFF OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN.** This is especially unethical if basic alternatives to eliminating the programs, such as increasing tuition and advertising, have not been utilized for years, as is the case in Los Altos for these preschools.

It seems, as parents have feared, the tuition will drastically increase- **from \$4K per year to at least \$10-12K per year** from privatization of the preschool programs. With the city's proposed privatization plan, the city could make around \$30,000 per year minus the San Antonio club repairs, according to the city council agenda's report. The Children's Corner, the private preschool chosen by the city to take over, might benefit from having a lower rent than with other locations. This will benefit some parties -i.e. the city budget and the Children's Corner.

**This modest benefit to the city's budget would occur AT THE STRONG DETRIMENT to the community's young children and families.**

At a prohibitively high cost for families, privatizing the current programs leads to programs of inferior quality replacing the amazing teachers we have, who have worked as a team and carefully developed their programs over many years. **One cannot replace our teachers with entirely new staff teams starting from scratch AND expect them to be of comparable quality.**

I advocate strongly against this proposal. I advocate for reasonable alternatives to eliminating our quality established city-run preschool. The main reasonable alternative is increasing tuition of the current programs. **Even if increasing tuition by 150 percent, to ~\$7K, this is still an affordable option.** I have heard that tuition increases haven't taken place in ~10 years, in spite of losses occurring some years. **I contest that the city could mostly cover the costs of running these programs by:**

- 1) Moderately increasing tuition, i.e. by ~150%
- 2) Low-cost advertising for adequate enrollment and recruiting of part-time staff
- 3) Returning Tiny Tots back to 4-5 days per week
- 4) Collaborating with teachers for additional strategies and needs

**The report's arguments are faulty that TK (Transitional Kindergarten) expansion in public schools will eliminate the demand for Tiny Tots and Kinder prep.** This is because:

- 1) In spite of Los Altos already having a public TK offering, our Kinder prep, in this same age range, is enrolled to full capacity.**

2) **Free public school offerings still miss the needs** of a large part of the community who can and will engage in offerings of quality over quantity. The needs that the public schools will often not meet for this same age range include, but are not limited to a) **Smaller class sizes** -16 student cap at Kinder prep versus ~24 students in public school classes and b) **Partial day** length of Kinder prep rather than full day length of local public schools.

2) **Tiny Tots allows children too young for public school TK's.** Tiny Tots starts as young as 2.8 years old, but TK's start at the youngest 4 years old.

*If the city feels compelled to take other measures* other than moderately increasing tuition to mitigate costs, **WITHOUT eliminating the current excellent city-run preschools**, please consider the following strategies, with “\*” indicating the most important considerations.

\*1) **Increase the Tiny Tots program back to a 4-5 day per week, similar to Kinder-Prep (which is half-day Mon-Thurs).** Reasons for this include:

a) Tiny Tots was usually a 5 day program (with the option for a 3 vs 5 days per week for participants). **When the change to 3 days per week happened in Fall 2023, I have heard that there was an >40% reduction in income**, an important factor not included in the agenda reports.

b) The reason for the change of Tiny Tots from 5 days to 3 days per week is not known by the teachers, and the **teachers were not consulted** about this decision.

\*2) **Advertise the program** with low cost advertising strategies to maximize enrollment and staff recruiting. Reasons for this:

a) When flyers were passed out at Farmer’s Markets and other community events and locations for 2 months by teachers during COVID, **enrollment issues were resolved** during that time. However, the teachers were subsequently discouraged from advertising further.

b) Volunteer parents such as myself could do this advertising **at no cost to the city**.

\*3) **Involve the current teachers in additional planning and decision making** which could have fiscal implications. Reasons for this:

a) When teachers have been involved in advertising and running the programs, things went well. For example, **in COVID, these teachers advertised with flyers at community events and community locations due to enrollment concerns. THIS WAS EFFECTIVE.** When a decision was made without their input, such as decreasing Tiny Tots to 3 days per week, this went poorly from a financial perspective. The teachers will know best what would maximize enrollment with their knowledge of the students’ families’ needs.

b) **These teachers can best discern what are “needs” versus “wants” for programs to still run well, such as with supplies, staffing, hours offered, extra activities, etc.** The teachers themselves would know best where can be trimmed budget-wise with the least risk to the main preschool needs. For example, **they have already noted a surplus of supplies which could be used to save supply costs for the following year.**

c) With challenges of recruiting and hiring part-time staff, collaborating with current teachers and parents to strategically advertise would likely be effective, which does not seem to have yet been done.

4) **Rent out the community center to a private preschool, but keep San Antonio club for Tiny Tots and Kinderprep.** Kinderprep could take place in the mornings, and Tiny Tots in the afternoons in the same building. San Antonio Club has housed both of the two programs before, (while the Los Altos Community Center was being built), so it is feasible. Rationale:

a) **The city would still profit** from renting out some of their space.

b) **The city wouldn’t have to make the alterations to the San Antonio club** mentioned, mitigating this unknown additional financial cost.

c) **Outrage of community members would be prevented.** The community will be affected by the **symbolism of a private company using and eliminating city resources** if the San Antonio Club was altered and the private preschool was to take over a 50+ year old quality city program.

5) **Reduce Lunch and Play to 1-2 days per week and/or charge more per hour, or eliminate the Lunch and Play program if that will make the difference to keep the main preschool programs running.**

Reasons:

- a) **Reduces effort to staff** with less days of the program per week
- b) **Reduces potential financial losses** of having too few kids per staff.

As a physician, and in particular, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, I can attest to the excellent quality of the Tiny Tots preschool, which my daughter is attending in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year. This is in contrast with many other preschools, whose financial pressures as businesses promote quantity over quality, to the detriment of the child's critical early development.

I thank you for your support of the Tiny Tots and Kinder Prep preschools over the years, for which my daughter and our family are incredibly grateful. I urge you to save these valuable preschools from being sacrificed for a prohibitively expensive private alternative by voting against this detrimental proposal to the children of our community.

Sincerely,  
Marina Post



April 7, 2024

Re: April 9, 2024, Meeting, Agenda Item #2 (Comprehensive ADU Update)

Dear Mayor Weinberg and Members of the City Council:

The League of Women Voters (LWV) supports policies that encourage the development of housing, particularly affordable housing. We encourage the building of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as they are typically more affordable by design.

The programs proposed regarding ADUs were included in the Housing Element Update (HEU) and should encourage development that will allow Los Altos to meet its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals. We commend the City for its aggressive implementation of the HEU. The City will be ahead of the schedule it promised in the HEU in several respects if it implements the proposed ordinance now. The LWV applauds Los Altos for being a leader in providing permit-ready ADU plans, making it easier for homeowners to build this housing.

Please send any questions about this email to Sue Russell, Co-Chair of the Housing Committee, at [housing@lwvlamv.org](mailto:housing@lwvlamv.org).

Sincerely,

Katie Zoglin, President  
Los Altos-Mountain View Area LWV

C: Gabe Engeland, City Manager  
Melissa Thurman, City Clerk  
Nick Zornes, Development Services Director  
Jon Maginot, Assistant City Manager  
[PublicComment@losaltosca.gov](mailto:PublicComment@losaltosca.gov)

April 8, 2024

Dear Honorable Council Members,

As you are aware, at close of business on April 4, the city published a recommendation to close Playschool and continue KinderPrep for one additional year before making a decision about its future. The statements revealed in this recommendation show that the financials for the program significantly worsened between 2023 and 2024 due to a number of changes. Chief amongst them was reducing the Playschool program from 5 days a week to 3 days a week, which reduced revenue by 44%. Also included were accounting changes such as allocating unfunded pension liabilities to the program, which while a reasonable decision, should not be considered in a break-even analysis when deciding whether to continue running the program as these costs cannot be avoided by closing the program. While the city now offers a full day TK, KinderPrep continues to be highly enrolled as many families opt for a half day program.

It must be understood that closing Playschool would be a death knell for the KinderPrep program. It would allocate all overhead costs to a single program. It would also harm the enrollment pipeline - KinderPrep is always fully enrolled at the beginning of the year because students continue on from Playschool. And it would reduce the desirability of the program as it's hard for families to switch schools every year both because children and parents like to continue on with those they already have relationships with and also because searching for a school program is a time consuming and stressful process parents do not wish to repeat on an annual basis.

While offering a transitional KinderPrep year without continuing the Playschool program would allow families in Playschool to finish their time in the program, many in the community would feel insulted by such a course of action. There's a widespread feeling that everything one would do to kill a program has been done to Tiny Tots including zero marketing, moving to 3 days/week, and no tuition raises in over a decade. By pursuing a course of action that almost certainly results in the closure of KinderPrep a year from now, it's yet one more cut in a slow death of a thousand cuts. Instead, we ask that you give the program and community a real chance to address any concerns.

We would ask that you consider an alternate solution composed of the following elements:

- Restore the Playschool program to 5 days per week
- Address losses from the Lunch and Play (LAP) program
- Exclude costs from the analysis that the city will retain if program is canceled
- Increase tuition for the first time in over a decade

### **Restore the Playschool program to 5 days per week**

Revenue was reduced by 44% or **\$65,900** between 2023 and projected 2024 year-end. The explanation from staff is that the reduction in revenue was caused by decreased enrollment due to a reduction in hours of the Playschool program.

The city's programs can run no more than 12 hours per week due to licensing restrictions. The Playschool program previously ran as two offerings on M/W/F or T/Th, so that no offering exceeded 12 hours per week. Additionally, KinderPrep runs as two offerings on M/T/W/Th or F, so that no offering exceeds 12 hours per week. Running the Playschool on one of these two schedules or a similar schedule would allow the program to adhere to licensing requirements.

The other consideration is staffing. The teachers at Playschool are all returning teachers and taught when the program was offered 5 days/week, and the head teachers for KinderPrep and Playschool have said that they would prefer these programs be offered 5 days/week, thus staffing should not be an issue.

Our understanding is that the city canceled the T/Th offering because it wanted to offer a Mommy & Me class, which was not ultimately approved and did not end up running. Parents and teachers both prefer the 5 day/week option as demonstrated by the loss in revenue from eliminating it. We request that this change be reversed.

### **Address losses from the Lunch and Play (LAP) program**

This program should either be changed to run in a more sustainable fashion or eliminated.

The Lunch and Play program is offered on a punch-card basis. These punch cards can be acquired in different sizes for as low as \$11.60/hr, which is much cheaper than a babysitter, and does not cover the cost of running the program. The punch card method of offering the program, while convenient for parents, also makes attendance unpredictable and results in additional administrative burden. Further, the program is difficult to staff as it runs for two hours each day and that's difficult to hire for. While all teachers from KinderPrep and Playschool are returning teachers, the city has had to go through the hiring process multiple times this year for Lunch and Play, which has entirely new staff. While the Tiny Tots financials have never been broken down between the three programs, we conservatively estimate that roughly **\$50,000** in direct losses are caused by running this program.

If council decides to pursue changes, those changes could include:

- Advertise the program as a service for all residents who have ad hoc child care needs. So many parents would find it incredibly helpful to have somewhere to drop kids off to be able to go to a doctor's appointment, go to the gym, or run other errands.
- Increase the hourly rates. The current \$11.60/hr is far cheaper than any babysitter
- Create punch cards for 50 or 100 visits reducing the administration of repeated 20 card purchases
- Offer an annual option to reduce administration compared to the daily drop-in
- Eliminate the option to utilize the program for only 1 hour

### **Exclude costs from the analysis that the city will retain if program is canceled**

While cost savings is a large driver for canceling the program, we must also recognize that not all costs can be avoided by canceling the program. Some expenses such as unfunded pension liability must continue to be paid regardless of whether the program is continued. Additionally,

some expenses are incurred on a city-wide basis and allocated to each program on a proportional basis. While understandable, we should also recognize that canceling the program will not eliminate these expenses and will just cause them to be allocated to other programs. Finally, the RFP states that the city may continue to pay for expenses such as maintenance, janitorial, and utilities. It is unclear whether Children's Corner proposed to pay for such expenses. The council should ascertain whether these costs will continue. Our estimate is that **\$86,929** in expenses are unavoidable.

### **Increase tuition for the first time in over a decade**

After factoring in the changes above, tuition would need to be raised by roughly \$3,500 to a total of around \$7,500/yr. Had tuition been raised each year over the past decade, this would be equivalent to a 6.5% annual rise in tuition. Childcare costs have risen at nearly twice the rate of overall inflation making this a reasonable catch up for price rises that should have been occurring over the past decade. Assuming an enrollment of 24 students, this would bring in an additional **\$84,000**. This would be only half the cost of the roughly \$15,000/yr charged by Children's Corner.

While this number is a lower number than the one shared by staff, it considers a different set of options. The lower number was arrived at by making the above changes of restoring a 5 day program, filtering out unavoidable costs, and eliminating losses from Lunch and Play. If the council or staff disagree with some of the analysis above, tuition may need to be further increased, but in any case would be a far more affordable option for parents than Children's Corner tuition is. This is also a breakeven analysis assuming that the city spends \$0 on the program. While every member of the community and council may have a different opinion as to what the correct amount of spending on this program is, it would be entirely reasonable for the city to spend funds on this program which promotes early childhood education and affordability for residents including the city's own employees.

While the city may wonder whether enrollment can be sustained with higher tuition rates, it must be noted that Children's Corner is able to fill their program while charging far higher rates. Further, demand for preschools has recently exploded with the closure of Google's daycare centers leading to long waitlists at area schools and adding confidence that the city will be able to enroll its program. The parents and community at the school are willing to put in the work to get the word out including running advertisements for the program, putting up flyers and signage, and manning events like the upcoming Los Altos Family Fun Day this Saturday.

We have attached a petition signed by roughly 150 members of the community urging you to give the program a chance. The Tiny Tots program is a storied cornerstone of the Los Altos community in existence for well over fifty years. The staff have nearly 50 years of combined experience working for the city and the Children's Corner licensing requirements mean that they would be losing their jobs and the community would be losing teachers that we all love so much. We would request that the city first attempt working with the parents and community to continue the long successful legacy of the Tiny Tots programs before opting for a sudden closure.



Sincerely,  
Stephanie Lin  
On behalf of Save Tiny Tots  
<https://losaltos.school>



## **PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF LOS ALTOS**

WE, the undersigned, were surprised to learn that the City of Los Altos is planning to end its preschool program and open up an RFP for private entities to bid on using the preschool facilities. It is alarming that the city is planning to eliminate this long-standing program without providing parents or the community notice, transparency into the decision making process, and a chance to address any concerns.

THAT, the Tiny Tots preschool program has been in existence for 50+ years, many former students are now sending their own children to participate. The program sets children up to become engaged citizens through the unique opportunities they have to interact with other community organizations through regular field trips and activities. A quality preschool program with a low student to teacher ratio and an affordable price has countless benefits for not only students, but the community as a whole. High quality early education programs attract residents and prepare students for success in Los Altos schools.

THAT, the program consists of experienced teachers with a passion for early childhood development, the school provides an environment which allows the children to learn and thrive. The staff has gone above and beyond to provide a quality experience, even through the trying times of the COVID pandemic. It is disturbing that the city is contemplating laying off highly qualified teachers during a nationwide teacher shortage. The proposed implementation timeline means there is a high risk that the program cannot be successfully offered next year as it will be challenging to contract with a private entity, hire new teachers, and enroll students in time for next school year when enrollment began months ago at other local area schools.

THAT, outsourcing to a private entity will result in a decrease in program quality, an increase in tuition, and the loss of highly experienced and dedicated teachers. The city can alter the economics of the program without introducing a middleman that will extract funds for its own benefit. The addition of such a middleman will only serve to worsen the experience for students, parents, and teachers at the school.

OUR REQUEST is that the city delay their decision and first attempt working with the parents and community to continue the long successful legacy of the Tiny Tots and Kinder Prep programs. A collaborative solutioning process should be fully attempted before a decision is made to shutter and privatize our local school without consultation of parents, students, teachers, residents, and advisory commissions.

Sincerely Yours,

Ashley Hawrylyshyn, Current parent

Ryan Nolan, Current parent

Jenny Lin

Erika Tang, Prospective parent and Los Altos resident

Jena Wise, Past parent, Los Altos resident

Rachel Massaro, Silicon Valley Community Health Researcher

Marina Post, Current Parent  
Gina Kim, Los Altos Resident  
Casey Davis, Prospective parent  
Elizabeth Stewart, current Tiny Tots parent  
Stephanie Lin, current Tiny Tots parent  
Citlali Tolia, Past parent/ Los Altos resident  
Tiffany Martin, Past Parent  
Ashley Lu, Prospective parent  
Jennifer Keller, Past Parent, Los Altos Resident  
Eduard Keller, Los Altos Resident, Past Parent  
Tony Lu, Los Altos Resident  
Feng Fang, Prospective Parent  
Kjell and Helene Karlsson, Past parent of a Tiny Tots and Kinder-Prep student  
Susanne Wisén, Past parent  
Marie Rosland, retired teacher  
Barbara Loebner, Los Altos resident  
Thea and Steve Merrill, Long-time Los Altos residents, had two children in the MVLA system  
Maggie Kwan, Prospective parent, Los Altos resident  
Jane Holt, los altos resident  
Erin Tressler, Past parent (2 kids)  
Jane Vaden, Incorporated Los Altos resident  
Jessica Behrmann, Current parent and past parent  
Patty Hurley, 37 year resident and past Tiny Tots parent  
Jayanti sharma, Current parent  
Ted Wertheimer, Los Altos Resident  
Danika Dellor, Past parent  
Chandani Tamang, Prospective parents  
Albina, Prospective parent  
Jeannette Ring, Past parent and lover of all things Tiny Tots related!  
Sarah Calleija, Past and prospective parent  
Patrick Ring, Big brother to sister who attended  
Alice Ring, Former Tiny Tot, current 7th grader at Blach  
Leigh Burns Quan, Former teacher and parent of a tiny tot graduate  
Leea Guy, Recreation coordinator who over saw tiny toys  
Sara Brannin-Mooser, Past preschool parent in Los Altos  
Claudia Meyer, Former Teacher & Director at Tiny Tots. Los Altos Resident  
Catherine Dellor , Past parent/Los Altos resident  
Christine Larsen, Former Los Altos resident and supportive friend of current students  
Jake Humble, Resident  
Marina Eisenbud, Mountain View resident and parent  
Lanjun Wang  
Andrea Carella, Los Altos resident  
Linnea Sloan, Los Altos resident  
Katherine Carpenter, Los Altos resident, parent of schoolage kids

Muhammad Wang, Prospective Parent  
Linda Roy, Los Altos resident  
TJ, Parent  
Linnsey Nil  
Paul Carella, Los Altos resident  
Victoria Hambly, Past  
GayLynn Ribeira, Past parent  
Jacy Tse, Current parent, Los Altos Hills resident  
Hollie Halpin, Past parent  
Heather Katta, Past parent and current Los Altos resident  
James Ring, Parent of former tiny tot, Mountain View resident  
Chrishnika Paul, Past parent and Los Altos resident  
Lisa Martins Skaggs, Los Altos Resident  
Melanie Hinse, Past Tiny Tots parent  
Meeta Nashru , Parent los altos  
Shannon Campos, parent of LAHS students (past and present)  
Anusha Natarajan, Los Altos resident  
Sarah Wu, Past parent  
Andrea Barnett, Los Altos resident  
Jonathan Wu, Past Parent  
Jeff Chung, Current parent 2 LAHS students  
Sonia Soo, Current Los Altos resident and parents to LASD schools and LAHS  
Ali, Paraeducator/family member of Los Altos Resident  
Kay Chin, current & past parent  
Yvonne Hildebrand, current Los Altos resident  
Ben & Jessica Mullen, Past student and Los Altos Residents  
William Hsu, Grandfather  
Joann Barboudesplaces, Los Altos resident  
Jeanine Valadez, Los Altos resident and member of the public  
Anne Schmidt, past parent and Los Altos resident  
Ray Abrishami, Past  
Beth Kelly, Past Parent  
Leeanne Kromer, Past teacher at Tiny Tots 1985-1996  
Andrei Selikhanovich, Past parent (3 kids graduated from Tiny Tots), Los Altos resident  
Jeff, Los Altos resident  
Benjamin McCann, current parent  
Nancy Tucker, Over 40 year resident of Los Altos  
Mary Chin  
Marjan Yahya, Current parent and resident  
Kevin Lu, Prospective parent  
Jessica Thomander , Current  
Jane Holt, current and long term Los Altos resident  
Sara Kiani , Los Altos North resident and parent to young kids  
Meredith Purser , Current Tiny Tots parent

Dorothy Hsu, Grandmother  
Eileen Fairley, Prospective parent, Los Altos resident  
Lu Wang, Los Altos resident  
Jenna Arruda, Los Altos resident, Previous Tiny Tots parent, community pediatrician  
Linda Palmor, Current resident  
Ginny Leung, current parent, Los Altos resident  
Meri-Beth Bird, Past parent of 2 children that attended Tiny Tots  
Sunny Early, Parent  
John C Lukrich, Parent / Los Altos resident  
Chris Roat, Los Altos resident  
Malcolm Early, parent  
Lacey, prospective parent  
Jennifer Walker, Los Altos resident  
Beth Markus Lukrich, Los Altos resident  
Valerie Klazura, parent of TT Alums and Los Altos resident  
Mary Gallivan, Past parent  
Riley Gallivan, former Tiny Tots student  
Conor Gallivan, Past tot!  
Annie Gallivan, Alumni  
Jack Deely  
Courtney Quinlan, Former Los Altos resident  
Skylar Scull, Los Altos resident  
Rich Gallivan, past parent, Los Altos resident  
Elizabeth, Tiny Tots Parent  
Scott Snedden, Past parent of two Tiny Tots alumni  
Seamus Gallivan, Alumni of Tiny Tots  
Dana Kawaguchi, Past Tiny Tot parent  
Lily Chin, Tiny Tots Alumni  
Kirby Hansen, current Los Altos resident  
Myla Santos, Previous Tiny Tots Preschool Teacher  
Karen Hansen  
Hayden Brown, Current Los Altos resident and parent of young kids  
Ryan Brown, Los Altos resident  
Blaine Dzwonczyk, Tiny Tots Graduate Class of 2000, current high school teacher  
Ye Dong, prospective parent  
Lu Wang, Los Altos residents and prospective parents  
Rajiv Shah, Resident  
Gaurav Mehta, Prospective parent and Los Altos Resident  
Jianing Yan  
Chuanjun Shan  
Luke Dzwonczyk, alumnus  
Cui Lin, Prospective parent  
Hong Wu, Los Altos resident  
Meredith Purser, Current Kinder Prep parent

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**From:** Mar P <psychiatrymp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:04 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public written comment for 4/9/24 Agenda item #7: Tiny Tots/Kinder Prep Preschool (additional comment)

Dear Honorable Council Members,

In addition to my previous comments submitted for the Los Altos City Council Meeting 4/9/24, I wanted to make an additional submission with a correction to my previous submission and additional comments:

- 1) Correction: I had noted the revenue reduction was ~\$80,000 in my public comments for 4/9/24. This number should be \$65,900 instead. For a thorough and knowledgeable analysis of important considerations of Tiny Tots and Kinder Prep's financials and logistics, in addition to the city's report, please see Stephanie Lin's public written comments on behalf of Save Tiny Tots.
- 2) Thank you for your attention to **Stephanie Lin's public written comments** on behalf of Save Tiny Tots <https://losaltos.school>.
- 3) Also, thank you for your attention to the **Petition submitted by Save Tiny Tots** <https://losaltos.school>. This important petition, with ~ 150 signatures, calls for giving the Los Altos Kinder Prep and Tiny Tots preschools a **fair chance** to remain city-run by involving parents, students, teachers, residents, and advisory commissions in a full and collaborative solutioning process.

Sincerely,  
Marina Post

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**From:** Debra strichartz <dstrichartz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:08 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Support for Resolutions

- I would like to add my support for adopting a Resolution approving the raising of the Progress Pride flag in June 20.
- I would like to add my support for adopting a Resolution approving the raising of the Juneteenth flag in June 2024.
- Thank you.

Debra Strichartz  
650-224-9490

**Melissa Thurman**

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**From:** Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance <losaltosaffordable@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:00 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item #6 ADU Ordinance - 4/9/24  
**Attachments:** LAAHA Letter to CC 4.9.24.pdf

Hello Councilmembers,  
Please see the attached letter from the Affordable Housing Alliance.

Thank you,  
Daphne

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**Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance**

*To educate and inspire the Los Altos community to build housing that is affordable for our workforce.*





April 9, 2024

Dear Mayor Weinberg and Councilmembers,

Thank you for reviewing and bringing into state compliance the city's ADU ordinance. We support the elimination of the daylight plane, the elimination of the fees for ADU permits, and having pre-approved ADU plans available, since we support the encouragement of ADU development as essential to increasing our city's housing stock.

We would like to commend the city staff, particularly Nick Zornes and the Development Services team for prioritizing and working diligently on implementing the programs and commitments from our Housing Element Update. It has taken steady dedication and a lot of hard work to keep moving forward, and we appreciate that our city is taking its commitments seriously. Creating pathways to more housing - whether that is streamlining processes for developers, re-evaluating parking requirements, or encouraging ADU development - strengthens our community for the future.

With appreciation,  
LAAHA Steering Committee

**Los Altos Affordable Housing Alliance**

*Committed to educating and inspiring the Los Altos community to build housing that is affordable for those who live and work in Los Altos*

<https://losaltosaffordablehousing.org/>

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**From:** Meri-Beth Bird <meribethbird@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:25 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 7 - April 9, 2024

**Dear City Council:**

**I think it's important to keep a public preschool option open to Los Altos residents and families in neighboring communities. To me, closing Tiny Tots preschool and the other 2 programs seems very sudden with very little time for community input. I think current parents (including Ben McCann - the excellent organizer) and the idea of let's try some fundraising and ways to contribute and help the city to keep Tiny Tots is a great part of the solution.**

**For young families, I think it's important to have an affordable preschool option as well.**

A bit of history: My husband - Mark Dzwonczyk and I moved to Los Altos in 1994. Both of our kids went to Tiny Tots from 1998 until 2004 to both the 3's and 4's. They are now 28 and 26 years old. My daughter came to the last City Council meeting and we both spoke in support.

From my experience: the teachers and the program. - amazing. Our kids went through the public schools Springer then to Covington when that first opened then Egan and Los Altos high school - again amazing schools and experience.

Recently, being involved in "saving Tiny Tots", I have had interactions with the current teachers who ALSO seem amazing and love their work.

Thank you,  
Meri-Beth Bird

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Meri-Beth Bird  
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