

**Melissa Thurman**

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**From:** Michelle Edgecumbe <mfedgecumbe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 2, 2025 1:52 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Cc:** Tanya Maluf; Chuck Fimbres; Yolanda Navas  
**Subject:** Re: Public ticketing on Casita Way

Hello,

I received the fee notice in the mail for a ticket occurring on January 7, 2025.

Please let me restate why I was parked in front of 493 Casita Way. I was there for a Hospice appointment for my 100 year old mother, along with the Hospice nurse, Healthcare worker and my brother. When I spoke to the ticketing officer the day I received the citation he told me that the grace period had ended the day I was ticketed. I have appealed all 4 tickets and have yet to hear a response from our City. If the ticket is not paid by 2/18/25, I will be charged \$81.00. I have been a resident of Los Altos my entire life and this is the most ridiculous thing I have ever experienced from our city!

If I do not win my appeal I will be paying the tickets for our Hospice nurse and Healthcare worker since I absolutely believe that this ticketing for residents, when they are parked in front of their own house, is absurd.

It seems to me that I should have heard back from the City already since it's been almost 1 month and the payment is now due in 2 weeks. I would like to know when I will get a response on my appeal.

One very unhappy long time Los Altos resident,  
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On Tue, Jan 14, 2025 at 9:33 AM Michelle Edgecumbe <[mfedgecumbe@gmail.com](mailto:mfedgecumbe@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello,

My name is Michelle Edgecumbe. I was at my 100 year old mother's home last **Tuesday, January 7th for an 11:00 AM** Hospice appointment. I was joined by my brother, Chuck Fimbres, Healthcare worker Yolanda Navas and Hospice nurse Lida. Each one of us received a \$54 ticket due to the new signage.

While I do support the ticketing of High School students, unfortunately I think that the current ticketing situation is flawed. I understand that this is a trial period. It is my hope that after the trial period there will be an implementation of a residential parking permit process.

I have already disputed tickets for myself, brother and Healthcare worker. I will dispute the ticket for our Hospice nurse today.

Thank you,  
Michelle Edgecumbe  
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**From:** Maria Bautista <maria@specker.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2025 8:57 PM  
**To:** City Council; Public Comment  
**Subject:** Council Meeting Feb 11, 2025: Item #6: Authorize Park Impact Fee Expenditure for Downtown Park with Parking  
**Attachments:** IMG\_2851.jpeg; IMG\_2850.jpeg

Please pause before you commit \$2.5 million dollars for design services for a downtown park atop underground parking.

Please separate the downtown park from the underground parking garage. These two elements should not be the same project nor both funded with park-in-lieu fees. Los Altos will end up with a compromised park that exists only to justify the underground parking it sits upon.

The Los Altos General Plan indicates a longtime community desire to have a park in Parking Plaza #6 in the Main/State Street District.

Parking Plaza #6, at the junction of Main and State Streets, has always been identified as the hub of downtown. Parking Plaza #6 is connected to the Veterans Plaza which most residents believe was a flawed design from the start, and is long overdue for a remodel. As the gateway to Los Altos, the Veterans Plaza is uninviting, and is oriented in a way that limits use and makes community gatherings there almost dangerous. A new park here, would be a welcome, fresh entry.

Parking Plaza #6 is near State Street Market and the annual Farmers Market; both are incredibly popular downtown attractions. A beautiful park in the Main /State Street District would create a coherent connection between adjacent activities, and allow for great flexibility for community events.

Parking Plaza #6 also has the benefit of not being surrounded by the back doors of businesses; Parking Plazas #1 and #2 are the service side of Main Street businesses which include trash and deliveries. Parking Plazas # 1 and #2 are adjacent to a gasoline station on one side and a liquor store and auto shop on the other.

Please consider the downtowns of Los Gatos and Mill Valley that have parks similarly centrally situated as Parking Plaza #6, parks that successfully activate those towns.

Please don't use a park to justify an underground parking lot. Build a park. Build a parking lot. Locate each in a logical place and makes them both appealing for their own uses.

For the benefit our community, Los Altos should put cars where cars belong, and parks where people want to be.

Best,

Maria Bautista

Images attached from the Los Altos General Plan



Figure 3: Downtown Vision Plan







*Main Street looking northwest.*

## MAIN AND STATE STREET DISTRICT

The Main and State Street District continues to be the focal point of Downtown activity with a balanced mix of service, office, retail, restaurant, and boutique hotel uses.

*Envisioned attributes include:*

- Primary retail, restaurant, and entertainment destination;
- Opportunity for residential and office above retail;
- New Downtown Plaza(s) act as a focal point;
- Enhanced pedestrian-oriented streetscapes with street trees, landscaping, benches, streetlights, bicycle racks, and activity nodes;
- Outdoor dining opportunities within “Downtown Dining Hub”, Downtown Plaza(s), and paseos; and
- Parking provided on-street or in lots or structures directly adjacent to District.



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**From:** Eric Muller <eric.muller@efele.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 12:25 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Council Meeting Feb 11, 2025: Item #6: Authorize Park Impact Fee Expenditure for,Downtown Park with Parking

Dear City Council,

I welcome public deliberation on a potential downtown park and a potential downtown underground parking.

However, it seems to me that a \$2.5M expense already assumes that both projects are desirable, with already settled parameters (such as location and overall size). As I noted in my public comment on the December 8, 2024 City Council meeting, the two projects should be decided separately (even if there is synergy in their implementation); and in this day and age, it is debatable whether pouring tons of concrete for a parking is wise.

I think we can have and should have useful deliberations on the principles, before developing specific plans, and it is premature to commit to that large expense.

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**From:** Cheryl Reicker <cheryl.reicker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 1:12 PM  
**To:** Public Comment; Tania Katbi  
**Cc:** Pete Dailey; Neysa Fligor; Larry Lang; Sally Meadows; Jonathan Weinberg  
**Subject:** City Council Study Session (2/11/25) Discussion Item 1, re: Environmental Commission Work Plan

It's wonderful Los Altos has an Environmental Commission to promote resource conservation, carbon emission reduction, protection and improvement of the city's green infrastructure, etc.

Looking at the Environmental Commission's 2025 work plan, I fully support greater emphasis on community outreach and education...the more, the better! Fostering a green community is everyone's responsibility and should be incorporated into our daily lives, not just something we think of on Arbor Day.

We are so fortunate to have larger land parcels than many communities, making it even more important to act as good stewards of the environment when planning and implementing yard designs. Yards comprised predominantly/solely of plastic artificial turf, gravel/rocks, stone/concrete pathways, etc., both heat up the surrounding air and reduce already dwindling habitats for insects, birds, lizards, and small animals. In contrast, native gardens, which require 60-80% less water than lawns (Calscape.org), increase wildlife and biodiversity (California Dept of Water Resources), reduce the urban heat island effect by providing shade and releasing moisture into the air (lawaterkeeper.org), and, being naturally pesticide- and fertilizer-free, prevent harmful chemicals from entering the environment.

An easy way to expand outreach and education would be to more regularly include articles in the Los Altos Crier and relevant magazine inserts promoting green (from living things, not from artificial turf) and water-wise landscaping. Incorporating information about Santa Clara County's Landscape Rebate Program would also be helpful. Greater collaboration and partnership with existing organizations such as The Garden Club of Los Altos, the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, and Green Town Los Altos could help improve knowledge and understanding of our environment and how to better protect it. Additionally, when landscape plans are submitted as part of major remodels/rebuilds, staff should be trained to encourage planting of native gardens instead of just approving yards comprised predominantly of non-living materials with minimal plantings. Perhaps a list of related landscaping resources could also be made available. Everything the Environmental Commission can do to encourage a more holistic approach to protecting and nurturing our environment is welcomed and appreciated!

Thank you for your consideration.  
Cheryl Reicker  
Los Altos Resident