

From: [Mary Jane Edwards](#)
To: [Public Comment - EC](#)
Subject: Dark Sky& Bird Safe Design policies
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 1:50:47 PM

This is to request that Los Altos implement both the Dark Sky and the Bird Safe Design policies.
Thank you,
Mary Jane Edwards
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Agnes Caulfield](#)
To: [Public Comment - EC](#)
Cc: [Agnes](#)
Subject: Public Comments for Dark Sky Environmental Commission Meeting
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 4:02:48 PM

I am a Los Altos resident and writing to request the City of Los Altos implement Dark Sky **AND** Bird Safe Design policies for Los Altos. Several neighboring cities in the Bay area have Dark Sky and Bird safe Designs policies in place and this is the right time for Los Altos to implement these policies too.

Artificial light at night creates light pollution that negatively impacts birds, mammals, insects and even trees. Birds and insects are particularly impacted by artificial lights at night. The artificial lights interfere with their night migration because they become disoriented by light pollution.

Outdoor/artificial lighting can negatively impacts human health too. Some studies suggest that outdoor lighting at night can cause serious health issues in people including cancer. A Dark Sky policy would be smart for our community, the environment, reduce energy consumption and let residents enjoy the stars at night.

The City should also implement a Bird Safe Design policy for new construction and consider phasing in a retrofit program. This will further protects many birds from accidentally flying into windows.

Sincerely,
Agnes Caulfield

From: [Shani Kleinhaus](#)
To: [Public Comment - EC](#)
Cc: [Dashiell Leeds](#); [Matthew Dodder](#); [James Eggers](#)
Subject: Item 2 on tonight's agenda: Dark Sky and bird Safe Design ordinances
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 10:55:59 AM
Attachments: [bird collision article mercury news 1-6-24 \(1\).pdf](#)
[SCLP SCVAS joint letter to Los Altos Oct 23 2023.pdf](#)

Dear members of the Los Altos Environmental Committee,

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society writes with the hope that you will study and advance Bird Safe Design for all structures as well as Dark Sky ordinances in Los Altos. With climate change and loss of biodiversity threatening bird life on earth, we should all do what we can to protect birds and our environment.

We attach a story from the Mercury news (published January 2024) as well as a letter we wrote jointly with the Sierra Club.

In addition, we have developed a Model Dark Sky Ordinance you can use, https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SqIMHj8tZIUQeOPTfEtsxI5DMU2jcCEyX6HPgBI_ew/edit?usp=sharing (it includes references to Malibu, Brisbane, and Cupertino's Dark Sky Ordinances). The Sierra Club also provides a compilation of Bird-Safe Design Policy, which can help serve as a model for the Bird-Safety ordinance, here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sqcYqgZso7tQK7CCRbnmD-YYBx_Z0YMPz-WUrawrv5U/edit?usp=sharing

We are available to support this effort. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns,

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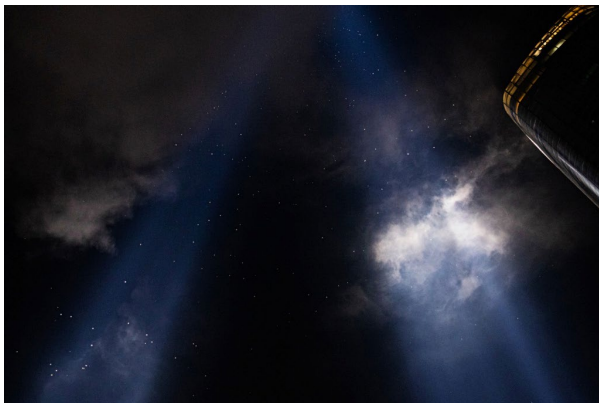
From: [Ann H.](#)
To: [Tania Katbi](#)
Subject: for Jan 8 Environmental Commission Discussion Item 2
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 12:20:35 PM

Please forward this to the Environmental Commission for tonight's meeting, re:
Discussion Item 2

I am writing in support of Bird Safe Design and reduction of light pollution, in order to protect the migratory birds along with human health.

The attached link is an article written by my oldest (young adult) kid, and articulates well the dangers that light poses to birds.

regards,
Ann Hepenstal
South Los Altos resident



Up All Night at the 9/11 Tribute in Light, Looking
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