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**City Council of the City of Napa**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 8, 2022**

**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:**

**EVENING SESSION:**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Email from Richard Bruns received on March 8, 2022.
- 2) Written communication from Irena Miles received on March 8, 2022.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**4.A. 2021-2022 Redistricting Process – 5th Public Hearing with Proposed District Boundary Map**

- 1) Email from Napa County Progressive Alliance received on March 8, 2022.

**From:** Richard Bruns <[rbnewsnapa@gmail.com](mailto:rbnewsnapa@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:34:57 PM  
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**Cc:** Richard Bruns <[rbnewsnapa@gmail.com](mailto:rbnewsnapa@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** letter to CCouncil

[EXTERNAL]

Hi Tiffany,

Nice to be in chambers again.

Attached is a copy of my comment script which I read earlier tonight It includes an intro cover page with links to materials referred to in the comment text.

If it's inappropriate, please let me know.

Thank you,

**Richard Bruns**

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**Napa Climate NOW!**

"The First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

"Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear."

—Harry S. Truman

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**TO:**

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Vice Mayor Liz Alessio  
Council Member Beth Painter  
Council Member Mary Luros  
Council Member Bernie Narvaez**

***March 08, 2022***

**I am submitting to you the manuscript of my comments earlier this evening, with a couple of links to information regarding comments about the February 8 UN Climate Change Update Report.**

**Admittedly the information is a bummer, but hopefully it will serve to give you more up to date “backstory” for decisions you must make in the future.**

**IPCC PRESS RELEASE RE IPCC REPORT**

**<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/resources/press/press-release/>**

**REPORT SUMMARY FOR POLICY MAKERS**

**[https://report.ipcc.ch/ar6wg2/pdf/IPCC\\_AR6\\_WGII\\_SummaryForPolicymakers.pdf](https://report.ipcc.ch/ar6wg2/pdf/IPCC_AR6_WGII_SummaryForPolicymakers.pdf)**

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***Best wishes,  
[signed]  
Richard Bruns***

**Richard Bruns, Napa  
GOOD EVENING MAYOR,  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**WE ARE POISED AT THE NEXUS OF SEVERAL CATASTROPHIC TIPPING POINTS.**

**In America**, democracy is being seriously challenged by the seriously challenged.

**In Europe**, a peaceful nation is being bombed, killing or injuring thousands of civilians – men, women and children.

**Over two million** refugees have fled to Poland.

**Looming over all these tragedies** are the cascading consequences from human-caused Global Warming. \*\*

“A new United Nations science report released 8 days ago is saying climate change is about to get much worse. It's likely going to make the world sicker, hungrier, poorer, gloomier, and much more dangerous within the next 18-20 years.

*"The cumulative scientific evidence is unequivocal: Climate change is a threat to human well-being and planetary health," says the major report.*

“Today's children who will be alive in the year 2100 are most likely going to experience up to four times more climate extremes than now, even with a few more tenths of a degree of warming over today's heat.

“In addition to that, if temperatures increase two more degrees Celsius from now (3.4 degrees Fahrenheit), they will feel over five times the floods, storms, drought, and heatwaves, according to the collection of scientists at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) .”

**The future is literally in our hands, the governments large and small**, like this city council ; But the protocols of Parliamentary procedure are slow, requiring weeks, months, even years, to conclude a project.

**Mayor and Council members**, with respect, **We DO NOT HAVE** years to effect changes. Climate consequences are battering us now!

**Given the childish resistance to pandemic health measures we've seen,** it will take great courage to embrace the much harder decisions to come.

**Folks, It is no longer theoretical** – We have only one chance–greenhouse pollution MUST stop, and we must expand our own resolve.

**UN Chief Antonio Guterres** has called our situation a “damning indictment” that is nothing short of “criminal. **The world's polluters** are guilty of arson of our only home.”

***I ask you for our grandchildren*** to continue the courage to make the hard decisions survival requires. Please make all relevant future decisions in favor of the planet, and its children.

Thank you

\*\* An Online report from MOMENTUM states:

[Climate Reports - the United Nations](https://www.un.org/climatechange/reports)

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Good evening and thank you for this time.

I'd like to thank Tony Valdez, the Parking Manager, for taking the time to explain the current abandoned car process and the Napa Police Department for getting the abandoned cars tagged within 4 hours of my call.

Current program for abandoned cars.

- Citizen observes abandoned car for 72 hours
  - If and when car is tagged, there is another 72 hours waiting period(minimum 144 hours of abandonment)
  - priority for abandoned car enforcement
    - 1-damaged, full of trash obviously non-operable vehicles
    - 2-oil leakage resulting in storm water contamination
    - 3- no real set of priorities after this point for abandoned cars
  - once car tagged, it MAY be towed 72 hours later
  - currently, the parking enforcement is made up of 2 people
  - back log of 350 cars
  - as is the system does not work. The city does not have a working program.
- Lack of staffing and resources indicates the city has no intention of improving the situation for the parking manager.

The parking problem is only a symptom of the larger systemic situation. Too many high density housing projects surrounding single family homes in a few Napa locations. No thought is or was given to mitigating the consequences of high density housing and providing relief to the surrounding homes. At this time the city has shown no intention to distribute the high density housing to other locations, such as Alta Heights or Browns Valley. The brunt of high density housing is felt by a few, while the outlying areas are unaffected.

Establishing a Resident Permit Parking Program, is an option, However, the Public Works Department has no funding for the required studies as outlined in the program. Again the brunt of the high density housing is only felt by those homes adjacent to the projects. Areas of the city that have successfully avoided high density housing are not subject to funding studies nor taking time to write numerous emails on parking violations. For the current families who are in this situation the only recourse is to support future council members who support distribution of high density housing across the entire city and who agree that relief is needed to those currently feeling the impact from existing projects.

The cars mentioned below do not belong to our neighbors. We have witnessed drivers park their cars, wait till picked up by another car and drive away. Or the driver walks to a house on Pueblo, or the apartments at Pueblo and Soscol or the apartments on Soscol. A few homes in our neighborhood watch the cars for the driver in their absence. This is based

on the fact of the four cars tagged at noon on 3/7, two moved in 4 hours and the third was gone by 9pm.

Below is a synopsis of how the current abandoned vehicle process worked for my neighborhood.

1-Ford F350

License C73390

Online Form Submittal : Abandoned Vehicle Report (4 total)

#1 March 2

#2 March 4

#3 March 5

#4 March 6

March 7, phone call to police department, truck tagged at noon

2- Chevy Van

License 5SND711

Online Form Submittal : Abandoned Vehicle Report (1 total)

#1 March 2

March 7, phone call to police department, Van tagged at noon

March 7, 9pm, van moved

3- Kia

License 8DDE658

Online Form Submittal : Abandoned Vehicle Report (6 total)

#1 March 2

#2 March 3

#3 March 4

#4 March 5

#5 March 6

#6 March 7, car packed in the same spot 15 of the last 16 days

March 7, phone call to police department, Kia tagged at noon

4pm Kia moved to Beecham Ct, {maybe 150ft away} driver attempted to remove red tag this is incidental moving, yet the 72 hour clock started again.

4- Chevy Geo, covered with blue tarp

License 3XBT133

Online Form Submittal : Abandoned Vehicle Report (4 total)

#1 March 2

car tagged 9AM

#2 March 5

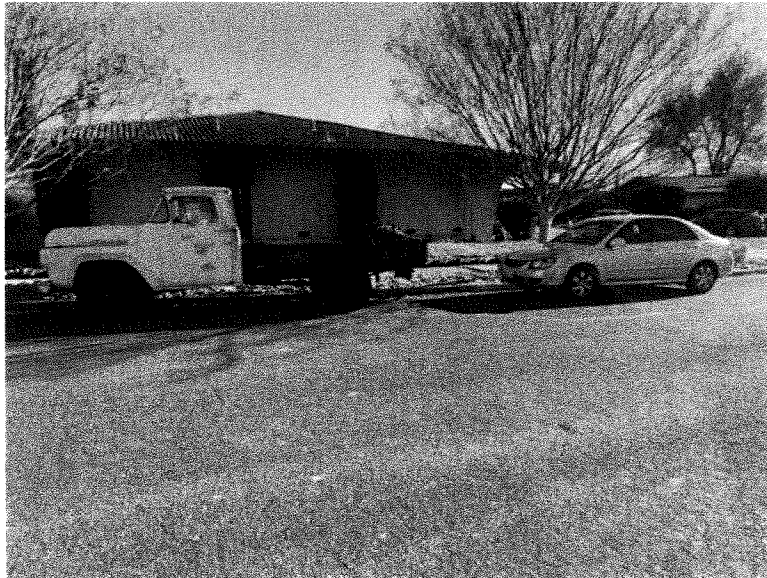
Geo moved early Sunday morning, March 6, to 725 Pueblo, incidental move to public street

#3 March 6

#4 March 7

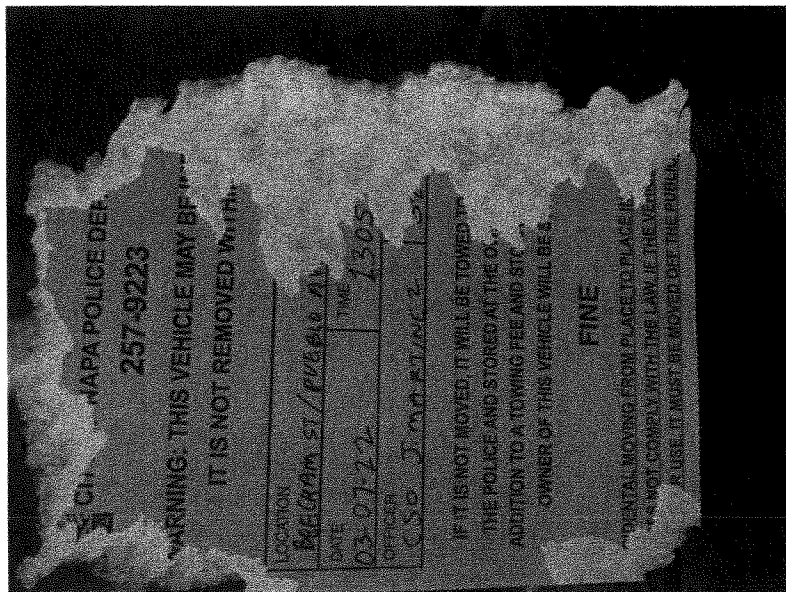
March 7, phone call to police department, Geo tagged at noon

Unfettered parking at the Pueblo Beecham intersection has resulted in the loss of visibility to oncoming traffic when going from Beecham onto Pueblo. Numerous times the cross walk has been blocked, and when cars are parked on both corners, there is no room for a car to safely exit and another to safely enter Beecham Street.



The silver Kia was red tagged, then moved 100ft and tag was partially removed. See Photo below. This is an ~~incidental move and the 72 hour clock should not start again~~. The truck has been there since 2/26 and was first reported on 3/3.

*72 hrs clock started again*





The Geo was red tagged, then moved to Pueblo. ~~Because this was an incidental move~~ the car was tagged again.

*moved 10 feet and  
the 72 hr clock starts again*

-----Original Message-----

From: Napa County Progressive Alliance <[napacountyprogressivealliance@gmail.com](mailto:napacountyprogressivealliance@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2022 5:34 PM

To: Redistricting <[redistricting@cityofnapa.org](mailto:redistricting@cityofnapa.org)>

Subject: Public Comment on Item 4A: Redistricting for the March 8, 2022 Meeting

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[EXTERNAL]

Napa City Council:

Since the beginning of this process, we have come to you, not because we expected you to do anything differently than what you will do tonight, approve the existing district map, but for posterity and to document the Council's unwillingness to take any meaningful steps to include the underrepresented residents of Napa's largest county island— the West Pueblo/Linda Vista county island— in a meaningful way.

There was enough time to annex this large county island to include its residents in the redistricting process, both in terms of their numbers and their input. The City Council refused.

As a compromise, to again give voice to these residents, we encouraged the Council to attach the six precincts between the eastern border of the county island to the central district, District 4, so that upon annexation the entire island or at least the eastern half, which has demographics that are similar to the central district, could unite with its voters to elect their candidate of choice, rather than having their votes diluted by automatically being included in District 2, dominated by Browns Valley voters. The City Council refused.

Two council members could not get over a district crossing Highway 29, perhaps forgetting that districts are not for incumbents but are for voters: to increase their voting power, especially that of underrepresented voters, when possible.

We believe the lack of participation this time around is not a sign that citizens are happy with the current districts but rather that citizens are savvy and understand that representatives will always be married to the system under which they were successful in getting elected. Perhaps District 2 and District 4 incumbents, Painter and Narvaez, feel that adding almost 1,800 working class and a majority Latinx residents to their district could hurt rather than help their re-election, especially if a grassroots candidate came along who would better represent their interests.

As much as we were criticized by some members of this Council for forcing the City to change to districts by applying legal pressure, there is no doubt in our minds that this Council would not have changed any other way. We foresaw the Council's unwillingness to make changes to the new district map during redistricting, which is why we, along with other organizations representing voters pushed for an

independent citizens redistricting commission. The Council's refusal to relinquish power and control over the process by refusing to approve such a commission and Council comments made early in the redistricting process made it abundantly clear that the Council had no intention of changing anything, desiring to maintain the status quo. It is for this reason, we believe that there was a lack of community interest and participation in the process.

What will it take for the Council to annex all of the county islands that are completely surrounded by the city, so their residents have a city representative they can lobby on issues effecting them? The threat of a lawsuit by a Latinx voter? What will it take to put into place an independent redistricting commission for redistricting ten years from now? A voter-led ballot initiative? Or will the Council start doing the right thing and begin making decisions that benefit average citizens on its own?

Sincerely,  
Amy Martenson  
NCPA Chair