

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS I**  
**Office of the City Clerk**

**City Council of the City of Napa**  
**Regular Meeting**

**August 4, 2020**

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

**EVENING SESSION:**

**13. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**13.A. General Plan Update.**

- PowerPoint Presentation by City Staff.
- Email from Marla Tofle received on August 3, 2020. \*
- Email from Bruce and Carol Barge received on August 3, 2020. \*
- Email from Annette Eikerenkoetter received on August 3, 2020. \*
- Email from Lynn Bell received on August 3, 2020.
- Email from Chris Benz on behalf of Napa Climate NOW! received on August 3, 2020. \*
- Email from Mike Czaplinski received on August 3, 2020. \*
- Email from Jennifer Anderson received on August 3, 2020. \*
- Email from Valerie Wolf on behalf of Napa Neighborhood Association for Safe Technology received on August 3, 2020. \*
- Email from Eve Kahn received on August 3, 2020. \*
- Email from Phil Harrison received on August 3, 2020. \*
- Email from Neil Watter received on August 3, 2020. \*
- Email from Renee Cazares received on August 3, 2020. \*
- Email from Lori Stelling received on August 4, 2020. \*
- Email from Deborah Donahower received on August 4, 2020. \*
- Email from Jacqueline Milburn received on August 4, 2020. \*
- Email from Sandina Bailo received on August 4, 2020. \*
- Email from Joan Foresman received on August 4, 2020. \*
- Email from Sharon Parham received on August 4, 2020. \*
- Email from Shellie Rice received on August 4, 2020. \*
- Email from Janice O'Malley received on August 4, 2020. \*
- Email from Shirley Knight received on August 4, 2020.
- Email from Amy Martenson on behalf of Napa County Progressive Alliance received on August 4, 2020. \*

**14.A. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

**14.A. Cultural Heritage Membership.**

- Email from Rodney Ready received on 7/31/2020 withdrawing his application for re-appointment to the Cultural Heritage Commission.

***\*EMAIL OR HANDWRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE READ INTO THE RECORD BY CITY STAFF  
DURING THE MEETING.***



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**City Council Meeting  
8/4/2020**

**Supplemental I - 13.A.  
From: City Staff**



# General Plan Update Progress Report

August 4, 2020

# General Plan Progress

- Last Update – April 30, 2019
- General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Activity
  - Draft Vision & Guiding Principles
  - Draft Land Use Plan
  - Community Outreach & Response to COVID-19
- Next Steps



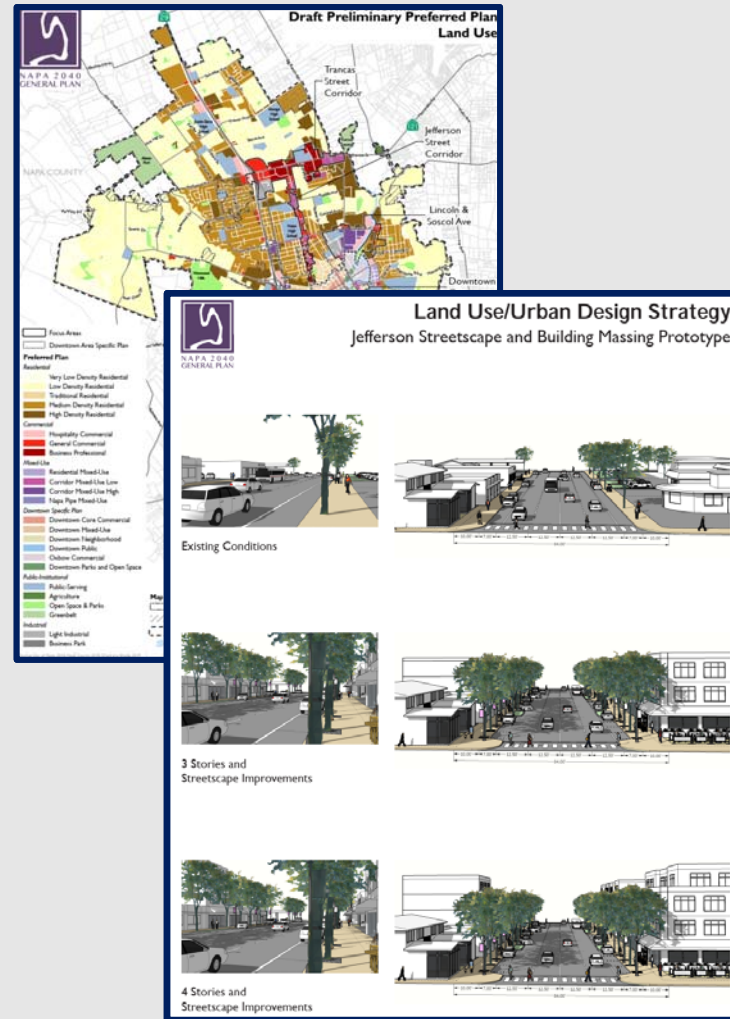
# Draft Vision & Guiding Principles

- Vision & Guiding Principles
  - Community Input
  - Workshops
  - Survey
  - Stakeholder Interviews
  - GPAC Meetings



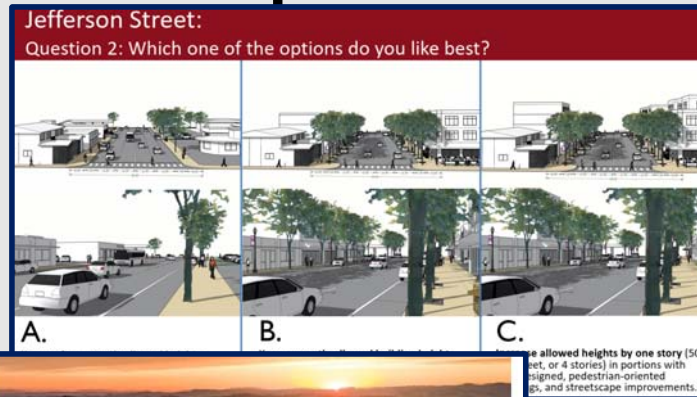
# Land Use & Focus Areas

- Draft Land Use Plan
  - Modernized Plan
  - Updated Designations
- Focus Areas
  - 4 Corridor Studies
- Work In Progress



# Community Outreach COVID-19 Response

- Schedule Reshuffle
- Survey, then Workshop
- E-Newsletters
  - GPAC QuickHits
  - General Plan Newsletter



**GPAC Quick Hits Newsletter**  
This newsletter is intended to provide the General Plan Advisory Committee with periodic updates on the General Plan Update process. It is also a way for GPAC Members and Planning Staff to share topics of interest and trends related to community planning.

See below for special announcements on the City of Napa's **GPAC Activities** during the shelter-in-place order.

\* Shared articles are for informational purposes only and do not represent GPAC endorsement of any particular topic.



## Virtual Land Use Miss the Works

Building on what we learned from our outreach, this interactive map looked at urban design key corridors, including Jefferson Street, Soscol and Avenue. Below is a

**General Plan Update**  
Participate. Stay informed.

**Welcome to the General Plan Newsletter!**  
Participate. Stay Informed.

This newsletter is intended to provide interested parties periodic updates on the General Plan Update process, upcoming meetings, and activities. You are receiving this newsletter because you have previously signed up for updates on the General Plan in person or at [Napa2040.com](http://Napa2040.com).

**Focus Area Surveys**  
Did you miss the Focus Area Workshop Wednesday night? You can still participate in the four Focus Area exercises and provide your feedback!

Focus Area Surveys close today!

**[Participate!](#)**

Want a recap of the Workshop? Check out the links below!

[Workshop Recording](#)





# Next Steps

- Finalize Land Use & Focus Areas
- Elements, Goals & Policies
  - Transportation
  - Community Services
  - Parks & Rec
  - Health & Safety
  - Historic and E.D



# Questions



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GENERAL PLAN





**From:** [Marla Tofle](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Comment to Council for August 4, 2020 ITEM 13A (PM meeting) -- Please Read  
**Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020 11:51:42 AM

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[EXTERNAL]

Concerning Item 13A, General Plan Update:

This draft vision and guiding principles document mentions autonomous vehicles in Section 6 "Emphasize Environmental Sustainability."

This is an inaccurate characterization.

Autonomous vehicles belong under Section 2 "Increase travel options..."

Autonomous vehicles are not by default environmental, or a de facto solution to creating environmental sustainability. It is misleading to characterize them as such in the overarching document that will shape our community's General Plan for the next 20 years.

Cursory keyword searching on the topic of autonomous vehicles and the environment yields heaps of scholarly papers that say quite plainly not to assume that autonomous vehicles mean "green."

In addition, autonomous vehicles currently use controversial technology (5G) that has implications for environmental public health. Scientists worldwide are cautioning against adopting 5G absent strong and stringent regulatory limits.

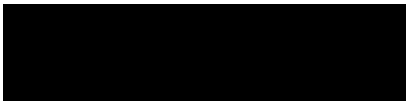
Let's ensure that our vision and guiding principles document is accurate.

Please remove autonomous vehicles from Section 6 and move it to Section 2 where it belongs.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marla Tofle



**From:** [Bruce and Carol Barge](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Please read comments for August 4th, 2020 meeting regarding Agenda Item 13A  
**Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020 1:50:46 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

My name is Carol Barge, I reside in Napa. I wish to speak on behalf of the Stop Napa Oaks group regarding the proposed zoning for the property known as Napa Oaks II. Currently, the zoning is RA - Resource Area. As stated in the 1998 General Plan, the RA applied to sensitive lands inside the City's Rural Urban Limit (RUL) that require special standards due to view shed, resource, habitat, geotechnical and other considerations that further the conservation and resource protection goals of the General Plan. The RA zoning designation allows building 4 homes (1/20 acres) on the Napa Oaks II hillside.

The new, proposed zoning classification for Napa Oaks II as stated in the General Plan Update, is Very Low Density Residential. The description for Very Low Density Residential is 1-2 homes per acre. Since Napa Oaks II comprises 78 acres, VLDR would allow for a range of building between 78 -156 homes. Although the name sounds reasonable, this classification exponentially raises the number of homes allowed.

At the February 24th General Plan Advisory Committee meeting, dozens of citizens filled the Senior Center to standing room only, vocally opposing this new zoning classification known as Very Low Density Residential for Napa Oaks. And let's not forget in 2017 and 2018 respectively, to a packed, standing room only council chambers, both the Planning Commission and the City Council voted against the most recent 51 home proposed development for Napa Oaks II.

The City Planning Department has received dozens of letters from our group opposing this zoning change. We want to go on record with the City Council that we are advocating for the **Greenbelt** classification for the 2040 General Plan. The description as follows in the Draft Land Use Plan in the General Plan Update: **Greenbelt – Designation applied to specific sites at the edges of the City that are to remain in open space, agricultural, or resource conservation uses. (Resource Area and Greenbelt)**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bruce and Carol Barge



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** "COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ (Item 13A)";  
**Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020 2:07:36 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

Dear Council Members,

As a concerned resident of Napa, I am requesting that "autonomous vehicles" be taken out of the Draft Vision and Guiding Principles for Napa 2040. I don't think the public knows enough about

what an "autonomous vehicle" is to want it as a part of our vision. I think more explanation and consideration

is needed, so I am asking that it be taken out of the Vision for 2040.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Annette Eikerenkoetter

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**From:** Lynn Bell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 2:36 PM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** Additional language added about Autonomous Vehicle

**Categories:** Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

[Sfrom AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Why are we having proceedings about cell towers and other hot topics right now during this pandemic? Haven't we enough to do? Seems very rushed again without public input and participation!

Please remove Autonomous Vehicles. We are opposed to any additions. These few companies rule the airwaves and most of the ways we communicate and run our life's. They are becoming monopolies. It is much TOO control for any company. The towers now planned are too many and will only increase as more technology increases.

Our concerns are:

What guarantees are written into their contract for our safety during natural disasters. For instance, damage to cell towers and all the things they control: Media, emergency communications and being able to drive with these vehicles. Remember cell phone communication was a big problem during our fire storms.

What studies prove that these towers are not detrimental to our health and well-being?

What recourse do we as citizen to have them removed if problems arise?

Will our children be monitored as our firefighters have? Strange location of towers next/close to our schools and young minds.

They already have been removed from our Fire Department since it was found that they created functional and neurological problems with our First Responders. Why wouldn't this apply to the rest of us.

If symptoms do arise, is liability written into this contract for these conglomerates?

Since our City Council is eager to have this new technology, lets set up a test, place a few large towers around our government office buildings and register-publish the findings.

Michael & Lynn Bell. 8-3-2020

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**From:** Christina Benz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 2:51 PM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUG 4 MEETING--ITEM 13.A

[EXTERNAL]

**PLEASE NOTE: I am signed up to comment on the phone log.**

PLEASE READ only if the phone call does not go through.

Comment from: Chris Benz, [REDACTED] Napa

Tonight I am speaking on behalf of Napa Climate NOW! (allied with 350 Bay Area). We are very glad that the Council is getting an update on the General Plan progress. I personally have attended all of the GPAC meetings and the community workshops. You've chosen an excellent committee and they are working hard with staff to craft a General Plan that will be truly relevant for the next 20 years.

As part of this effort, members of Napa Climate NOW! drafted a Climate Change element which was reviewed by several GPAC members and presented to staff in May. A Climate Change Element allows local governments to address greenhouse gas reduction measures and climate adaptation plans in a way that provides consistency throughout the General Plan. A Climate Change element will flesh out the vision of Guiding Principle 6: "Emphasize environmental sustainability."

The 2040 General Plan will also benefit by including an Environmental Justice element and a Health in all Policies element to provide direction for achieving Guiding Principle 7: Achieve a healthy and safe community for all. We urge the Council to direct staff and the GPAC to explore adding these three elements and to work with community groups to prepare draft versions.

One measure of the importance of sustainability to our community is that we were told by both staff and GPAC members "Don't wait for the adoption of the 2040 Plan to ask City Council to start working on climate actions." To that end, Napa Climate NOW! has prepared a list of climate actions that local jurisdictions can take within the current COVID 19 budget constraints. We would like to present this list to you at a future City Council meeting. We will also be presenting these climate actions to the city councils of American Canyon, Calistoga, and St. Helena this month.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Mike Czaplinski <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 3:48 PM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ (Item 13A)

[EXTERNAL]

Members of the City Council,

I understand there has been an inclusion of self driving/autonomous cars added into the guiding principles in the 2040 general plan. This is a great addition and should not be removed from the draft under pressure from people who do not understand electromagnetics and get medical advice from youtube videos and memes online.

Acting on these conspiracy theories comes at the cost of future safety and connectivity of our community. Having a plan in place for this coming future fits well with our industries and is a prudent approach to planning.

Thank you for your forward thinking in planning for our future.

Kind regards,

Mike



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**From:** Jennifer Anderson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 4:29 PM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ (Item 13A).

**Categories:** Unverified Contact

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Council Members,

In reading the Napa 2040 General Plan online recently, I was stunned to learn that the city of Napa has partnered with DKS Associates to implement Smart City infrastructure for autonomous vehicles, according to the draft of the Vision & Guiding Principles. As a winemaking family who has lived here in Napa for more than 25 years, we have a vested interest in preserving the health and sustainability of our agricultural preserve.

Smart City technology for autonomous vehicles requires close proximity microwave radiating antennas to be placed every 500 feet, throughout Napa, near homes & businesses, bringing about an increase in electromagnetic pollution, related health disasters, & die-off of birds & pollinating insects.

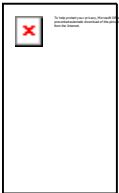
Please consider ending your partnership with DKS Associates & ending the push to create Smart City infrastructure for autonomous vehicles. This is not a sustainable, environmentally sound or healthy direction for the City of Napa. Our family strongly opposes the inclusion of such dangerous & untested technology in the Napa 2040 General Plan.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Anderson

Napa, CA

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[www.knawine.com](http://www.knawine.com)

[www.pellawine.com](http://www.pellawine.com)

**From:** [Napa Neighborhood for Safe Technology](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Jill Techel](#); [Doris Gentry](#)  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ (Item 13A)  
**Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020 5:50:43 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

Good evening, Napa City Council:

My name is Valerie Wolf, and I am a coordinator for the Napa Neighborhood Association for Safe Technology and am speaking on its behalf. We would like to bring forward a concern, regarding the draft Vision and Guiding Principles document.

Embedded in Principle 6, which is called “Emphasize Environmental Sustainability,” it states that the General Plan will “support infrastructure improvements that allow for bicycles, autonomous vehicles, and zero-emissions vehicles.” To put autonomous vehicles in a section about environmental sustainability, and in the same category as bicycles and zero-emission vehicles, is deceptive and an example of greenwashing; its reference should be removed.

It is deceptive to casually mention autonomous vehicles without explaining the infrastructure that would be required to have them-- a 5G microwave radiating antenna every 500 feet in close proximity to homes, schools, and places of work throughout the entire city. It is greenwashing, because they are mentioned in the section on environmental sustainability when Radio Frequency (RF) radiation has been demonstrated to cause negative environmental effects.

[Scientists have shown that RF radiation can harm insects and birds.](#) RF radiation can be absorbed into the bodies of insects, including honeybees, raising their internal temperature, interfering with reproduction and other behaviors, and can result in their death. In addition, it can disrupt the magnetic compass used by insects and migratory birds, disrupting their ability to navigate.

[RF radiation has also been shown to create a stress response in plants,](#) changing plant metabolism, altering gene expression, and reducing growth. Not only does RF radiation harm trees, but trees block 5G signals, making 5G infrastructure incompatible with the urban forest concept in that same section on environmental sustainability.

[There are thousands of peer-reviewed studies linking RF radiation to serious health effects on humans, including cancer.](#) Therefore, 5G infrastructure is inconsistent with Principle 7-- “Achieve a Safe and Healthy Community for All.”

In the General Plan survey that circulated, residents were not asked if they want autonomous vehicles (and the 5G infrastructure required to have them). We doubt they

would based on [the overwhelmingly negative response the city received during its public hearings on the 28 close proximity antennas it approved in November 2019](#), purportedly only out of fear of a lawsuit.

Unless the community is informed about the 5G infrastructure needed to have autonomous cars and indicates it holds that vision for our future, it should be taken out of the draft Vision and Guiding Principles document; and, regardless, it should never be in a section on environmental sustainability, as there is nothing sustainable about ever-increasing amounts of man-made electromagnetic pollution. We request that a reference to “public transportation” be substituted in its place.

Thank you.

**From:** [Eve Kahn](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** "COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ"  
**Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020 7:29:35 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to Napa CC re GP Update 8-4-2020.docx](#)

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[EXTERNAL]

See attached letter for evening session.

Many thanks, Eve Kahn



August 3, 2020

Napa City Council  
955 School Street  
Napa, CA 94559

Re: Agenda Item 13A Draft Vision & Guiding Principles

Mayor Techel and Councilmembers:

Thank you for letting me comment in absentia.

I wish to reinforce a few sections in the Napa 2040 Vision & Guiding Principles.

Page 1: "The city is endowed with a **scenic setting** in the valley with **views extending to vineyards and proximate hills..**" "As Napa Valley's largest city and a booming center of visitation and economic diversity, the city needs to make concerted efforts to balance the needs of tourists and locals [note: should be in reverse order], **maintain and enhance Napa's defining characteristics and quality of life...**"

Page 5: "**Napa is endowed with a beautiful setting surrounded by agricultural land and open spaces,**" **Respondents to the General Plan rated preserving the community's natural environment and open spaces as the highest priority for City action."**

I have specifically highlighted and emphasized scenic setting, maintain and enhance defining characteristics and survey responses that rate preserving the community's natural environment and open spaces as the highest priority for City action. Without a viewshed ordinance in place, a Greenbelt zoning will be the highest and best option to protect the Napa Oaks and Timberhill (Browns Valley) parcels from becoming rural subdivisions. Rural subdivisions that are counter to the words and defining actions I highlighted above.

Thanks and regards,

Eve Kahn, Chair  
Get a Grip on Growth  
PO Box 805  
Napa, CA 94559

**From:** [P. Harrison](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ (Item 13A)  
**Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020 8:13:29 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

Name: Phil Harrison  
Item 13A

Hi -

I find it alarming coming across NextDoor message boards, stating false/ unfounded claims around 5G and its potential harm.

It's typical of an overprivileged/ entitled society, to have enough time on ones hands, to find issue with everything and anything. If Napa wishes to encourage young professionals to live and work here, it needs to fight back against these wildly inaccurate claims. Young professionals and families will bring a more steady community to the area, a more sustainable tax base that's not so heavily reliant upon tourism. If Napa doesn't invest in infrastructure, affordable housing and sustainable social fabric, it'll continue to underwhelm. Take a leaf from European cities, that embrace technology to make them safer, smarter and more sustainable.

The overprivileged generation that were able to buy a house on a librarian's salary, don't want people less fortunate to have affordable housing and don't want to embrace technology that will encourage Napa to step into the current decade, never mind the next three.

I'm all for 5G, we all should be.

Thanks

Phil

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Neil Watter](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Comment to City Council for August 4 2020 Meeting. Please read concerning item 13A  
**Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020 9:19:39 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

I am opposed to the insertion of autonomous vehicles into the 5G plan for the City of Napa. Autonomous vehicles are a totally unnecessary technology and would be a safety hazard on the streets to pedestrians and bicyclists as well as other vehicles. Can you imagine an autonomous vehicle driving downtown with all of the restaurants requiring outdoor seating? I urge you to not allow this technology which is in its infancy in Napa.

Neil Watter

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Renee Cazares](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Subject: Comment to City Council for August 4 2020 Meeting. Please read concerning item 13A  
**Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020 9:40:23 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

I am opposed to autonomous vehicles into the 5G plan for the City of Napa. Autonomous vehicles are unnecessary technology and a safety hazard on the streets, to pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as to other vehicles; in a downtown with all of the restaurants requiring outdoor seating? I urge you to not allow this technology, which has no proven safety record, into our City.

Renee Cazares

Warmest Regards, Renee Cazares

**From:** [Lori Stelling](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Liz Alessio](#); [Doris Gentry](#); [Scott Sedgley](#); [Jill Techel](#); [Mary Luros](#)  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ (Item 13A)  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 7:27:12 AM

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[EXTERNAL]

Dear Napa City Council Members:

I am writing this morning to ask that you request that autonomous vehicles be removed from the Draft Vision and Guiding Principles of the Napa 2040 General Plan due to autonomous vehicles requiring a 5G rollout that would result in additional small cell towers being placed throughout the city. As I've shared with you in the past, as a parent and someone who manages an autoimmune issue, I strongly feel that more research needs to be done on the impact of EMFs on human health (particularly the health of the most vulnerable) before we begin including this technology in future plans. As with the general 5G rollout to improve video streaming, from my view, our desire to have cars drive themselves is a preference, NOT a need. At this time of climate emergency what we need is bikeable and walkable cities which improve public health and help us to meet the necessary goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2030. The health of our children, the elderly, BIPOC, and those with medical conditions and sensitivities (which make them more vulnerable to environmental toxins) needs to be our highest priority.

Thank you for your dedication to protecting the future health and well being of our community.

Lori Stelling  
Napa Resident for 22 years

**From:** [Deborah D.](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Delete "Autonomous Vehicles" from "Draft Vision & Guiding Principles" from 2040 General Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 7:45:13 AM

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[EXTERNAL]

As a citizen of Napa, and concerned about the health safety of myself and all Napa residents, I am urging the Napa City Council, in regards to Item 13A, to take the reference to the "Autonomous Vehicles" out of the draft, that was inserted under Principle 6,  
"Emphasize Environmental Sustainability" with no explanation of what that would involve.....a 5G rollout of close proximity microwave radiating antennas (CPMRAs) every 500 feet near homes, schools, and businesses throughout Napa.  
5G infrastructure is NOT environmentally sustainable, and would be very harmful to people, flora & fauna, including birds and insects.  
Thank you,  
Deborah Donahower  
A very concerned resident of Napa

**From:** [Jacq Em](#)  
**To:** [Clerk;](#) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ (Item 13A)  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 7:52:31 AM

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[EXTERNAL]

Dear City Council,

For brevity, your "[Draft Vision and Guiding Principles](#)" for the Napa 2040 General Plan, with the wording - "Autonomous vehicles" blatantly sets precedent for 5G tower installations, hiding under the (not-so-innocent guise) of simple wording: "autonomous vehicles".

Either council is hoping that the majority of our citizens are not savvy enough to understand the REAL impact that "autonomous vehicles" EQUALS 5G towers as a technological necessity, or council does not fully comprehend what "autonomous vehicles technology" means (of which I sincerely have no intention to insult anyone!)

My question – of which I ask this council to answer here, at this crucial meeting, is WHO guided you to include the wording "AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES" in this plan?  
Which then belies the next question: WHO guided those, who guided your wording?  
Which then belies the next question: WHO guided those, who guided those, who guided your wording?

I hope you get my point? (Citizen's here DO have the right to know.... Verizon? AT&T? NexTel? OR Lobbyists for them? Etc. etc. etc.)

A political tactic is to add layers of communication from one group to another, to another to another, to the point that "TRACING" the origin is with so many smoke-screens...

There are far too many credible websites out there against 5G technology...  
(As my words are limited to 500, to be heard at this meeting) – My request is for these words "Autonomous Vehicles" to be removed from the plan.

**Your decision will impact very MANY GENERATIONS to come, without any ACCREDITED PROOF that 5G is safe.**

I ask my voice to speak for so many who are not even aware of what the council is planning on guiding for the future.

If ALL citizens were to be aware of understanding the impact of "Autonomous Vehicles" and the health issues by the impact of 5G towers... City Council has the opportunity to edit (REMOVE) the wording "Autonomous Vehicles" from the DRAFT Vision & Guideline Principles.

I have not read ALL of the draft, but the wording "Autonomous Vehicles" brought my conscience to speak for the betterment of all who reside here.

FYI: GOP included \$1.75B for new FBI building ("padded" quietly) into their current relief package under dispute, of which this \$1.75B is not Pandemic related?.  
Let local government be a leading example of how best to take care of its constituents. (I would report the same, if it were the DNC or GOP...)

With the Covid-19 pandemic – this draft plan is flying below the radar (awareness) of the majority of people here, in this community.  
It is your Council's fiduciary duty to protect ALL of us....during these trying times.  
Thank you kindly for listening, and for your agreement to remove "Autonomous Vehicles" from your Draft Plan.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Milburn



**From:** [Sandina Bailo](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ - AGENDA ITEM 13.A.  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 8:24:13 AM  
**Attachments:** [COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ - AGENDA ITEM 13.A..docx](#)

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[EXTERNAL]

**TO BE READ AT THE PODIUM DURING PUBLIC COMMENT - EVENING SESSION (FROM 6:30PM) - OF THE CITY OF NAPA CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 4TH AUGUST 2020**

My name is Sandina Bailo and I live on Twin Oaks Drive in Browns Valley. I am one of a number of Browns Valley residents who have joined together recently as the "Browns Valley Action Group" and our goal is to encourage the active participation of our community in the 2040 General Plan process. You'll find us online [BrownsValleyAG.org](http://BrownsValleyAG.org)

While I don't claim to represent the views of all of the residents of Browns Valley I can say that hundreds of my neighbors are now engaging in the 2040 General Plan process and will continue to do so.

I, and we, have been spurred into action by a "Draft Preliminary Preferred Plan" which is proposing to rezone Napa's "best-kept secret" from Resource Area (RA) and Single-Family Residence (SFR) with a maximum of 1 unit/existing parcel or 1 unit/20 acres (with Use Permit) to a new proposed designation of Very-Low Density Residential with a density range 1.0 to 2.0 units per net acre. There are approximately 195 acres that would be affected by this rezoning.

This "best-kept secret" is an area known to us as Timberhill and referenced in the General Plan as Timberhill/West Browns Valley. It's a 14.7 acre City park used by hundreds of those of us who know about it, which is surrounded by a number of individual parcels zoned RA and SFR. There are many issues with this proposed rezoning as follows. Road access. Newly discovered earthquake fault lines. Land slippage and subsidence. Provision of utilities. Fire protection access. The 2017 Partrick Fire. Wildlife and wildflower habitat protection. Removal of hundreds of established oak trees. And many more.

We've done our best to engage our community during these unprecedented times and have actively encouraged attendance at virtual meetings and workshops and will continue to do so over the coming months. We'll also continue to actively encourage letter writing to the General Plan.

So, as you're about to receive a General Plan Report Update accompanied by the Draft Vision & Guiding Principles, there are many of us who feel that this proposed rezoning of Timberhill/West Browns Valley runs contrary to the following Guiding Principles;

- #1 - Line #1 - "to preserve surrounding open space and agricultural land"
- #2 - Increase Travel Options
- #4 - Housing
- #5 - Foster Connections to Nature & Open-Space

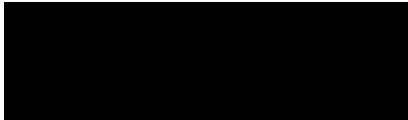
- #6 - Emphasis Environmental Sustainability
- #8 - Promote Continued Downtown Revitalization

I would like to go on record and say that we are advocating for a Greenbelt classification for the Timberhill/West Browns Valley area as part of the 2040 General Plan. The description as follows in the Draft Land Use Plan in the General Plan Update: Greenbelt – Designation applied to specific sites at the edges of the City that are to remain in open space, agricultural, or resource conservation uses. **(Resource Area and Greenbelt)**

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you, our City Council members and our City Staff for your service during these strange times.

Sincerely,

Sandina Bailo



**From:** [Joan Foresman](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ (Item 13A)  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 9:27:21 AM

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[EXTERNAL]

Autonomous vehicles are not environmentally sustainable nor fully safe. Instead they are a real threat to our health and safety. And this is well documented!

Only one factor sample: <https://www.vesttech.com/top-3-possible-dangers-of-self-driving-cars/> >

## Increased Exposure To Radiation

Self-driving cars can increase your exposure to electromagnetic field radiation. You can get exposed from the GPS guidance, GPS tracking tools, remote controls, powered accessories, radio and music systems, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi connectivity, etc. that are inherently present in an autonomous vehicle.

Constant exposure to EMF can play a part in health conditions including headaches, migraines, inner agitation, chronic exhaustion, sleeplessness, and susceptibility to infection.

Some people develop electromagnetic hypersensitivity where they experience **sudden shortness of breath and fluctuating blood pressure**. Other people reportedly developed **eye problems** from constant electromagnetic exposure.

Autonomous cars are high-tech vehicles, which means it was designed to function through the use of different electronic devices – all emitting EMF radiation.

So, autonomous vehicles should be taken out of the draft Vision and Guiding Principles document.

**From:** [Sharon Parham](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING PLEASE READ (Item 13A)  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 9:58:12 AM

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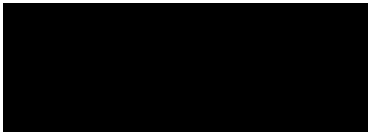
[EXTERNAL]

Can you please take the reference to "autonomous vehicles" out of the draft document.

Because these vehicles would need a wifi or 5G platform to work from, the public should be made aware of the possible health consequences. Also, they do not fit in environmentally with making our streets more "green".

Thanks.

Sharon Parham



**From:** [shellie rice](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Comment to Council for August 4, 2020 meeting - PLEASE READ (Item 13A)  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 10:12:24 AM

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[EXTERNAL]

Hello Council Members -

As a resident of Napa for over twenty years, I would like to weigh in on the direction of the plans for the city to include autonomous cars in the General Plan.

This is under environmental sustainability which this technology is not!

More electromagnetic pollution 24/7 does not represent Environmental Sustainability.

More electric use, more infrastructure, visual degradation in the character of our historic city, trees removed for this to work, etc.

It all adds up to a BAD idea.

Please take this out of the General Plan, and replace it with public transportation which could mean electric shuttles and a host of other environmentally conscious choices.

Thank you,  
Shellie Rice

**From:** [Janice O'Malley](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Comment to Council for August 4, 2020 meeting - please read  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 10:24:41 AM

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[EXTERNAL]

I am writing to request Autonomous Vehicles be taken out of the "Draft Vision and Guiding Principals" for the Vision Napa 2040 General Plan. I am concerned that the proposed close proximity of microwave radiation antennas (CPMRAs) every 500 feet near homes, schools and businesses throughout Napa will have adverse health consequences for those who live near them. Until it can be proven that the microwave radiating antennas will NOT have an adverse effect on citizens they should not be installed.

Sincerely,  
Janice O'Malley

**From:** [shirley knight](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Draft Vision & Guiding Principles document, public transportatio  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 1:04:38 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** shirley knight [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Draft Vision & Guiding Principles document, public transportatio  
**Date:** August 4, 2020 at 12:59:07 PM PDT  
**To:** [clerk@cityofnapa.org](mailto:clerk@cityofnapa.org)

Dear City Council,

Please remove “autonomous vehicles” from this document. Napa residents do not need autonomous vehicles. Is this again another ploy to provide a benefit to tourists? Also, autonomous vehicles would require 5G technology. Numerous members of the community have spoken against the dangers of 5G technology. It should be noted that these 5G electro magnetic fields are also harmful to birds and bees. Our bee population is already struggling. Reduced bees, reduced pollination, results in reduced crops.

Shirley J. Knight

Resident of Napa for 55 years

**From:** [Napa County Progressive Alliance](#)  
**To:** [Clerk; Jill Techel; Michael Walker](#)  
**Subject:** COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ: Item 13A (Corrected)  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 2:18:50 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

Good evening, Mayor and Napa City Council members:

I am providing public comment today on behalf of the Napa County Progressive Alliance, requesting that the reference to autonomous vehicles be taken out of the draft Vision and Guiding Principles document, which will influence the General Plan update and Napa's policies for the next twenty years. Our positions are driven by our core values, which include environmental sustainability, social justice, and good governance. All three of these values guide us in our request.

We disagree first and foremost with including autonomous vehicles in a section on environmental sustainability, as the 5G infrastructure needed to have them is anything but environmental or sustainable. The research literature is abundant in peer-reviewed studies linking radio frequency radiation to harmful effects on humans, birds, insects, trees, and other plant life. Therefore, including them in that section is the ultimate in greenwashing.

Like most environmental issues, this is a social justice issue as well, as those living in poverty, who are more likely to be people of color, are disproportionately harmed by environmental toxins and other forms of environmental degradation. In this case, should the council not just regulate applications for close proximity microwave radiating antennas but actually promote them through its planning, the result will certainly be 5G cell antennas every 500 feet throughout our city. Those who have knowledge of the harmful effects of RF radiation and money would be able to make the necessary changes inside and outside their homes to better protect themselves. Those without the knowledge and monetary means would not be able to do so.

Finally, part of good governance is transparency, and inclusion of autonomous vehicles in a key planning document without explaining the implications to the public and allowing the public to weigh in would not be transparent. The sleek videos those participating in the General Plan Advisory Committee meetings have been shown of what Napa could look like in twenty years do not include telephone and light poles with bulky telecommunications equipment attached to them in plain view. In fact, the videos don't show telephone poles at all, implying that ideally electrical wires would be underground, which would not only be more attractive but safer in terms of fire mitigation.

For all of these reasons, we ask that the reference to autonomous vehicles be removed from the document. Ironically, even though the sentence where they appear is about reducing "reliance on automobile use," there is no reference to public transportation. We ask that a reference to public transportation be placed in their stead.

Thank you for your consideration.



Amy Martenson  
Napa County Progressive Alliance Coordinator

**From:** [Rodney A. Ready](#)  
**To:** [Paulette Cooper](#)  
**Cc:** [Tiffany Carranza](#); [Caitlin Saldanha](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Regular Meeting Agendas: City Council of the City of Napa and Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Napa 8/4/2020  
**Date:** Friday, July 31, 2020 12:21:07 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

Paulette,

After careful consideration I request my application for re-appointment to the Cultural Heritage Commission be withdrawn.

Thanks very much,

Rodney Ready

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

From: Paulette Cooper  
Sent: Jul 30, 2020 2:43 PM  
To:  
Cc: Tiffany Carranza , Caitlin Saldanha  
Subject: FW: Regular Meeting Agendas: City Council of the City of Napa and Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Napa 8/4/2020

Good afternoon Cultural Heritage Commission Applicants,

We look forward to seeing you all virtually next week for your interviews.

Follow this link to access the regular City Council meeting agenda for August 4, 2020:  
[City Council of the City of Napa Regular Meeting](#)

Thank you!

Best regards,  
Paulette

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**From:** Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2020 2:31 PM

**To:** Tiffany Carranza <tcarranza@cityofnapa.org>; Caitlin Saldanha <CSaldanha@cityofnapa.org>

**Subject:** Regular Meeting Agendas: City Council of the City of Napa and Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Napa 8/4/2020

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Thank you,

**Carlyce Banayat**

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