



June 16, 2020

To: Menlo Park City Council and Staff
Re: Agenda item I-1 Black Lives Matter Resolution

Honorable Council Members,

Menlo Together is a group of Menlo Park and Peninsula residents who envision a city that is integrated and diverse, multi-generational, and environmentally sustainable. Our core values are: equity, sustainability, inclusion, health, and racial and economic justice. We came together around these core values because they are necessary to the health and strength of our community, no matter the economic circumstances.

Thank you very much for today's resolution condemning the murder of George Floyd by police and committing to work with the community to repair our history of systemic racism.

We hope the resolution is followed by concrete action and offer these suggestions.

1. As an immediate first step, we should gather and analyze data on Menlo Park police stops – whether or not they result in arrest or citation – by race and ethnicity. Over 100 residents have signed the petition below for this common-sense ask.
2. Establish a Public Safety Commission with oversight of police
3. Replace the upcoming "police strategic plan" with a "public safety strategic plan". Such a plan would consider more broadly what types of investments will improve community safety, and would assess all of the activities done by police and explore for which activities other community resources may be deployed, such as social workers with mental health and substance abuse expertise.

The acknowledgement of the pain and history can be an important first step toward remedying the problems of the past.

Adina

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Adina Levin, for
Menlo Together

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See Petition with Signatures below

Petition: Demand Data about Menlo Park Police Stops by Race

On a June 3 teleconference with the Menlo Park Mayor Cecilia Taylor and Police Chief Dave Bertini, a woman called in and asked about how to explain to neighborhood teens about being stopped for no apparent reason by police. Studies show that youth who experience intrusive police stops are at risk of heightened emotional distress.

There is plenty of anecdotal evidence of racial disparities in police stops in Menlo Park but we don't yet have the data to show it. **There is no data by race for police stops that do not conclude in a citation or detention.**

The City of Menlo Park has an Open Data Portal that provides information about local law enforcement activity. The portal provides statistics for citations, showing disparities by race. Of the citations between 2016 and 2018 that listed the individual's race (all but 2%) 31% were given to white individuals while **69% were given to non-white individuals** (40% for Black and Hispanic individuals alone). **In contrast, the population of Menlo Park is exactly the opposite: 70% white and 30% non-white** (according to the 2010 census).

If you want to see Menlo Park police track data about police stops by race and neighborhood, please sign this petition. If you sign this petition, Menlo Together will:

- share your name with Menlo Park City Council
- contact you with more opportunities to demand transparent data about police stops, and other opportunities for a more transparent and just cit

| Name | Neighborhood/City |
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| Eva Archer | Allied Arts |
| Barrett Moore | Allied arts |
| Perla Ni | Allied arts |
| Nina Wouk | Belle Haven |
| Pamela McDaniel | Belle Haven |
| Pushpinder Lubana | Belle Haven |
| miguel mendoza | belle haven |
| Adriana Zuno | Belle Haven |
| miguel mendoza | belle haven |
| Pushpinder Lubana | Belle Haven |
| Jessica Clancey | Belle Haven |

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| Sandra Zamora | Belle Haven |
| Pamela Jones | Belle Haven neighborhood, residential area in District 1 |
| jonathan weiner | Central Menlo |
| Brian Brown | Central Menlo |
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| Mary Chang | Central Menlo park |
| Kristen Leep | Downtown |
| Sarah Brophy | Downtown |
| Prashanth Mundkur | Downtown |
| Charlotte Layton | Downtown |
| Ginger Field | Downtown |
| Adina Levin | Downtown |
| Kyle Delwiche | Downtown Menlo Park |
| Janine Stanford | Downtown Menlo Park |
| Catherine Dennis | Downtown Menlo Park |
| Ramiro Rosales | Fair oaks |
| Deb Rauser | Fair oaks |
| Maria Amundson | Felton Gables |
| Elliot Krane | Felton Gables |
| Christopher Kilburn | Felton Gables |
| Donyel Jones-Williams | Flood Park |
| Katie Behroozi | Flood Triangle |
| Katherine Basile-Fero | Ladera |
| Cynthia Dutro | Live RWC, work MP |
| Margarita Mendez | Lorelei Manor |
| Sima Westwood | Lorelei Manor |
| Aleda Winget | Lorelei Manor |
| Bettie Nicewonger | Marcussen Drive |
| Matthew Marianacci | Menlo Oaks |

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| Caitlyn Marianacci | Menlo Oaks, Menlo Park |
| Amy Baggott | Menlo Oaks, Menlo Park |
| Nicole Parish | Menlo Oaks |
| Julie Shanson | Menlo Park |
| Timi Most | Menlo Park |
| Sody Tronson | Menlo Park |
| Dayna Chung | Menlo Park |
| Jay Chung | Menlo Park |
| Carey Richardson | Menlo Park |
| Jennifer Johnson | Menlo Park |
| Maura Sanchez | Menlo Park |
| Karen Grove | Menlo Park |
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| Sarah McKenney | Menlo Park |
| Leslie Burke | Menlo Park |
| Peter Levins | Menlo Park |
| Carmen Smarandoiu | Menlo Park |
| Stacy Abonce | Menlo Park |
| Cynthia Harris | Menlo Park |
| Rosemary Murphy | Menlo Park |
| Michael Closson | Menlo Park - downtown |
| Mariyam Qassem | Menlo Park Neighborhood |
| Ellora Israni | Menlo-Atherton High School alum, Portola Valley resident |
| Joanne Sperans | North Fair Oaks |
| Smitha Gundavajhala | Not a Menlo Park resident, but a community member |
| Colt Rosensweig | Park Forest |
| Krissandra Rivera | Park Forest |
| Alexander Katz | South of Seminary |
| Rafik Ward | Stanford Oaks |

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| Peter Pearson | Stanford Weekend Acres |
| Sudeshna Sen Gupta | Suburban Park |
| Brad Hoo | Suburban Park |
| Jacob Vincent | Sunnyvale |
| Leah Elkins | The Willows |
| Sharika Thiranagama | The Willows |
| Gregory P. Smith | West |
| Adam Hopkins | West Menlo |
| LILY HURLIMANN | West Menlo |
| Julia Olson | West Menlo |
| Robin T | West Menlo |
| Karen Zack | West Menlo Park |
| Katie Hadrovic | Willows |
| Judith Wilson | Willows |
| brielle johnck | willows |
| Jose Mendoza | Willows |
| Rocio Wellington | Willows |
| Theresa Fox | Willows |
| Susan Bryan | Willows |
| Jennifer Mazzon | Willows |
| Morgan Ames | Willows |
| jennifer polly | Woodside |
| jennifer polly | Woodside |
| Sarah Eisner | Atherton |
| Janet Renner | Atherton |
| Piper Richardson | |
| George Wang | |
| Bernard Clouse | |
| Carmen Clouse | |