

Attachment No. 33

Yanez Letter to Mayor Abrica
of East Palo Alto



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Akin Okupe, M.B.A, P.E., General Manager

Hon. Ruben Abrica, Mayor
City of East Palo Alto
2415 University Avenue
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Dear Mayor Abrica,

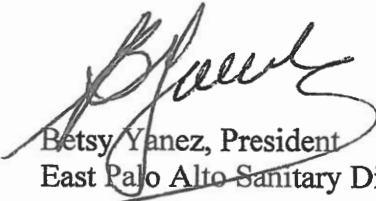
The East Palo Alto Sanitary District thanks you and the City Council for sharing your September 20, 2022 agenda with our General Manager, Mr. Okupe. That night's agenda had other items that required a good deal of attention from the Councilmembers. We again thank the City Council for being a listening for the information that we want to share with our community.

Mr. Okupe, an MBA, has been leading a team of consultants working on solutions to financing infrastructure improvements for the proposed new developments in our city. He presented a "quick sketch" report of strategies that our team has formulated that have the possibility of funding infrastructure for new development in addition to sanitary sewers. We visualize several possibilities that can be of great benefit to our city, especially because they offer the opportunity for the City and EPASD to work together towards bringing this progress about.

Although the time allotted for Mr. Okupe's presentation was generous, we believe that the seriousness and complexity of these infrastructure finance issues require further communication and sharing of information. Therefore, we respectfully request a separate Joint Special Study Session between the City Council and the EPASD Board of Directors. The EPASD Board is dedicated to working with the City to move approved new developments forward, and we are ready to come to the table and make that happen.

Please contact Mr. Okupe to schedule this most important meeting. We thank you for your time and consideration.

In Unity,


Betsy Yanez, President
East Palo Alto Sanitary District

cc: everybody

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