

**Robin Sprague**

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**From:** Smita Shanker <smitashanker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 11:37 PM  
**To:** Lily Mei; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Teresa Keng  
**Cc:** cof; Susan Gauthier  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda item #2H – Ratify City Managers Request to Close Mission Peak – Stanford Staging Area.

**RE: City Council Agenda item #2H – Ratify City Managers Request to Close Mission Peak – Stanford Staging Area.**

Dear Mayor Mei and City Councilmembers;

We sincerely thank you for your continuing efforts to keep Fremont safe and healthy, and for reminding residents to be kind and thoughtful during this challenging time. We write to urge you to vote to ratify the City Managers request to close the Stanford Staging Area parking lot and trails to Mission Peak Regional Preserve.

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Again, we ask that you please vote to support ratification of the City Manager's letter to EBRPD regarding the immediate closure of Mission Peak – Stanford staging area.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Smita Shanker

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**From:** Praveen Bhatia <pb76140@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 11, 2020 3:22 PM  
**To:** Lily Mei; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Teresa Keng  
**Cc:** cof; Susan Gauthier  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda item #2H -- Ratify City Managers Request to Close Mission Peak -- Stanford Staging Area.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Praveen Bhatia  
909 Boar Circle, Fremont

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**From:** Veronica Pang <yisleung@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday April 12, 2020 2:29 PM  
**To:** Lily Mei; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Jenny Kassar; Yang Shao; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Teresa Keng  
**Cc:** cof; Susan Gauthier; Mark Danaj  
**Subject:** RE: 4/14 City Council Agenda item #2H - Ratify City Managers Request to Close Mission Peak - Stanford Staging Area.

Dear Mayor Mei and City Council Members,

Thank you for your letter to East Bay Regional Park District urging the latter to close Mission Peak Stanford Staging Area, parking lot and the nearby trails under this Covid-19 public health crisis. As you know many of the visitors have driven long distances to come to this entrance. When the park is opened, the parking lot is full and cars/ visitors spill out to the surrounding streets. They do not observe the 6 ft social distancing rule and continue to mingle with each other in groups. The visitors do not listen. The bathrooms are closed which poses another health issue when more visitors go behind the bathrooms/ around the corners to relieve themselves .

We appreciate your continued efforts to help educate the community and prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Please vote to support ratification of the City Manager's letter to the Park District regarding the immediate closure of Mission Peak Stanford Staging.

Thank you.

Veronica Pang  
Fremont Resident

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**From:** Harihar Jobanputra <harihar.jobanputra@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 2:38 PM  
**To:** Lily Mei; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Jenny Kassan; Vshao@fremont.gov; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Teresa Keng  
**Cc:** cof; Susan Gauthier  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda item #2H – Ratify City Managers Request to Close Mission Peak – Stanford Staging Area.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hari Jobanputra  
210 Stanford Avenue resident

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**From:** Venkat Prasad <venkat\_prasad@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 5:51 PM  
**To:** Lily Mei; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Rick Jones - Councilmember  
**Cc:** cof  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda item #2H

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

V. Prasad

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**From:** Vijay Pitchumani <hamsanandi@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 7:22 PM  
**To:** Lily Mei; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Jenny Kassar; Yang Shao; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Teresa Keng  
**Cc:** cof; Susan Gauthier  
**Subject:** RE: City Council Agenda item #2H – Ratify City Managers Request to Close Mission Peak – Stanford Staging Area

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Again, we ask that you please vote to support ratification of the City Manager's letter to EBRPD regarding the immediate closure of Mission Peak – Stanford staging area.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

- Vijay Pitchumani and Sheela Vijay  
635 Geyser Ct.  
Fremont, CA

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**From:** no-reply@yahoo.com <j.hliang@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 8:24 PM  
**To:** Teresa Keng; Lily Mei; Raj Salwan; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Rick Jones - Councilmember  
**Cc:** cof; Susan Gauthier  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda item #2H – Ratify City Managers Request to Close Mission Peak – Stanford Staging Area

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julia Liang  
150 Stanford Avenue  
Fremont, CA 94539

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**From:** Rujul Pathak Pota <rujul16@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 12, 2020 9:50 PM  
**To:** Lily Mei; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Teresa Keng  
**Cc:** cof; Susan Gauthier  
**Subject:** Close the Stanford Staging Area parking lot  
**Attachments:** Mission Peak PICS v2 4-7-2020\_Public Health issues.docx

Dear Mayor Mei and City Councilmembers,

This email is our request to vote to ratify the City Managers request to **close the Stanford Staging Area parking lot and trails to Mission Peak Regional Preserve.**

The crowds have not stopped and Mission Peak Stanford staging area continues to be an infection hot spot. It is shocking that a place such as this, in the middle of a residential neighborhood and visited by hundreds of visitors from all across bay area is still open. We have seen gloves, masks, trash thrown around carelessly around our homes during these times of extreme health emergency. While during normal circumstances, this can be a mere nuisance, during times like these it becomes the cause of grave health concerns.

The attached pictures are pictorial proof of what has been happening since shelter in place was declared.

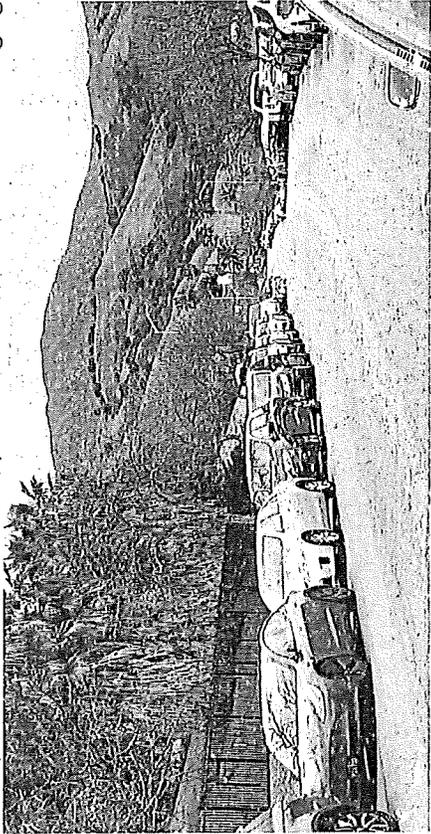
We ask that you please vote to support ratification of the City Manager's letter to EBRPD regarding the immediate closure of Mission Peak – Stanford staging area. We are looking forward to the Stanford entrance closing down upon immediate effect until Governor Newsom's order of shelter-in-place is lifted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Rujul and Dushyant Pota



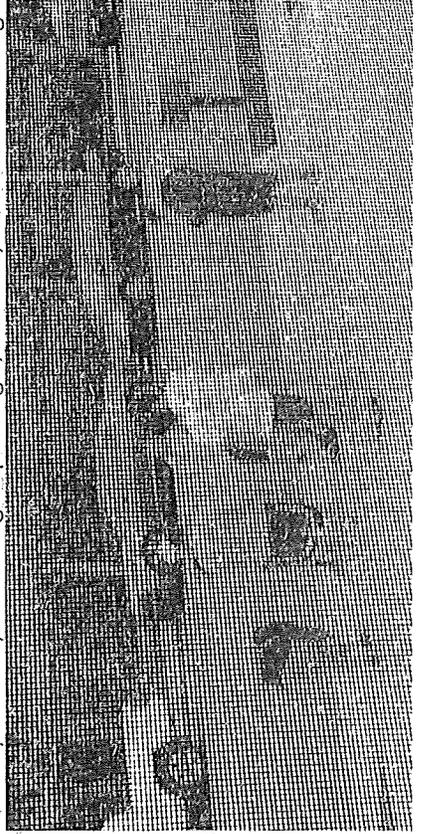
Antelope Dr. Fremont March 21, pm ~0.6 mile from Stanford Ave. Staging



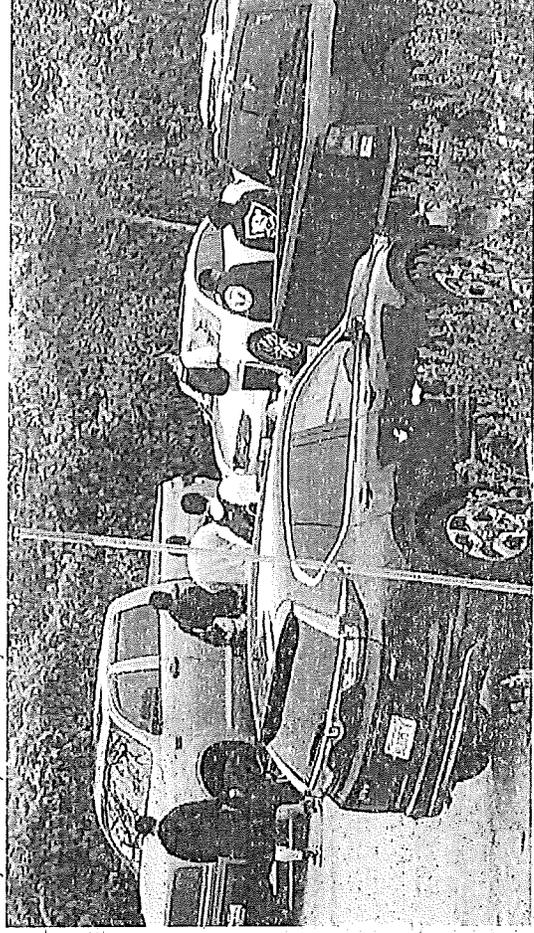
March 28, 2020 pm -- Group Around a Picnic Table -- no social distancing



Recently on Vineyard Ave - groups mingle, socialize, no social distancing



Vineyard Ave, March 31, 2020 am



Flyer Distribution by MPC 4-1-2020, No social distancing, no mask < 6 Ft. Separation



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**From:** Jackie L <jaclee6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 2:53 PM  
**To:** Lily Mei; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Teresa Keng  
**Cc:** cof; Susan Gauthier  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda item #2H – Ratify City Managers Request to Close Mission Peak – Stanford Staging Area:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jackie Lee

513 Lower Vintners circle  
Fremont

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Teresa Lee <teresa94538@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** Lily Mei; Vinnie Bacon; Raj Salwan; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Teresa Keng  
**Cc:** cof; Susan Gauthier  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda item #2H – Ratify City Managers Request to Close Mission Peak – Stanford Staging Area.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Teresa and Justin Lee

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**From:** Austin Lee <austlee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 09, 2020 6:22 PM  
**To:** cof  
**Subject:** Mission Peak Stanford Ave Closure

Dear Mr Danaj,

I wanted to express my regret that you asked EBRPD to close the Stanford Avenue entrance to Mission Peak. This is a critical resource for our community's health, not only because it is one of the best ways to get an essential workout due to its proximity and steepness, but also because that trail is one of the few that allows social distancing because it is a wide fire road from beginning to end. I am an avid hiker; I'd estimate I've hiked a majority of the trails in the bay area, and I can not think of a single other trail that allows a strenuous workout on 100% fire road. Even on a busy day, it is easy to stay away from others. As reported in [this Mercury News article](#), "On Sunday at popular Mission Peak in Fremont, the parking lot at the Stanford Avenue trailhead was packed with cars, though many people coming off the trail said they had enough space to maintain social distance for much of their hike."

Closing this trailhead to send people to the Ohlone trailhead (where maintaining the recommended distance is nearly impossible) will in fact increase the risk to the public. When visitors see the signage they will not go home, they will go to the obvious alternative of Ohlone, nearby and less capable of handling the burden, and get sick there. If this closure is motivated by the concerns of residents there (which seem to be evergreen) as I suspect then I am disappointed in our neighbors for not being more community-minded. We need to think of parks as part of public health, and the Stanford Ave trailhead as particularly critical.

-Austin Lee