

Susan Gauthier

From: Jannet Benz
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:25 PM
To: Lily Mei; Raj Salwan; Vinnie Bacon; Teresa Keng; Rick Jones - Councilmember; Jenny Kassan; Yang Shao; Mark Danaj; cpetersen@fremont.gov
Cc: Susan Gauthier
Subject: RE: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program

Dear Mayor Mei and City Council members,

RE: Agenda item # 5 B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program (City Council meeting May 19, 2020 /on-line only)

I write to THANK YOU for the Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking program and urge your support for the extension of the program. It has provided welcome relief to many from the overwhelming numbers of visitors driving to visit Mission Peak Regional Preserve-Stanford staging area.

While we understand the lease between the City and EBRPD is not on the agenda this evening, it is important to note comments in the staff report as well as recent events at this entrance.

The staff report notes:

- "EBRPD informed the City of Fremont that it will no longer fund or jointly enforce the Mission Peak Neighborhood permit parking program after July 7, 2020";
- The belief that a parking lot will address/relieve any of the issues at the Stanford staging entrance;
- Month to month lease, after the current lease expires (July 7, 2020).

As you likely know, visitors travel great distances to the Stanford staging entrance because this is the only FREE entrance around. Adjacent cities/counties all charge at their parks. Unfortunately, far too many visitors behave badly: violating permit parking and curfew rules, leaving trash, dog feces, human waste and more. Car break-ins have become routine, drug deals have been observed in broad daylight, and homes that back to the Preserve burglarized. No Fremont neighborhood is built to accommodate hundreds of thousands of visitors* and their vehicles (see video link below).

Parks should be accessible. However, nature has limits. There must be appropriate parameters to balance access, with the impacts to trails/habitats and the surrounding area. This city owned property, known as "Stanford Staging area" is zoned "Open Space Resource Conservation Area". EBRPD has allowed the Preserve to be so overrun and abused they referred to it as "Scarface" requiring two years of restoration projects. Visitor numbers must be managed.

All the issues, both inside and outside the Preserve, including parking and habitat destruction, are a direct result of EBRPD's failure to manage visitation. Prior to 2012, the visitor load was contained in the Staging area parking lot. Since 2012, EBRPD has demonstrated a pattern of behavior that fails to consider the visitor growth and their impacts. With every issue, they consistently comment, "it's not our jurisdiction" (e.g. it's not our problem). The Staff Report noted "EBRPD informed the City they will no longer fund or jointly enforce the Mission Peak Neighborhood permit parking program after July 7, 2020". If the lease is renewed, funding for permit parking and effective enforcement must be a condition of lease renewal.

In 2016, the District's proposal to construct a 300 space paved, unlit parking lot inside the Preserve with a 300,000+ gallon detention pond in a geotechnically unstable area will not solve the issues, rather it will make them worse. Their EIR specifically noted adding any parking in the area will cause induced demand by a conservative estimate of 38%. The EIR did not consider the impacts of the 4000+ homes at BART Warm Springs. Given there were routinely 500-600 cars parked in the adjacent neighborhood areas before the permit parking program, the parking lot will be overflowing the day it

opens. Add their conservative estimate of 38% induced demand and the situation becomes worse than pre-permit parking. Any new lease must prohibit the addition of any new parking. Rather, let's think "outside the box". For 21st Century solutions for Stanford staging, consider solutions that discourage or even prohibit access by personal vehicle and encourage use of bike/ped trails, and public transit. This approach would reduce GHG/VMT and help the City achieve its Climate Action goals. The Ohlone college entrance has a 900+ space secure parking garage and public transit access. The Ohlone entrance is also adjacent to the MSJ commercial area which would benefit from the additional foot traffic to contribute to the success of the commercial area. The Stanford Staging entrance has no services for visitors.

The District has had the privilege of leasing 975 acres from the City free of charge for decades. The only significant requirement of their current lease is to maintain the property in the condition in which they received it. They have repeatedly failed to maintain the Preserve, violating the terms of the current lease. Furthermore, the District has consistently demonstrated a lack of cooperation with the City to address: overcrowding, park hours consistent with other parks in the area (see attached chart), curfew violations, permit parking enforcement, trash collection and most recently their refusal to make public health and safety a top priority. The District knew the Stanford entrance was overcrowded and visitors continued to fail to social distance even after diligent attempts at education. Recent articles are linked below. **We thank the City profusely for taking the necessary steps to make public health and safety the top priority in closing the Stanford staging entrance.**

Recent comments by EBRPD further indicate they do not plan to enforce permit parking, or manage other issues at the entrance going forward. How will crowds be managed when the entrance reopens June 1? How will issues be managed with a month to month lease?

IF the lease is to be renewed, it cannot be month to month. Please direct City staff to insist on lease terms that work for the Fremont community with a much shorter lease duration (suggested term 8 years). We did not foresee the issues that have existed since 2012 nor can we predict the future. The population of Fremont and the Bay Area will continue to grow. There will likely be lasting impacts from COVID-19 as Colleges/Universities continue on-line learning and more and more companies tell employees to continue work at home, some permanently. We also don't yet know the impacts of the full build out at BART Wm Springs. All those issues coupled with a tenant, EBRPD, who has consistently demonstrated an unwillingness to work collaboratively to manage issues caused by park visitors indicates a critical need for clear lease terms and shorter duration. The City owns the property. EBRPD has the privilege of leasing it at no cost, a fact they seem to be overlooking. Please direct staff to insist on lease terms that work for the Fremont community, if the lease is to be renewed.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I would be happy to discuss this further.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Jackie Lee
To: City Council
Date: 05/17/2020 6:48 AM
Subject: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program
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Dear Mayor Mei and City Councilmembers,

First, thank you very much for the Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking program. It has provided a much needed relief from the overwhelming numbers of visitors driving to the area to visit Mission Peak Regional Preserve-Stanford staging area.

My family and I are writing to urge your support for the extension of the Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking program.

While the current permit parking program has provided welcome relief, many area residents on Vineyard Ave., upper Antelope Dr. and Boar Cir., remain impacted by the thousands of vehicles, and the large number of visitors flocking into the area. Unfortunately, far too many visitors behave badly, violating permit parking rules, violating curfew rules, leaving trash, dog feces, human waste. This also become an area that attract car break-ins, smashed car windows is a constant sighting.

Parks should be accessible. However there need to be appropriate parameters to balance park access with the impacts to trails/habitats and the surrounding residential area. As the permit parking program and lease renewal negotiations starts, now is the opportunity to ensure permit parking programs and lease terms work for the Fremont community going forward.

Many visitors knowingly park illegally, and if politely reminded of the permit parking zone, the frequent reply is, "It's alright, they don't ticket in the afternoon". Worse, car break-ins have become routine, drug deals have been observed in broad daylight and homes that back to the Preserve have been burglarized. The crooks have realized there are lots of "opportunities" in the area. We understand police resources are limited and police are short staffed. However, the program is only effective with vigilant enforcement. We recommend the permit parking program be continued, and modified to include an outside agency for enforcement, *funded by EBRPD* as a condition/term of lease renewal. The fact is all the issues both inside and outside the Preserve are a direct result of park visitors. EBRPD needs to be held accountable to address the issues if they have the privilege to continue to lease the City property.

The impacts of COVID-19 will be with us for quite some time. Ignoring the County's shelter in place order, prior to temporary closure of the entrance, thousands visited on weekdays when permit parking is not in force. Recently many Bay Area companies are telling employees to anticipate continuing to work from home after the Stay at Home/Shelter in Place orders are lifted, possibly into 2021. Colleges/Universities have embraced on-line learning. All these factors and warming weather will increase the already large crowds to this free entrance. We can anticipate crowds of visitors every day of the week, a perpetual "spring break". Please direct staff to modify the Mission Peak permit parking program to be in force 24/7, on all city streets in the "zone", funded by EBRPD as a condition of any lease renewal.

This is a residential area not designed for hundreds of thousands of visitors* and their vehicles (see video link below). We ask the City Council to direct Fremont Police and City Staff to ensure lease terms that work for the Fremont community going forward. EBRPD has demonstrated a pattern of behavior that is concerning. With every issue, the overwhelming crowds, park hours, curfew violations, trash, etc. they consistently fail to work collaboratively for balanced solutions. Rather they consistently comment, "it's not our jurisdiction" (e.g. it's not our problem). The Districts' behavior most recently, refusing to work

collaboratively with the City to close the Stanford entrance when they knew overcrowding was an issue and visitors failed to comply with social distancing is shamefully arrogant. Recent articles are linked below.

We thank the City profusely for taking the necessary steps to make public health and safety the top priority.

The root cause of all the issues, both inside and outside the Preserve are a direct result of EBRPD's failure to manage park visitation. Prior to 2012, the visitor load was contained in the Staging area parking lot. Since 2012, EBRPD has demonstrated a pattern of behavior that fails to consider the visitor growth and propose old school "build more parking" solutions are inappropriate as they simply encourage more driving. Any new lease must prohibit the addition of parking to the area as the EIR, completed by EBRPD, specifically noted any additional parking will cause induced demand by a conservative amount of 38%.

The parking lot will be overflowing immediately. In addition, the District has repeatedly failed to maintain the Preserve compliant with the terms of the current lease, allowing trails/habitats to become overrun and abused. Furthermore, the District has consistently demonstrated a lack of cooperation with the City to address: park hours, curfew violations, permit parking enforcement, trash collection and most recently their appalling unwillingness to make public health and safety a top priority at the Stanford entrance while knowing the area was routinely overcrowded and visitors continued to fail to social distance even after diligent attempts at education.

As the City continues lease negotiations with EBRPD please hold the District accountable to address the issues caused by their visitors both inside and outside Mission Peak Regional Preserve. Given EBRPD consistently poor pattern of behavior, please ensure any new lease includes terms that work for the Fremont community. The City owns the property. EBRPD has the privilege of leasing it at no cost. They seem to have forgotten this fact. Please insist on lease terms that work for Fremont. As you know, there is another entrance to Mission Peak Regional Preserve roughly a mile or so away at Ohlone College. This entrance has a 900+ space secure parking garage and public transit access. The Ohlone entrance is also adjacent to the MSJ commercial area which would benefit from the additional foot traffic to contribute to the success of the commercial area.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jackie Lee & Family
Fremont Resident

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To: City Council
Date: 05/17/2020 8:36 AM
Subject: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program
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From: Roy Spencer
To: City Council
Date: 05/17/2020 9:09 AM
Subject: Resident Only at Mission Peak Regional Preserve

Hello Fremont City Counsel

I am writing you to express my concern about the closure of Mission Peak Regional Preserve.

It is clear to everyone that the closure is not about the COVID pandemic. The residents that live close to Mission Peak have for years tried to get the preserve closed and make it "Residents Only" as demonstrated by the barricades they put out with Residents Only signs on them.

I don't understand why you let the residents-only people dictate to the city counsel and the Police Chief what decisions are permissible.

Please consider making your own decisions and not letting the residents-only people control you.

Thanks

Roy Spencer

Susan Gauthier

From: Vijay Pitchumani
To: City Council
Date: 05/17/2020 11:52 AM
Subject: RE: Extension of Permit parking May 2020

Dear Mayor Mei and City Councilmembers,

RE: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program

City Council meeting May 19, 2020 (on-line only)

First, a big thank-you for the Mission Peak neighborhood parking program. I am writing to strongly recommend its extension for several more years into the future.

The program brought much-needed peace to a neighborhood ravaged by irresponsible and totally unforeseen use of the Stanford entrance to Mission Peak. A neighborhood that deserved peace, safety, security, cleanliness, and quality of life found itself unfairly robbed of all of them, and had to fight a draining, protracted, and nightmarish battle for its rights and overcome vociferous opponents who peddled unbridled usage of the Preserve at any cost. It is best to leave those dark days in the realm of history, never to be visited again. The parking program has been working well and we simply cannot afford a return to the days of anarchy.

The Mission Peak neighborhood parking program is a necessary but small step in ensuring responsible use of the Preserve. Many area residents on Vineyard Ave., upper Antelope Dr. and Boar Cir., remain impacted by the thousands of vehicles, and tens of thousands of visitors flocking to the Stanford entrance in a year. Visitors come from great distances because THIS IS THE ONLY FREE ENTRANCE AROUND. Adjacent counties all charge at their parks. Unfortunately, far too many visitors behave badly, violating permit parking rules, violating curfew rules, leaving trash, dog feces, human waste and more.

Parks should be accessible. However access should be balanced against impacts to trails/habitats and the surrounding area. As lease renewal negotiations are happening, now is the time to ensure that the permit parking program and the new lease terms work for the Fremont community. I strongly recommend the permit parking program be continued, and modified to include an outside agency for enforcement, *funded by EBRPD* as a condition/term of lease renewal. All the issues, both inside and outside the Preserve, are a direct consequence of unchecked growth of park visitors. **EBRPD needs to be made to boldly embrace its mandated responsibility instead of popularity with visitors from faraway places WHO HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO STAKE IN THIS AREA. The Fremont City Council has a wonderful opportunity to make this much-needed change happen, by adopting a tough stance during lease negotiations.**

The impacts of COVID-19 will be with us for quite some time. As people are allowed to work from home or learn from home, the distinction between weekdays and weekends blurs, leading to crowding at the Stanford entrance on all days. Please direct the staff to modify the Mission Peak permit parking program to be in force 24/7, on all city streets in the "zone", funded by EBRPD as a condition of any lease renewal.

As you know, there is another entrance to Mission Peak Regional Preserve roughly a mile or so away at Ohlone College. This entrance has a 900-space secure parking garage and public transit access. This entrance is also adjacent to the Mission San Jose commercial area which could use this additional foot

traffic for increased business. Please required EBRPD to rely on this entrance as the main one for Mission Peak.

Again, a sincere thank-you for the permit parking program. We look forward to its extension and for the City to bring about a permanent solution through tough negotiations with EBRPD on lease renewal.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

- Vijay Pitchumani

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You will know they recognize the content of this letter as similar to a number of other letters sent to you. I would like to offer my concern for the proper resolution to this agenda item. The health and wellness of the Park, the neighborhood, the residents of the city of Fremont and those who enjoy the East Bay Regional Parks are of top concern to me. The permit parking program is a viable option to continue. Use of alternate access points and parking locations will eliminate the need for any additional parking development. Now, I will continue with the more formal and streamlined request for your appropriate decision-making efforts scheduled for May 19, 2020.

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From: William Yragui
To: City Council
Date: 05/17/2020 2:18 PM
Subject: Park district partners with cities for the long term

Members of the Board and District Staff, on behalf of the residents of Fremont, we wish to express our appreciation for the hard work of district staff at Mission Peak Regional Preserve since 1978. Five months ago, the city began negotiating with EBRPD on renewing the lease for 900 acres, that expires in July 2020. The city's recent [fist-pounding demands](#) to shut down the main entrance at Stanford Ave over social distancing concerns, while nonetheless keeping the (much-narrower) Ohlone College entrance open, [did not endear it to the park district](#) or to park visitors.

Following are the policies, goals and staffing costs that staff [presented to the City Council](#) in 2015:

- Mission Peak [is a] Regional Asset.
- Permit parking is a proposed interim solution; restrictions expire July 7, 2020.
- We also have a 300-car parking lot [expansion] within the park boundaries, that is currently in the environmental review process.
- EBRPD & city staff [are] working together; [there is] EBRPD funding & joint enforcement.
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These policies all now belong to the past, having been cast aside or turned upside-down. The main entrance to Mission Peak was shut down in April 2020, at the city's urging. [It remains closed](#) today.

City staff are no longer working together with the park district for the public good, largely because of [the city's "overreach"](#) and unreasonable demands. Since 2016, EBRPD police handed out 60% of the [4,300 parking tickets](#), while the city pocketed 100% of the ticket revenue (fines). However, the gravy train of free enforcement the city enjoyed will end in July 2020, when district police will be removed from city streets. The Board of the park district approved the expansion of the parking lot in 2016, but that project has stalled.

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From: Henry Lau
To: City Council
Date: 05/17/2020 3:48 PM
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To: City Council
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Hi,

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Susan Gauthier

From: Ping Lin
To: City Council
Date: 05/17/2020 5:52 PM
Subject: Re: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program
City Council meeting May 19, 2020

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Thank you for your support for this permit parking program.

I write to urge your support for the extension of the Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking program.

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Susan Gauthier

From: Susan Sun
To: City Council
Date: 05/18/2020 12:23 AM
Subject: Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood permit parking Program

Dear Mayor Mei and City Councilmembers,

RE: Agenda Item # 5B – Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood permit parking Program
City Council meeting May 19, 2020(on-line only)

We like to thank you for the Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking program that alleviates our disaster from the overwhelming visitors flocking into our quiet community. Firstly, have situations changed since the ordinance introduced ? No, so we need to keep it. In fact, it's even worse in violation of the curfew closure amid this pandemic. More strict enforcement should be taken to guard the health safety of our community.

EBRPD manages the park poorly and put their burden on City of Fremont and our neighborhood. It's like leaving their baby carelessly. Park should be accessible to everyone, but only as it can afford. What is its capacity in term of safety, facilities, appropriation and maintenance, etc.? Enough facilities include safety, toilets, signs, drinking fountains, rest area, parking space, emergency aides, accessibility, etc.

Over capacity jeopardizes not only park itself but also our neighborhood and city even worse. District doesn't care but we do. Visitors from outside area don't care much either as we all have learned, unfortunately. Short of resources can't accommodate excessive visitors. The problems created make no winners of visitors and ourselves. The park and neighborhood used to accord nicely in the Stanford staging area and it was very pleasant to anyone visiting in our memory before the overwhelming visitors. Residents here had no problem with the proper amount of visitors then.

District has to be responsible for the park and do their job. Fremont's residential streets can not be the parking lot for their park-goers who just take up our streets. Visitors zip through our street dangerously, fight for parking spot in front of our houses, block our driveway at times, block street driving views, our guests can't visit us because they can't find a space to park, trash littering, move and/or block our garbage carts causing big troubles to the operations of collection trucks, boomer noises, dog poos, even car break-ins, vandalizing, etc. They just create tremendous damages to our neighborhood, community and City.

There is another entrance to the Park at Ohlone College where has a 900+ secure parking spaces for the visitors. The District should encourage visitors and direct excessive visitors to the well facilitated entrance where is city public area with supplies, convenience stores, foods, gas stations nearby. Visitor can get much better services there should they need.

We urge you to help us extend this program, guard public safety and ask EBRPD to take their responsibilities. Together, we'll build a better community and City. The District should proactively manage their crisis for the sake of park goers' experience as well. Maybe they need some revenue to better manage the park and divert some of their visitors.

At the end of day, we hope to extend and enforce the Permit Parking Program for the quality of our neighborhood, community and City. Every party has to play their roles so we all, including visitors, can have safe, pleasant, healthy lives together.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

Liehwa Liang

Shuchen Sun

Susan Gauthier

From: Jayshree Radia
To: City Council
Date: 05/18/2020 11:46 AM
Subject: Extension of Permit Parking -- May 19, 20 (Vineyard Hills)

City Council meeting May 19, 2020 (on-line only)

First, Thank you for the Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking program. It has provided welcome relief to many from the overwhelming numbers of visitors driving to the area to visit Mission Peak Regional Preserve-Stanford staging area.

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Parks should be accessible. However there need to be appropriate parameters to balance park access with the impacts to trails/habitats and the surrounding area. As the permit parking program and lease renewal negotiations occur, now is the opportunity to ensure permit parking programs and lease terms work for the Fremont community going forward.

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Thank you.

Regards

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Susan Gauthier

From: Ivy Tse
To: City Council
Date: 05/18/2020 4:23 PM
Subject: THANK YOU for supporting parking permit program at Vintage Grove and the surrounding neighborhood

Dear Mayor Mei and City Council members,

Thank you for your continuous support to our community to extend the parking permit program for another three years. It is a very vital program for us as residents in the area to keep our neighborhood safe and clean.

It is a clear evidence that during the pandemic when there is no enforcement in the area, people will be streaming through our neighborhood to get to the trail. From the past experience, there were two major factors that attracted people to this entrance. The free parking at the staging area and the promotion from two individuals from MPC to hang out fliers to visitors for encouraging them to use the Stanford entrance. It was really a nightmare prior to the parking program and it remains a major concern as of today.

I came to know that ERP has a lease with Fremont City to allow them using our land as access to the park. I urge our mayor and city council members to put in place with conditions that ERP must do their part to enforce fines against violators who didn't observe the parking hours at the staging area and the surrounding area. Or City of Fremont should incur a hefty fee to ERP so that City of Fremont will be able to hire staff for enforcing the rules set out by City of Fremont.

Another alternative could be removing free parking at the staging area by installing parking meters to discourage people using the area. Please do not increase parking capacity which is known not a viable solution.

Once again, I would like to thank of you for all the efforts you have put in to keep us safe and to preserve our area with a clean environment.

Ivy -

Susan Gauthier

From: Evan Cohen
To: City Council
Date: 05/18/2020 5:11 PM
Subject: Public Comment for the Upcoming City Council Meeting 05/19/20

Regarding: Allow East Bay Parks to reopen Mission Peak Stanford Avenue Staging Area

Dear Fremont City Council,

In light of the updated Shelter In Place order for Alameda County, and with adequate staffing and PPE available to clean restrooms and pick up trash, the city should allow East Bay Parks to reopen the Stanford Avenue Staging Area at Mission Peak. The new Order aligns the county with the state's Phase 2 guidelines, which permits the resumption of additional outdoor business and recreational activities.

Though the park is still accessible for pedestrian access from a narrow trail at the Ohlone College entrance, the Stanford Avenue Staging Area is has a wider trail, and is uniquely used by several groups with special use permits, including the Wings of Rogallo hang gliding and paragliding club, and the South Bay Soaring Society remote control gliding club, as indicated in the park brochure (<https://www.ebparks.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=24382>) These clubs use areas of the park that are only accessible from the Stanford Avenue Staging Area and associated trails, which have been closed as an extension of the city's demand to close the adjacent access point. The ongoing closure has effectively shut down these activities.

The City and Mayor vocally advocated for the resumption of certain indoor business activities before the new Order was in place, notably the reopening of Tesla's facility (<http://fremont.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1768>). The Mayor stated that she believes this can be done with a "balanced approach to this effort that remains safe for our Fremont community." To this end, surely if the city believes that adequate social distancing can be performed inside an enclosed manufacturing space, it seems logical that the public should be able access an outdoor park in a manner that is even more balanced and safe for the same community.

Thanks for your consideration,
Evan Cohen

Susan Gauthier

From: Alice Chang
To: City Council
Date: 05/18/2020 6:44 PM
Subject: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program
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Before the Mission Peak Permit Parking be created, the Stanford Ave and surrounding streets were experiencing large crowds, heavy traffic, safety, litter and noise. The Stanford Ave and surrounding residents had no street parking options for personal use or for guests specially in Weekend and Holiday.

Stanford Staging area is a residential area, Stanford Ave is for light traffic, not designed for hundreds or thousands of vehicles. Some sections of Stanford Ave had been repaired couple times by City in past years due to surfaces damaged and underground water pipes broken caused by unexpected heavy traffic. Currently I observed surface of Stanford Ave is uneven and crack, I believe it will be need to repaired soon.

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Sincerely,
Alice Chang

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To: City Council
Date: 05/18/2020 9:03 PM
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David Wang and Cynthia Lee

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From: Meena Srinivasan
To: City Council
Date: 05/18/2020 9:33 PM
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Susan Gauthier

From: Jameson Hsu
To: City Council
Date: 05/18/2020 10:55 PM
Subject: Agenda item #5B- - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program

Dear Mayor Mei and Fremont City Council Members,

RE: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program
City Council meeting May 19, 2020 (on-line only)

Thank you for the current Mission Peak permit parking program. It has been a welcome relief not having to wake up at 6 AM on a Sunday morning because a car is driving by too fast. My house is directly on Stanford Ave so I constantly witness cars that aren't from the neighborhood speed up and down the street, regardless of the speed bumps in place.

I am writing to ask for your support in extending the permit for the Mission Peak parking program. While my location has benefited greatly from the permit that is currently in place, hundreds of other residents in the area are having to deal with cars that still park in front of their house and in areas where a permit is required. I've confronted an individual illegally parked and warned him of the permit rule and was told that "it's cool, they don't give tickets in the afternoon". Visitors to the park also leave an extraordinary amount of garbage in the streets, relieve themselves in neighbor's bushes, and don't clean up after their dogs as well. This attitude and lack of respect for our neighborhood invites more illegal activity. Besides illegal parking, drug deals have been witnessed by my neighbors, car break-ins happen constantly, and the opportunity of an easy score brings criminals to the neighborhood, making the Fremont Police Department's job even more difficult. Home invasions and break-ins have increased tenfold in our city and part of it is the attraction to an area that criminals believe to be safe from police prosecution.

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CONDITIONS FOR EBRPD IF THEY WANT A LEASE RENEWAL:

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4. There is also another entrance to Mission Peak at nearby Ohlone College. Why waste money to build another parking lot and disrupt the environment to build a water tank underground when there is a perfectly usable parking garage at Ohlone College? Let's bring the foot traffic to a commercial area of the city that would actually benefit the economy of the area as well.

Thanks.

Sincerely,
Jameson Hsu

Susan Gauthier

From: Tony Pang
To: City Council
Date: 05/18/2020 11:35 PM
Subject: Item 5B of 5/19/2020 City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor, City Council members and Police Chief,

My name is Tony Pang, a Fremont resident for over 35 years.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Fremont police, firemen and City Staff for their hard work during the Covid-19 outbreak. It is wary to see in Alameda County the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has surpassed that of Santa Clara County. As we are not out of the woods yet, the measures taken by City to curb the pandemic spread should remain in place.

I am shocked and dismayed at the denigratory remarks made by East Bay Regional Park District (EBPD) on our city officials for closing the Mission Peak Stanford entrance during the coronavirus pandemics. The Park District fails to see people congregating, hikers not adhering to social distancing rules, littering inside the Park and trashing of the neighborhoods streets. This becomes a public health and safety issue. EBPD should have been more supportive of the temporary closure.

I applaud the Police Chief for recommending to continue the Mission Peak Parking Permit program. It provides a balance between park access and neighborhood privacy. The program has alleviated the problems of excessive crowd size, littering, overstaying after park hours and the spilling of overflow vehicles into the neighborhood. This is a much needed relief since the program began 3 years ago.

There is 70% of unrestricted parking during the week as permit parking is enforced on weekends only. Yet some overly enthusiastic hikers have passed out flyers accusing Mission Peak homeowners as the privileged, colluding with City to limit park access; making the park into an exclusive club. This is a distorted view, victim blaming; a form of name smearing and micro aggression. When do visitors' right supersede the residents' right?

I am disappointed that EBPD police will no longer assist with parking enforcement outside of the Stanford Staging Area. It is disturbing to learn that the EBRPD management will renege on its original commitment to collaborate with Fremont police at the onset of the program. This is a dereliction of duty by the Park District.

It is visionary of the police chief to outsource parking enforcement until the new parking enforcement team is active. The current enforcement has been sporadic due to limited police resources. Some hikers have exploited the situation by arriving late in the morning or in the afternoon to park illegally. A dedicated enforcement team will deter such activities in future.

I urge the City council members to adopt the Police chief's recommendation to continue the Mission Peak Parking Permit program.

Stay well and be safe.

Thank you!

Tony Pang

Susan Gauthier

From: Walter Li
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 12:14 AM
Subject: Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking

Dear mayor and Fremont City Council,

Please support the extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Parking Permit 2020.

I have been living in this area for thirty years. When Mission Peak was getting popular and there was no neighborhood parking permit, the feeling to enjoy living in this quiet neighborhood quickly deteriorated. At 5 o'clock every Saturday and Sunday morning, cars started roaming. People tried to find their parking in front of our house, beeping on their car theft alarm, chatting loud while waiting for their friends. We waked up and questioned why we couldn't deserve a nice quiet weekend sleep. By the evening, drinking bottles, garbage or even shattered window glass left over the side walk. It was messy, and we felt insecure . It shouldn't happen this way in the residential area.

Look around the nearby regional parks, Query Lake or Coyote Hills, none of their gate was set up in the residential area. The Stanford gate was not designed as a gate for the regional park. City should find a permanent way to solve this issue, designate Ohlone gate for Mission Peak , close the Stanford gate, or open a new non-residential gate. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Walter Li

Susan Gauthier

From: Veronica Pang
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 3:31 AM
Subject: Comments on Item 5B, 5/19/2020 City Council Meeting -Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program

Dear Mayor Mei, City Council Members and Staff,

I am writing to support the extension of permit parking.

First, thank you for granting the Mission Peak Neighborhood permit parking in the past few years. If you have not seen it yet, I invite you to watch this 7-minute video showing the issues with too many cars / visitors to the Mission Peak Stanford entrance in 2014 prior to the permit parking program.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czTS_yMzzKk

In 2014 the Park District recorded 275,000 visitors in a year at the Stanford entrance within a residential neighborhood. The Park District admitted the number was low. Visitors flock into this single entrance because this is the only FREE entrance around. Permit parking has brought back some normalcy to the neighborhood and should be continued. I urge you to support the extension of the permit parking program. However, success of the program depends on vigilant enforcement which has been inadequate as visitors regularly park in the restricted parking zone, particularly on Vineyard Avenue, Stanford Avenue, Antelope and Boar Circle. I understand this is not a high priority to the Police when manpower is thin. All issues inside the Park and on city streets are a direct result of the Park District's failure to manage park visitations, and I am disappointed that the Park District does not shoulder the responsibility in enforcement going forward. The Park District should be held accountable for the problems it created and not to burden the City with paying for these costs resulted from the Park's mismanagement. Please put parking enforcement in the neighborhood under an outside agency and have the Park District pay for it.

Permit parking has helped but issues remain around this entrance. All the issues such as overcrowding on streets, illegal parking, long hours of park opening causing disturbance to the neighborhood, curfew violations, trash, car-break-ins are caused by the Park District's failure to properly manage, but situations outside the Park habitually are regarded as 'not within the Park's jurisdiction', hence the Park District claims to have no responsibility. As the City is in the lease renewal discussions with the Park District, please ensure that the latter will work collaboratively with the City for the balance of park access, habitat and impact to the community. In fact, this is NOT the only entrance to Mission Peak. There is an alternative. Less than 2 miles away, there is another trailhead by Ohlone College that has a 900- car parking structure and public transit access . That trailhead is not among homes. More foot traffic to that area will also benefit the MSJ Commercial District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Veronica Pang

Susan Gauthier

From: Prakash Narayan
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 8:30 AM
Subject: Re: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program

Dear Mayor Mei and Fremont City Council members,

We have been living in Fremont (District 4 - on the foothills of Mission Peak) for 22+ years. As you may be aware, Mission Peak is very popular hiking destination - not just in the Bay Area, but from other parts of the country (particularly after [this article](#) in the New York Times!)

As the NYT article (from 2014) mentions, the hardest part about the trail is to find parking - especially on weekends and holidays. So, people would indiscriminately park in front of our homes - not caring about inconveniences to the residents. Once they completed their hikes, they would dump their food packaging, etc. next to their parked cars and drive away - leaving the residents to clean up after them. In some extreme cases, there have been car break-ins and (worse) homes burglarized.

The Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking program (which was put in place 3 years back) has provided welcome relief to us. Our neighborhood has become safe once again. I am writing to urge you to extend the extension of Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking program. You put this in place originally to "see if it had an impact". As a resident in the area, I am assuring you that it **has** made a huge impact. Not continuing the parking restrictions will, undoubtedly, result in going back to the chaos we had earlier.

If anything, please consider extending the restrictions beyond weekends and holidays. My request is stemming from the post-COVID effects. You see, Bay Area companies are telling employees to continue to work from home into 2021. Many Colleges and Universities are going online. So, with all these people at home, the consideration for hiking at Mission Peak is not just on weekends.

I thank the City profusely for taking the necessary steps to make public health and safety the top priority - so that residents like me can continue to live peacefully and safely in this wonderful city.

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Prakash Narayan

Susan Gauthier

From: Hari Jobanputra
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 10:19 AM
Subject: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program
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Dear Mayor Mei and City Councilmembers,

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Susan Gauthier

From: Shyam and Sharmila Vijay
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 11:32 AM
Subject: LTR to CC_RE Extension of Permit Parking- May 2020

Dear Mayor Mei and City Council Members,

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Best,
Shyam and Sharmila Vijay

Susan Gauthier

From: Jane Wu
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 11:44 AM
Subject: *Please Read* Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking

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Sincerely,

Jane Wu

Susan Gauthier

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To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 12:01 PM
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We ask that the City Council direct Fremont Police and City Staff to ensure lease terms that work for the Fremont community going forward. EBRPD has demonstrated a pattern of behavior that is concerning. With every issue, the overwhelming crowds, park hours, curfew violations, trash, etc. they consistently fail to work collaboratively for balanced solutions. Rather, they consistently comment, "it's not our jurisdiction".

The root cause of all these issues, both inside and outside the Preserve, are a direct result of EBRPD's failure to manage park visitation. Prior to 2012, the visitor load was contained in the Staging area parking lot. Since 2012, the EBRPD has demonstrated a pattern of behavior that fails to consider the visitor growth and has proposed old school "build more parking" solutions that are inappropriate, as they simply

encourage more driving. In addition, the District has repeatedly failed to maintain the Preserve, compliant with the terms of the current lease, allowing trails/habitats to become overrun and abused.

As the City continues lease negotiations with EBRPD, please hold the District accountable to address the issues caused by their visitors both inside and outside the Mission Peak Regional Preserve. Given EBRPD's consistently poor pattern of behavior, please ensure that any new lease includes terms that work for the Fremont community.

Lastly, I would like to point out that there is another entrance to the Mission Peak Regional Preserve roughly a mile or so away at Ohlone College. This entrance has a 900+ space secure parking garage and public transit access. The Ohlone entrance is also adjacent to the MSJ commercial area which would benefit from the additional foot traffic.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and I hope you all are staying safe and healthy at home.

Sincerely,

Eric Chan

Susan Gauthier

From: Teresa Lee
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 12:10 PM
Subject: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program
City Council meeting May 19, 2020 (on-line only)

Dear Mayor Mei and City Councilmembers,

First, THANK YOU for the Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking program. It has provided welcome relief to many from the overwhelming numbers of visitors driving to the area to visit Mission Peak Regional Preserve-Stanford staging area.

We write to urge your support for the extension of the Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking program.

While the current permit parking program has provided welcome relief, many area residents on Vineyard Ave., upper Antelope Dr. and Boar Cir., remain impacted by the thousands of vehicles, and hundreds of thousands of visitors flocking into the area. Visitors come from great distances because this is the only FREE entrance around. Adjacent counties all charge at their parks. Unfortunately, far too many visitors behave badly, violating permit parking rules, violating curfew rules, leaving trash, dog feces, human waste and more.

Parks should be accessible. However there need to be appropriate parameters to balance park access with the impacts to trails/habitats and the surrounding area. As the permit parking program and lease renewal negotiations occur, now is the opportunity to ensure permit parking programs and lease terms work for the Fremont community going forward.

Many visitors knowingly park illegally, and if politely reminded of the permit parking zone, the frequent reply is, "It's alright, they don't ticket in the afternoon". Worse, car break-ins have become routine, drug deals have been observed in broad daylight and homes that back to the Preserve have been burglarized. The crooks have realized there are lots of "opportunities" in the area. We understand police resources are limited and police are short staffed. However, the program is only effective with vigilant enforcement. We recommend the permit parking program be continued, and modified to include an outside agency for enforcement, *funded by EBRPD* as a condition/term of lease renewal. The fact is all the issues both inside and outside the Preserve are a direct result of park visitors. EBRPD needs to be held accountable to address the issues if they have the privilege to continue to lease the City property.

The impacts of COVID-19 will be with us for quite some time. Ignoring the County's shelter in place order, prior to temporary closure of the entrance, thousands visited on weekdays when permit parking is not in force. Recently many Bay Area companies are telling employees to anticipate continuing to work from home after the Stay at Home/Shelter in Place orders are lifted, possibly into 2021. Colleges/Universities have embraced on-line learning. All these factors and warming weather will increase the already large crowds to this free entrance. We can anticipate crowds of visitors every day of the week, a perpetual "spring break". Please direct staff to modify the Mission Peak permit parking program to be in force 24/7, on all city streets in the "zone", funded by EBRPD as a condition of any lease renewal.

This is a residential area not designed for hundreds of thousands of visitors* and their vehicles (see video link below). We ask the City Council to direct Fremont Police and City Staff to ensure lease terms that work for the Fremont community going forward. EBRPD has demonstrated a pattern of behavior that is concerning. With every issue, the overwhelming crowds, park hours, curfew violations, trash, etc. they consistently fail to work collaboratively for balanced solutions. Rather they consistently comment, "it's not our jurisdiction" (e.g. it's not our problem). The Districts' behavior most recently, refusing to work collaboratively with the City to close the Stanford entrance when they knew overcrowding was an issue and visitors failed to comply with social distancing is shamefully arrogant. Recent articles are linked below. We thank the City profusely for taking the necessary steps to make public health and safety the top priority.

The root cause of all the issues, both inside and outside the Preserve are a direct result of EBRPD's failure to manage park visitation. Prior to 2012, the visitor load was contained in the Staging area parking lot. Since 2012, EBRPD has demonstrated a pattern of behavior that fails to consider the visitor growth and propose old school "build more parking" solutions are inappropriate as they simply encourage more driving. Any new lease must prohibit the addition of parking to the area as the EIR, completed by EBRPD, specifically noted any additional parking will cause induced demand by a conservative amount of 38%. The parking lot will be overflowing immediately. In addition, the District has repeatedly failed to maintain the Preserve compliant with the terms of the current lease, allowing trails/habitats to become overrun and abused. Furthermore, the District has consistently demonstrated a lack of cooperation with the City to address: park hours, curfew violations, permit parking enforcement, trash collection and most recently their appalling unwillingness to make public health and safety a top priority at the Stanford entrance while knowing the area was routinely overcrowded and visitors continued to fail to social distance even after diligent attempts at education.

As the City continues lease negotiations with EBRPD please hold the District accountable to address the issues caused by their visitors both inside and outside Mission Peak Regional Preserve. Given EBRPD consistently poor pattern of behavior, please ensure any new lease includes terms that work for the Fremont community. The City owns the property. EBRPD has the privilege of leasing it at no cost. They seem to have forgotten this fact. Please insist on lease terms that work for Fremont.

As you know, there is another entrance to Mission Peak Regional Preserve roughly a mile or so away at Ohlone College. This entrance has a 900+ space secure parking garage and public transit access. The Ohlone entrance is also adjacent to the MSJ commercial area which would benefit from the additional foot traffic to contribute to the success of the commercial area.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Teresa & Justin Lee

* In 2014 EBRPD counted roughly 275,000 visitors; the District acknowledges the count is low due to method of capture, infra-red reader.

Attachments:
EBRPD Press Release – May 5, 2020

<https://www.ebparks.org/civica/press/display.asp?layout=11&Entry=575>

EBTimes article – May 5, just prior to Board Meeting

https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2020/05/05/covid-19-fremont-police-chief-threatens-to-close-road-to-popular-mission-peak-entrance/?campaign=ebtfremont&utm_email+=84EAE46134DE444E6405D5440D&utm_source=listrak&utm_medium=email&utm_term=https%3a%2f%2fwww.eastbaytimes.com%2f2020%2f05%2f05%2fcovid-19-fremont-police-chief-threatens-to-close-road-to-popular-mission-peak-entrance%2f&utm_campaign=bang-ebt-nl-fremont-news-nl&utm_content=automated

EBTimes article – May 6, following Board Meeting

https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2020/05/05/covid-19-fremont-police-chief-threatens-to-close-road-to-popular-mission-peak-entrance/?campaign=ebtfremont&utm_email+=84EAE46134DE444E6405D5440D&utm_source=listrak&utm_medium=email&utm_term=https%3a%2f%2fwww.eastbaytimes.com%2f2020%2f05%2f05%2fcovid-19-fremont-police-chief-threatens-to-close-road-to-popular-mission-peak-entrance%2f&utm_campaign=bang-ebt-nl-fremont-news-nl&utm_content=automated

VIDEO: Mission Peak Video - The issues with the excessive visitor numbers.(pre-permit parking)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czTS_yMzzKk

Susan Gauthier

From: Leslie Li
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 12:24 PM
Subject: Agenda item #5B- - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program

Dear Mayor Mei and Fremont City Council Members,

RE: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program

City Council meeting May 19, 2020 (on-line only)

Thank you for the current Mission Peak parking permit program in place. Since it's been in place, I've been able to rest/sleep on weekend mornings without being woken up at 5 am due to endless loud cars driving fast up/down Stanford ignoring speed bumps, noisy people talking and laughing or yelling, car door and trunks slamming multiples times, loud honking, barking dogs, etc. I am a hospital inpatient pharmacist working in some unprecedented times due to the current pandemic and my sleep time is extremely important. I cannot make mistakes at my job ensuring drugs are prescribed and administered correctly and safely to patients, and the probability of it happening increases with lack of sleep and rest from an already high stress job and high stress work environment. My shift times vary from 7am to around midnight so I need to sleep later into the next morning.

Before the parking permits were required, I was not able to get the much needed rest that is required for me to be able to perform my job very safely. Especially when I get off at 11 pm and then at 5-6 am the noise starts. There would be large crowds of people loitering right outside my house having loud conversations before the sun is even up yet. I would hear endless cars making loud noises, zooming up and down over/ignoring the speed bumps. The opening and closing of car doors and trunks over and over again is extremely frustrating. Throughout the weekend, there would be trash left on the street from visitors who decided littering is better than taking their garbage with them. Additionally, I've witnessed multiple people relieving themselves in the bushes across the street from my home. This is unacceptable in a residential neighborhood. They often undress in their car right in front of our house, especially men just taking off their shirts or pants from a sweaty work-out. This isn't a public beach, it is a residential area, people's homes are here. The EBPRD needs to be held accountable and take responsibility for what happens with visitors inside and outside the Mission Peak Regional Preserve. They have the privilege of leasing the property for free from the city of Fremont and have not done anything useful/helpful to ease concerns of the residential neighborhood.

The Stanford staging area is not meant to accommodate the thousands of visitors going to the park everyday. As a property owner and someone who pays property taxes for the area, I deserve a say in what happens in my neighborhood. With all the illegal parking, opportunity for crime, and mass crowds of people, the police cannot possibly stand there handing out tickets 24/7. The Fremont police only come once if someone calls to give people tickets for parking illegally, and after that, they don't come back. This isn't important enough for them to keep coming back all day for parking tickets. Hence, people take advantage of that and just park there. I've witnessed where people park where we can't even put our garbage out for Sunday. I can't even pull out my car from my garage sometimes when the car is parked badly right in front of my house.

Furthermore, these people who mostly are not from Fremont, just walk on our street treating it with entitled manners like it is public hiking place, not respecting residential homes/streets. They're just walking leisurely/entitled like I'm supposed to yield to them, and they walk out of nowhere at times when it is getting dark. It is extremely hard to see and I have almost hit people backing up a few times because they have a complete lack of care or concern that a car from our garages from our homes is trying to back out. They just keep walking like they own this place or it is their territory/aka public

territory, and have no consideration whatsoever. People aside from me experiencing this is my mother and father, who are senior citizens, who have impaired vision especially when it is getting dark, and one has had cataract surgeries. They shouldn't have to worry so much about hitting hikers even at sunset because that is how late people stay. It's dangerous for BOTH parties. They'll linger around forever, loiter, undress and dry up their sweat, even rinse themselves, relieving themselves, eating snacks,, dumping their garbage on the floor, spitting sputum, and chatting with friends, etc, to get ready for their long drive home- and by then it's already dark out. Per the Fremont police, 80% of hikers who visit the park are from Santa Clara. People are using services that Fremont residents pay for and we the residents of Fremont are paying the price. Dealing with noise, traffic, garbage, and most importantly crime is not worth the trouble. We counted with a clicker and up to 7,000 hikers visit the park a day. People treat this place disrespectfully because the park is free and their attitude is like it's for the public so they have an entitled manner, and so they don't treat the place like a residential area (which IT IS), simply because they don't live here themselves.

This entrance being open has also been contributing to the exponentially increasing crime and danger in the area. Fremont home burglaries have increased a lot. People from outside of Fremont are coming here to rob houses. Most of these people that are being robbed of houses are of asian decent. With covid now, I fear this will happen even more. At lake elizabeth on 4/18/20 around 3 pm, an african american homeless looking man, was racially slurring at asians, including me. He was hiding in the fields yelling aloud, while looking at me, Saying that we should go back to where we came from, and that "black people don't even carry these diseases". I never heard racial discrimination at this park before, being born here, or even Fremont in general. This is just a glimpse and the beginning of what may come, especially since Covid most likely is not going away anytime soon. With so much foot traffic in this Stanford area, we can't tell who has the intent to burglarize and harm or not. We also have a hard time monitoring the safety of our neighborhood with such high foot traffic of several thousands of people a day.

Also, About 1 month ago there was a suspicious looking man hiding behind the trees near our house on stanford at around 8 pm. The more he saw me seeing him (I drove up near him to try to look at him), the more he tried to hide behind the tree while he was speaking to someone on his cell phone. I didn't leave, He then tried to intimidate me by shining his light and went to the middle of the road until I left. A couple weeks before that, a family member saw someone hiding behind the trees. This public entrance to Stanford is attracting all kinds of suspicious and unsafe activity and crime to our residential neighborhood. I used to feel so safe in This area with almost nobody walking up the peak and Stanford street. Now it's filled with all sorts of people up to no good, crime, suspicious/dangerous activity, trash, loitering, and human waste.

There is a solution. Please **CLOSE** the Stanford staging area permanently. There is another entrance already built, that is perfectly accessible at Ohlone College. It makes no sense to have an entrance here on Stanford. This area simply isn't built for what the city is trying to make of it - for the masses. Furthermore, all this hiring neighborhood policing for weekends, trying to build a parking garage even though it's been proven environmentally unsafe due to landslides, is extremely unnecessary, expensive, and most of all- unsafe. It will save money in terms of not having to build an unnecessary parking garage or do any landscaping that will harm the already fragile environment and animals of Mission Peak, and not needing to hire any Stanford area police to monitor the area. Landslides have been prevalent in the area and anymore disruption to the fragile foundation is unnecessary and costly. Having visitors enter through the Ohlone college entrance makes most sense since the parking is already taken care of, it's a commercial area, and also it invites an opportunity to increase the economy for the commercial businesses in the MSJ area. Right Across the street there are restaurants, delis and cafes, not peoples' HOMES, which would make much more sense for the 80% hikers from santa clara county to go to after their hike. They would also have more restrooms available so people aren't defecating and urinating all over our neighborhood. This would also reduce crime in the neighborhood because the ohlone college entrance is all commercial businesses and not homes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leslie Li

Susan Gauthier

From: Eric Calande
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 12:45 PM
Subject: Mission Peak Access comments - May 19 2020 meeting

I am writing in regards to Mission Peak and today's discussion about limiting access to this wonderful park via extension of the parking permit program.

I am dismayed to see the City Council ignore the needs of the MAJORITY in favor of the few. It's time to begin celebrating Fremont's biggest attraction and expand accessibility, not curtail it.

In the background notes the city states:

"Residents expressed concerns about traffic, noise, and lack of available parking for their visitors, claiming that on weekends and holidays it was challenging to hold family functions or celebrations due to the lack of available parking on City streets."

The claims of lack of parking for family functions is a falsehood. I was at one of the initial city meetings and watched as residents blatantly lied to the council.

The residents outside of the park live in 3000+ sq ft homes. The majority of these homes have 3 car garages and driveways large and wide enough to accommodate 8-10 vehicles comfortably. Parking is not an issue for these residents and never has been.

I have hiked Mission Peak for years (more than 600 hikes and counting). I've hiked weekends, middle of the week, mornings, afternoons, evenings. I hike year round, rain or shine and on holidays too. Never ONCE have I seen one of the residents in the neighborhood host a party or family gathering of any sort. I'm not saying it doesn't happen, I'm just saying it's a rare occurrence at best.

While noise from larger hiking groups during early hours on a weekend could pose an inconvenience, I seldom hear high levels of disruptive behavior. It should be noted that a few "Quiet Zone" signs along Vineyard Ave could prove highly effective.

Additionally, the city streets are PUBLIC, they are not private and yet the residents have repeatedly acted as if they are. They have demanded special treatment from the city and special treatment is what they have repeatedly received. It's rather disgusting to see MONEY influence government at a local level. It's time to stop.

When the EBRPD drafted plans to build a larger parking lot to alleviate congested street parking, the residents in the Stanford neighborhood SUED to block the plan. This alone should be evidence to the council that what these residents really want is a PRIVATE community and private access to Mission Peak. This simply should not be allowed or encouraged. The city has done enough and spent enough to appease these people. It's time to focus on the needs of the community as a whole, not simply the privileged demands of the residents of the Stanford area.

Please act responsibly and accordingly and return to working for the community.

Thank You
Eric Calande

Susan Gauthier

From: Helen Tsai
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 12:57 PM
Subject: Agenda item #5B - Extension of Mission Peak Neighborhood Permit Parking Program
City Council meeting May 19, 2020 (on-line only)

Dear Mayor Mei and City Councilmembers,

Thanks for supporting and implementing the Mission Peak permit parking program in 2018. We are seeking the extension of this program to avoid the overcrowded surface again. During the past 2 years, with Fremont city law reinforcement, we have seen some improvements on overcrowded vehicles. However, the problems remained in people's behavior to compliance. Illegal parking, blocking the driveway, people left the trash. Multiple car break-ins have increased as well as vandalism. We have also witnessed the overnight trailer parked in the neighborhood near the mission peak Stanford entrance. We understand the police resources are limited and police are short staffed. The program is only effective with vigilant enforcement. We recommend the permit parking program be continued and modified to include an outside agency for enforcement funded by EBRPD as a condition/term of lease renewal. The fact is all the issues both inside and outside the Preserve are a direct result of park visitors. EBRPD needs to be held accountable to address the issues if they have the privilege to continue to lease the City property.

During COVID-19 pandemic, thousand visitors flocking to the Mission peak ignoring the shelter in place and not comply with "social distancing". Given the impacts of COVID-19 will be with us for quite some time, we can anticipate crowds of visitors every day of the week, a perpetual "spring break". We need City and EBRPD to put a high priority to protect people health safety. Please direct staff to modify the Mission Peak permit parking program to be in force 24/7, on all city streets in the "zone", funded by EBRPD as a condition of any lease renewal.

EBRPD has demonstrated a pattern of behavior that is concerning. With every issue, the overwhelming crowds, park hours, curfew violations, trash, etc. they consistently fail to work collaboratively for balanced solutions. Rather they consistently comment, "it's not our jurisdiction" (e.g. it's not our problem). The Districts' behavior most recently, refusing to work collaboratively with the City to close the Stanford entrance when they knew overcrowding was an issue and visitors failed to comply with social distancing is shamefully arrogant. Recent articles are linked below.

As you know, there is another entrance to Mission Peak Regional Preserve roughly a mile or so away at Ohlone College. This entrance has a 900+ space secure parking garage and public transit access. The Ohlone entrance is also adjacent to the MSJ commercial area which would benefit from the additional foot traffic to contribute to the success of the commercial area.

Thank you.

Helen Tsai

Susan Gauthier

From: Tiffany Li
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 1:29 PM
Subject: Mission Peak Residential Permits

To Whom This May Concern:

My husband Deven Desai and I would like to advocate for the extension of the permitting on Stanford Avenue for residents only. We strongly oppose allowing hikers to park on our streets for several reasons:

1. **Hikers are coming in as early as 6:00 AM for parking.** As both my husband and I work full time jobs during the week with long commutes, we need our weekends to allow us for rest and sleeping in. With hikers trying to snag parking spots, we can hear the cars driving past our house and parking outside, waking us up and making it impossible to have restful weekends. All we can hear are cars parking, doors slamming, people chattering, and dogs barking, none of which allow for sleep. Again, our weekends and rest are invaluable, the hikers driving/parking is very loud and disrupts our needs.

2. **Trash/litter:** It is estimated that approximately 2,000 cars worth of hikers come to visit the peak every weekend, and with this comes trash and litter which is visible during our walks in the neighborhood. Growing up in this neighborhood, it has always been quiet, clean, and respected. Now this is not the case, there is trash thrown in the bushes, on the trees on Stanford, and over the fence on vineyard ave. Growing up, I also recall deer, turkey, and other friendly animals around the neighborhood, who are now all exposed to eating harmful and toxic waste.

3. **Non local hikers:** These hikers come from all over the Bay Area in order to make it to the top and snap a picture on instagram. And many of these hikers are not respectful and apathetic to our community. We should not be providing easy access for those who do not treat our property with respect.

The bottom line is that the Stanford Ave entrance for the hikers was not designed to fit thousands of people. This cannot be allowed to be a main entrance. All other EBRPs do not enter residential areas to access these parks, and neither should Mission Peak. We are asking for the quiet and peaceful neighborhood which I grew up with to remain that way so that my family and future kids can enjoy the same beautiful, peaceful upbringing that I did.

Regards,

Tiffany Li & Deven Desai

Susan Gauthier

From: Ed Kam
To: City Council
Date: 05/19/2020 2:22 PM
Subject: Extension of the Mission Peak Neighborhood Parking Permit

The Mission Peak neighborhood parking permit program has restored some amount of peace and order in our neighborhood. Prior to the parking permit program, our street was constantly full of cars for Mission Peak. In fact, we had our garbage cans on a national holiday that was on Monday removed from the curb. They were put onto the sidewalk so that someone could park their car there. So on that day, our garbage was not picked up.

We are totally supportive on the extension of the Mission Peak neighborhood parking permit program. We would also ask that the following be consider by the Mayor and City Council members:

- Greater enforcement of the program.
- More information for future hikers to be aware of approved parkings.
As I have seen, the parking issue shifts to other neighborhoods nearby.
- Investigate alternatives drop-offs only for the Stanford entrance.

Again, we would like to express our gratitude for addressing these issues.

Sincerely,
Edward Kam