

# THE EAST PALO ALTO PROGRESS

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## Lawsuit Fails to Delay June Election

By Carlos Romero

Despite the filing of a lawsuit against the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), the June 7 election will still be held.

Opponents of incorporation, claiming that the election is illegal, filed a lawsuit after the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors set a date for the June election.

However, attorney for the East Palo Alto Citizens Committee on Incorporation (EPACCI), Tom Adams, quickly responded to the decision by obtaining a stay of Cohn's decision. The stay stops Cohn's ruling until the appellate court reviews the case.

The attorney for the opposition has no intention of stopping the stay on Cohn's decision. He conceded to the legality of the County to proceed with the election.

In addition, the County Board of Supervisors and the LAFCo have unanimously voted to join the appeal filed by EPACCI.

Regardless of this indefinite legal situation, plans for the election continue.

According to Barbara Mouton, East Palo Alto Municipal Councilwoman and supporter of incorporation, "The election is fact, our goal now is to carry this message to the residents of East Palo Alto and then to the polls." "The opponents of incorporation have tried to muzzle the voice of the

people of East Palo Alto," Mouton continued, "but the voters will have their chance to vote their opinion."

It is certainly not clear that the four East Palo Alto property owners who brought the lawsuit represent the people of East Palo Alto. In fact, the main petitioner in the lawsuit, Joseph Horvath, is an absentee landlord residing in Atherton.

Another petitioner, Arn Cenedella, although an East Palo Alto resident, has favored annexation of the West of Bayshore area to Menlo Park—a move that would dismember the community of East Palo Alto. Cenedella's interest seems to lie in his mother's real estate firm which manages Mission Palo Alto Condominiums located in the West of Bayshore area of East Palo Alto.

Undismayed by the legal gymnastics of the opposition, incorporation supporters are actively campaigning for cityhood, confident that the election and the resolution of the lawsuit will be in their favor. As Ruben Abrica, municipal councilman and EPACCI member stated, "We are determined to win."

UPDATE: While going to press, we have learned that the appellate court will hear the case on May 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Court of Appeals, 4154 State Building, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. The hearing is open to the public.

## Local Tenant Claims Harassment

By Lon Otterby

On March 17, Lois Middleton, a longtime resident of East Palo Alto, received a 30 day eviction notice requiring that she and her family vacate their apartment on East O'Keefe Street. The previous month, the owner of Middleton's building, Edward Titus of Pacifica, had asked her and her son to sign a petition to annex to Menlo Park. Being incorporation supporters, they refused to sign Titus's petition.

When asked about her predicament Middleton responded, "This just goes to show you what lengths some of these apartment owners will go to to keep tenants from voting for incorporation."

Middleton contacted the San Mateo County Human Relations Division which referred her to the East Palo Alto Council of Tenants (EPACT). EPACT referred this apparent violation of civil rights to several governmental

agencies.

Letters on her behalf were sent to the U.S. Federal Attorney's Office, the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, the County Clerk's office, and to the County Board of Supervisors.

According to William Powell of EPACT, "Mr. McGovern of the Federal Attorney's Office has turned this matter over to the FBI and to the District Attorney."

Powell also said, "This is not the only complaint we have received. Renters from East O'Keefe have complained that their managers threatened them with \$100 per month rent raises if incorporation passes. This is clearly a retaliatory rent increase which is a violation of the renter's civil rights."

The East Palo Alto Progress encourages anyone who believes that their civil rights have been violated in any manner to contact them with their story.

## Cityhood Means Better Business Chamber Endorsement

By Eddie Adams

The East Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce is a consortium of businesses which has come together for the advancement of commercial, financial, industrial, and civic interests of the community. The Chamber has realized the need for East Palo Alto to become an incorporated entity in order to be able to implement programs and projects which will allow for commercial and industrial develop-

ment. On December 21, 1982, the Chamber Board took official action to endorse the issue of incorporation of East Palo Alto.

Chamber Board members are James E. Blakey, Jr., board/president; Eddie Adams, vice-president/publicity; Joseph Goodwill, vice-president/operations; W. Gary Bonner, vice-president/finance; Rev. James E. Lutter, vice-president/ways & means; Debbie

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Dr. J. Omowale Satterwhite delivers a presentation on the fiscal effects of incorporation. Ministers from most denominations in East Palo Alto attended the breakfast in support of incorporation hosted by the East Palo Alto Organizations for Independent Government.

## Partners in Progress

By Carmelait Oakes

The church has always been concerned with the spiritual and physical well being of its members. Since the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960's, the church has increasingly assumed an important place in the educational, economic, and political aspects of community life.

On April 21, 1983, representatives of all faiths met for a round table discussion on incorporation. The ministers wanted to take the incorporation

message to their parishioners. Over breakfast, a lively and informative discussion followed.

Charles Price, chairman of East Palo Alto Organizations for Independent Government (EPAOIG), hosted the breakfast. Isaac Stevenson, popular KSOL DJ, emceed the event and thrilled the attendees with a beautiful rendition of The Lord's Prayer.

Dr. F. Omowale Satterwhite, chairman of the San Mateo County Planning Commission and a candidate for the new city council, led an in depth discussion on the fiscal implications of incorporation.

All of the ministers joined in the discussions asking questions, volunteering their own answers along the way. Scare tactics used by the opposition surfaced, particularly the "lose your home" scare.

Most homeowners know better than to believe this rumor. They know that they will not lose their homes as a result of incorporation. They know that proposition 13 only permits a 2% raise each year in property taxes; anything greater than 2% must be approved by a 2/3 majority of all the people voting in that election.

Several candidates for the new city council were present. They added their views on the viability of incorporation. All earnestly support incorporation.

The outgrowth of the breakfast was the compiling of the fact sheet "What People Want To Know About Incorporation — Twenty-Two Key Questions."

The following ministers were in attendance and voiced support of incorporation: Elder W.L. Bains, Rev. Charles L. Barnes, Rev. Edward Butler, Rev. Johnny Cooksey, Rev. James E. Due, Sr., Rev. C. Fontenot, Rev. J.W. Fort, Rev. Joseph Green, Rev. Lyrtee B. Gulley, Rev. T.J. Hill, Rev. James Lutter, Rev. H.C. Macklin, Rev. Henry N. Milton, Rev. B.T. Washington, Rev. Albert Williams, and Rev. Huey P. Williams.

Copies of "Twenty-Two Key Questions" may be obtained from EPACCI at 321 Bell Street, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 or by calling 327-5846.

## Distribution Center Go-ahead Worries Residents

By Barbara Mouton

In late January, Judge Richard Bible ruled that the construction of the Dumbarton Distribution Center may proceed. Although the East Palo Alto Concerned Citizens lost this round in the fight to prevent the Distribution Center from reaching fruition, several hundred dollars already have been raised to appeal the judge's decision.

The proposed distribution center will have many negative effects on the residents of East Palo Alto. There will be problems with noise—likely to be above the level of 70 ambient decibels; air pollution—studies show a high incidence of carcinogenic illnesses in areas where gasoline emissions are excessive and diesel trucks abound; learning disabilities in children—three schools, Costano, the Ravenswood Middle School, and the Montessori School on Bay Road, are situated close by; and lastly, flooding—a probability in parts of the East Palo Alto community during periods of moderate to heavy rainfall.

An additional amount of eleven hundred dollars is needed to pay costs arising from this appeal. Anyone desiring to help can do so by making contributions to the Green Foothills Foundation, c/o CDI, Box 50099, East Palo Alto, California 94303. Contributions are tax deductible.

# Power Through Zoning

By Don West

Hidden beneath all the words over the East Palo Alto incorporation fight is a basic fact of political life: the person who controls zoning controls millions of dollars in potential real estate profits.

East Palo Alto contains 2.5 square miles or 1,600 acres of property in the path of industrial development. With industrially zoned land in the community valued as high as \$323,000 an acre, the profit potential is staggering.

Not all of this land is open and undeveloped. While some of the community can be described only as a Black ghetto, it contains houses for 14,000 people, about 53 percent of whom own their own carefully maintained, meticulously kept homes.

Speculators own many of the others and they would like to benefit from any shift in character of the community. A lot of these bring in enough money to pay taxes and interest, but are substandard and worth less than the land beneath them.

Some speculators want to see their property zoned for high-density housing developments, which the severe housing needs of nearby Silicon Valley industries have made very lucrative.

Others bet on getting their land converted into a future commercial development or consolidated into the edge of an industrial park.

Vying for the job of making zoning and development decisions are the leaders of the incorporation fight, most of whom are Black like their neighbors, and others, mostly White, trying to keep the county in control by recommending politically impossible ideas like annexation of the area to Menlo Park.

The county bureaucracy has a head start because county planners have developed a proposed master plan for the community. There are three large parcels that are of the greatest concern, because whatever zoning is adopted for them will set the pattern for neighboring properties. Predictably, there has been considerable speculative buying around and in those areas.

One is the 27 acre former Ravenswood High School site just east of the University Ave-Bayshore interchange, which Sequoia Union High School

officials would like zoned for industrial office use.

The county planners have recommended splitting the property at O'Connor Street, leaving the northern part in institutional zoning for park purposes, while the southern portion could be developed with up to 17 residential units per acre.

Another site is the Nairobi Shopping Center, which has fallen in disrepair. Planners would place that acreage in medium high density residential zoning as well, but suggest that this should be used for neighborhood commercial development until the community grows large enough for a larger shopping center.

The Ravenswood Industrial Park in the north-eastern part of the community is one of the hottest targets for speculators because of the availability of relatively large parcels of land near industries like the Zoccon Chemical Co. and Boorman Steel Co.

Vast acreages devoted to auto wrecking yards would be converted to other general industrial uses under the county plans.

The big problem for planners has been to create a buffer between the industrial park and the nearby residential section where many homes are valued in excess of \$100,000.

A snafu by county planners allowed a recycling center to have access to its rather noisy business from a residential street. Litigation and lengthy hearings are still under way to sort out that problem. The long range county plan would place offices in this area on the southern edge of the industrial park.

Some 46 acres in East Palo Alto, which are held in a special agricultural zone, would be placed in medium-high-density residential zoning, but be allowed to continue their farming activities for as long as the owners wish. Most such operations involve greenhouse crops.

The power to make the final decisions on the future shape of East Palo Alto obviously will involve considerable potential profit. In these days when local officials have few real powers left, it is no wonder that this fight has been an emotional one.

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## East Palo Alto's Healthy Tax Base

Just about all of the funds cities receive come from taxes or fees for services. All of the taxes make up what is called the "tax base." A tax base is large enough if there is enough money to operate a city.

Each level of government has a different tax base. For example, the main tax base of the federal and state governments is income tax. Atherton's main tax base is property tax. Palo Alto's main tax base is sales tax. Colma's main tax base is graveyards. Most cities use a combination of taxes to pay the costs of government. This would be true in East Palo Alto.

Many people are confused on this issue. They think a tax base only

comes from industry within the boundaries of an area. Some incorporated cities do not have any industry whatsoever. The fact is that more industrial and commercial development will simply mean a higher income for our new city. Development will certainly occur but even without it the tax base is still strong enough to provide better services than the county now provides to East Palo Alto.

We have been told so long that the county subsidizes East Palo Alto that many people automatically believe this. But it was discovered during the recent incorporation hearings held by the county that East Palo Alto pays \$200,000 more to the county each year than the county spends in East Palo Alto. We are subsidizing the county, not the other way around.



## Chamber of Commerce

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Tadlock, vice-president/research & development; Elder E.J. O'Neal, vice-president/public relations; and Mrs. Sara E. Christopher, vice-president/membership. The general membership of the Chamber now stands at sixty-six.

The East Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce is working to improve the

quality of life for all residents through the development of those elements which will increase our economic and commercial potential. The Chamber realizes that without the incorporation of East Palo Alto, we will never be able to grow and prosper. Won't you join in with the Chamber and work towards the future development of our fine city!

## Big Landlords Raise Cain

By Barbara Mouton

Cain, tormented by jealousy and greed raised up and killed his innocent brother, Abel, who had established a relationship with God, who was called Yahweh. When questioned about Abel's whereabouts, Cain continued on in his evil way by trying to deceive God. Cain's response has stood for ages as the epithet of the selfish and the short-sighted: 'Am I my brother's keeper?'

Just as Cain did, a group of people in the community calling itself "cCAIN" now asks the same question fully expecting the answer to be 'no.' They are wrong, just as Cain was wrong. Cain forever wore the curse put on him by God.

"cCAIN" did not pick its name by accident. "cCAIN"—out of jealousy, fear, and arrogance—is in the process of trying to kill our community . . .

killing the future for our innocent children—just as surely as Cain killed his brother Abel.

Think of these things for a moment: the powers behind "cCAIN" are the apartment house owners and big developers who have a master plan for our valuable land. They want to keep things as they are and have hired Pete McCloskey for this reason. That's a laugh!!!

Their apartment houses are filled with renters who are exploited by these outsiders; for the most part, these exploiters live in Palo Alto, West Menlo Park, and Atherton. They have convinced a few leaders on the east side to join them in raping this community.

Each time there is movement on/ around the incorporation concept, apartment house owners begin to make sounds about annexing to

Menlo Park. But they aren't sincere about this. Regulation doesn't sit too well with these investors; they know Menlo Park is serious about enforcing its codes.

These apartment house owners like owning property in an unincorporated community; with the county government miles away in Redwood City, there is little interference with their actions. They can indulge in arbitrary evictions, don't have to worry too much about code enforcement/inspections, building maintenance, and security for the tenants. They are the backbone of the low-profile but strong anti-incorporation force that has been in existence many, many years.

For well over 15 years, some of the eastside members of "cCAIN" have been telling you what they were going to do—rid the community of crime,

clean up the community, bring in industry and so on. They shouldn't be blamed for not being able to bring these things about because they did not have the control necessary to achieve these things.

What they must be blamed for is deceiving us for all these years. They understood these things could not be accomplished because the power resided outside the community. The people in power wanted us to beg rather than bargain for the little thing we received even though our taxes and demographics brought in all the money they were spending in our name. As a city, we will have the power to make good, informed decisions for the citizens. How much longer are we willing to stay in bondage? When are we going to stop these people from just raising "cCAIN."

## The East Palo Alto Progress

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# Sale of Parklands Provokes Debate

By Duane Bay

On Thursday night, April 28, the Board of Directors of the East Palo Alto Sanitary District by resolution set in motion the sale of Martin Luther King Park. The district declared the five-acre parcel on Daisy Lane surplus property.

It is currently leased to the Recreation District and subleased to the Little League Association.

The District manager will have the parcel appraised and will request from the Local Agency Formation Commission a list of public agencies that must be given first opportunity to negotiate

for the purchase of the land.

Despite vocal opposition by members of the public who attended the meeting, the Board voted four to one in favor of the resolution.

Community leaders Barbara Mouton, Charles Price, Peter Evans, Keisha Williams, and Onyango Bashir each pointed out the potential negative effect of loss of public land and questioned the urgency of the sale.

Board members Sanders, Joyce, Scherzer, and Clarke voted in favor of the resolution. Member Bay concurred with the sentiments voiced by community representatives.



With the proposed sale of Martin Luther King Park by the Sanitation District, only Jack Farrell Park and the Recreation District's main facility located at the corner of Bell Street and University, above, will be available to the public.

## Joggers—Get Set

By Elena Becks

All of you running and exercise enthusiasts put on your sneakers and jogging gear... Ready—Set—Go!

As one of the many activities planned for National High Blood Pressure Month, Drew Medical Center will be hosting a run May 14, at 10 a.m. The event consists of a three mile run, a one mile run for fun, and a one mile walkathon. Divisions include Peanuts (11 and under), Junior (12-19), Adult (20-39), and Master (40 and over). Entrance fees are \$1.50 for seniors and children and \$2.50 for all other participants. T-shirts will be furnished for all participants. The course of the run will be along University, Bay Road, O'Connor and

Donohoe Streets. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded the winners of the different races. A barbeque dinner will follow the day's events.

Two weeks later the East Palo Alto Organizations for Independent Government will sponsor a benefit run. This five kilometer run for incorporation will begin at 9 am on May 28 at Ravenswood High School track. Divisions are General, Senior, Handicapped. Registration fees are \$4 for Seniors and Handicapped and \$6 for General. Run For Incorporation T-shirts will also be available. Food and refreshments will be sold at the event.

For information concerning these events call Drew Medical Center (Run For Your Life) or 324-4247 (Run For Incorporation).

## NAACP Comments

The following statement appeared in the May issue of the South San Mateo County NAACP newsletter and was submitted by Gelsomina Becks, Membership Secretary and Newsletter Editor of the South San Mateo County NAACP.

At the April meeting, the membership present, many of whom are long term E.P.A. homeowners, voted that the South San Mateo County NAACP should become a member of the East Palo Alto Organizations for Independent Government.

There is no room here to go into the many reasons why East Palo Alto residents, homeowners and renters both, would be better off with their own self-governing city, but as members and friends of an organization dedicated to civil rights, we should realize that self-government for East Palo Alto would have to be better than being at the mercy of San Mateo County with no meaningful voice as to what happens to us and to our tax dollars.

As a city, the county would be obliged to return to us tax money that we pay to them which they can now spend as they please, and as a city the

state would have to give us money—such as \$90.00 for each registered voter.

Cityhood proponents have said that they appeal to responsibility as against the appeal of fear made by cityhood opponents (higher taxes, etc.).

If I may editorialize for a moment, in view of the way San Mateo County has treated East Palo Alto in the past, cityhood opponents (discounting those west of the freeway who simply don't want to be a part of a predominantly minority community) are acting like abused children who keep running to the abusing parent or step-parent because they are afraid to be on their own. We are not children, and we can make it on our own without having to take the abuse San Mateo County has heaped upon us over the years!

For more information, call 327-5846, and go to the polls June 7th to vote YES on the incorporation of East Palo Alto.

The NAACP branch meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor conference rooms of the EPA Municipal Building. Branch president is William Tinsley.

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# Poachers Grab Community Lands

## A History of East Palo Alto (part 2)

By Bob Lowe

In the initial installment of this series we looked at the first century of East Palo Alto history—from the time it was known as the Port of Ravenswood, to the beginning of the post-war population boom in the 1940s. This article will examine a much narrower period. It commences with the year 1949, when East Palo Alto's "liberal" neighbors began to appropriate significant portions of its territory. It discusses these early encroachments, and it briefly notes the first efforts to establish a city of East Palo Alto in the 1950s.

Menlo Park annexed Belle Haven in 1949, and in so doing, it acquired one-fourth of the population and one-fourth of the property value of East Palo Alto. The acquisition of Menlo Oaks and North Palo Alto followed shortly thereafter.

Plans to create a locally controlled police department in the East Palo Alto area died with the loss of such a substantial amount of property. Menlo Park, on the other hand, did not annex these areas for charitable purposes. It not only enriched itself with greater taxable property, but as of 1950, it received \$7.35 in state subventions for every new resident.

The savaging of East Palo Alto territory provoked the first halting efforts to form a city. Without any form of government or even a chamber of commerce, the matter of cityhood devolved upon the Ravenswood Boosters. This organization had actually been formed to build baseball back-

stops and bike racks and otherwise secure recreational facilities for children, but it increasingly had begun to address broader civic issues.

But the threat of more incursions into East Palo Alto land by Menlo Park, the skyrocketing population, and the bizarre welter of service districts to which residents paid taxes, encouraged additional attempts to make East Palo Alto a self-governing entity that could provide streamlined services in an increasingly urban setting.

A 1954 effort to incorporate got nowhere, leaving the way open for another annexation. This time part of the Bohannon development joined Menlo Park in 1956, resulting in significant losses to the Ravenswood Recreation and Park District. Then 1958 marked the year of the first substantial drive toward cityhood. Before this took place, however, other important events transpired. One of these was the building of the Bayshore Freeway.

Perhaps the first serious resistance to outside encroachments into East Palo Alto revolved around the proposed route of the Bayshore Freeway. Virtually all the businesses of East Palo Alto lined the old four lane Bayshore. In order to preserve this commercial area, a committee was formed as early as 1947 to encourage the California State Planning Commission to build the East Palo Alto portion of the highway close to the bay. It is unlikely, however, that even the best organized effort would have swayed the commis-



sion to adopt a more costly and convoluted route in order to save a business strip comprising gas stations, motels, restaurants, and taverns.

The building of Bayshore greatly

benefited major industries in the area by providing them with a much faster, wider traffic artery, but East Palo Alto suffered. Of the 53 businesses that were forced to relocate, only five chose to remain in the community. In addition to damaging the area's tax base and promoting floods, the highway set the "natural" attendance boundary of the future Ravenswood High School, a boundary that would encourage racial segregation in the 1960s; and because it was a much less permeable boundary than the old Bayshore, it would also impede further incorporation efforts by cutting the westside from the east, fueling some residents' aspirations to be part of Menlo Park.

In order to discuss the evolution of Ravenswood High School and the very serious incorporation effort of '58, the racial dynamics of the community must be addressed. The next installment of this series, then, will focus on the changing racial composition of East Palo Alto during the 1950s.

In a 38-29 vote, the Boosters decided to drop the issue of incorporation. This outcome was in all probability influenced by the strident opposition of Clarence Kavanaugh, Sr., a leader of the organization and member of a family whose stay in East Palo Alto dates to the 1860s and whose land-holdings were extensive. Fearing that incorporation spelled community improvement and that better services would require more taxation, the Kavanaugh family repeatedly fought any change in the status quo.

# Black Students Assail Stanford Curriculum

By Keith Archuleta

The Black Students Union (BSU) at Stanford recently called for a revision of the so-called Western Culture curriculum to include the study of the contributions of, and interrelationships between the cultures of Native Americans, Chicanos, Euro-Americans, Asian-Americans, and African Americans.

The African History Committee of the BSU has publicly objected to the manner in which the current Western Culture program is taught. The committee charges that the program is taught from an Euro-centric perspective and fosters the unwarranted and unfounded glorification of one culture over another. "The mutual study of one's own culture and other cultures," it affirms, "is the first step towards eliminating the misunderstanding between cultures that spawns racism."

All students are presently required to enroll in the Western Culture curriculum; it begins with the study of the ancient Greeks, implying that western civilization developed without outside influences. According to the African History Committee, also known as Kusema Ukweli (To Speak the Truth), the Western Culture program "does more distorting of the truth than educating students. Humanity, civilization, religion, and science first developed in Africa and then spread to Greece and the rest of the world."

Kusema Ukweli has organized a letter-writing campaign to Stanford University President Donald Kennedy

and to the Dean of Humanities and Sciences, Norman Wessells, urging them to convene a faculty-student committee with BSU representation to examine the Western Culture program's deficiencies.

The fight for recognition of Black and third world studies at Stanford is not a new one. The BSU struggled in the late 60's to create the program in African and Afro-American studies. Black and third world students continue to fight for cultural programs and services for students, tenure for third world faculty, and improvements in the curriculum. Additionally, they are struggling against cutbacks in financial aid, the decrease in enrollment of third world minority graduate students, and attacks on ethnic studies.

When Stanford introduced the Western Culture requirement for incoming freshmen in 1980, the BSU responded by introducing a course entitled, "The African Influences on Western Culture" in an attempt to address some of the inadequacies and biases built into this requirement. This course provides a much needed African perspective on history and fills a gap previously overlooked by the University curriculum.

Today Black students are calling upon the University to foster the development and support of ethnic studies so that Stanford may provide the quality education that it claims to offer. The BSU has offered suggestions, time, and energy in order to point the curriculum toward teaching the truth about the development of humankind.

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