

Whiskey Gulch project: East P.A. has the right

IT IS AMAZING that some of the leaders of Palo Alto, both in and out of government, are so shortsighted and lacking in common sense as to what is right and wrong.

We are shocked that "payola" (in cash and city services) would actually be offered to East Palo Alto as an inducement to treat Whiskey Gulch in conformance with special-interest group wishes. We wonder how many residents of Barron Park, Green Gables or, indeed, any area outside Crescent Park are happy to have their tax money used in this way.

East Palo Alto has every right to proceed in its own best interests — and we hope it does. We do not recall hearing much concern expressed in Palo Alto about increased traffic in East Palo

Alto resulting from expansion of business in Palo Alto.

We all will be better off in the long run with a community next door that has a strong tax base enabling it to put its house in order.

If we Palo Altans are sincere in working for the long-term good of the whole area, we might consider supporting a southern connection to the Dumbarton Bridge as a tradeoff for some concessions on Whiskey Gulch development. In addition to filling an obvious need, this would have the advantage of being an offering of which we need not feel ashamed.

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