

# East Palo Alto Municipal Council



## COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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Dear Jackie:

Your question yesterday as to why the Municipal Council had not discussed the request to the Board to initiate by resolution a proposal speaking to the incorporation of the community took me by surprise. I guess we in EPACCI, living and sleeping incorporation for such a long, long time, fail to realize that others may not remember or have access to information and/or developments that are "old hat" to us.

Even though Dr. Frank Satterwhite in his remarks did correctly inform the Board relative to your question, I felt a written response was indicated because of the allegation by Councilperson Wilks that she received no official notification of the matter being before the Board yesterday, and the subsequent innuendo that the Council is not functioning as a deliberative body.

When the East Palo Alto Municipal Council convened a citizens committee in January 1980, it directed that committee to research the pros and cons of the incorporation concept. By mutual agreement between the Council and the Incorporation Committee, EPACCI was to operate independently on matters pertaining to incorporation.

People attending the EPACCI meeting on Tuesday, 20 April 1982, and a special EPACCI session on Friday, 23 April 1982, had discussed and agreed to request that your Board initiate by resolution an incorporation proposal. Obviously, some people in our community choose not to be involved with EPACCI.

Additionally, Dr. James, through a memo dated 23 April 1982 (see enclosure), informed council members that this request was on the Board's 27 April 1982 agenda. If council members choose not to read material that is submitted to them for consideration that is their right; however, they must also bear responsibility for not being as informed as they should be, could be, on matters impacting East Palo Alto. Therefore, not aware of any change in the Council's unanimous support for incorporation, and not having received any request or concern from any council member about the item, I felt that all members of the Council were in support of the item.

In closing, I thank you and the other Board members for listening to the various points raised regarding the incorporation proposal; I especially thank all of you for voting unanimously to initiate the proceedings.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara A. Mouton

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cc: Members, Board of Supervisors  
Members, EPA Municipal Council