

From: [Luke Schloegel](#)
To: [Daniel Gonzales](#)
Cc: [John Kao](#); [Michael A. Gardner](#); [Marcia Lane](#) [REDACTED]; [Holly B. Gardner](#); [Patsie Kao](#); [Heidi Schloegel](#) [REDACTED]; [David Lane \(Marcia's Husband \)](#) [REDACTED]; [Rachel Asa](#) [REDACTED]; [Daniel Roberts](#); [City Council](#); [Jeni Roberts](#)
Subject: Re: Piedmont Civic Center Parking Discussion - March 17th Council Meeting
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 8:49:05 PM

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Hello Daniel,

My name is Luke Schloegel and I live at [REDACTED] Bonita with my wife, Heidi and our 3 children who attend Havens elementary. Both my wife and I are very concerned about and strictly oppose the proposed plan to convert our block of Bonita Avenue into a one-way street with diagonal parking.

I agree with what my neighbors have said about this issue and share their concern about the impact of this change on the safety of my children. The additional traffic of cars parking and leaving will only make our street less safe for my children and all of the kids attending Havens elementary. This side of Havens elementary is a gathering place for kids before and after school and it is an important part of the school to have this area open and accessible.

More cars parking would only make this area more congested and difficult for passing cars to see the kids coming and going and crossing the street. I agree that Bonita Avenue is a residential street and this will only turn it into a parking lot. We already struggle with entering and exiting our driveways, and I would also ask that the city consider adding speed bumps to the street to decrease the speeding that already takes place on this street. Making it one way would only encourage drivers to go faster down this street, be less safe, and inhibit accessibility for the residents of our street.

Overall, I believe that this change to Bonita Avenue would only jeopardize the safety of the kids who attend Havens and the residents of our street and my wife and I strongly oppose this proposed change.

thank you for your consideration,
Luke and Heidi Schloegel

On Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 11:15 AM Jeni Roberts <drjeniroberts@cityofpiedmont.com> [REDACTED] wrote:
My apologies, my first email did not include all intended recipients:

Hi Daniel,

My name is Jeni Roberts, and I am a lifelong resident of this community, currently living with my family at [REDACTED] Bonita Avenue. I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to convert our block of Bonita Avenue into a one-way street with diagonal parking. While I understand the need for additional Civic Center parking, this change poses serious safety risks for residents, schoolchildren, and commuters.

1. Increased Safety Concerns for My Family and Neighbors

As a parent, I am deeply concerned for the safety of my children and others who walk to

school daily. The Vista/Bonita crosswalk is already unsafe, with drivers frequently running stop signs in their rush to drop off and pick up students. A one-way street could increase driver frustration, leading to even more speeding and less attention to crosswalks and pedestrians. My children and I have already experienced near misses, and I fear that this change will only make matters worse.

2. Limited Driveway Access and Increased Risk of Collisions

I already struggle to safely exit my driveway due to:

- Speeding cars on Bonita.
- Drivers parking too close to my driveway, making it difficult to see oncoming traffic.
- Illegal parking that blocks my driveway during school drop-offs and pick-ups.

If Bonita becomes one-way, I will have only one direction to exit my driveway, making it even harder to navigate. I am deeply concerned that backed-up traffic will prevent me from leaving my home altogether, or worse, that I may be at increased risk of an accident due to rushed, impatient drivers.

3. Negative Impact on Resident Parking

Bonita Avenue is a residential street, not just a parking lot for the Civic Center. My family, my neighbors, and our guests rely on street parking in front of our homes. The proposed diagonal parking may take away our residential parking spaces, prioritizing city employees and visitors over the people who actually live here.

To protect resident parking, I urge the city to implement 24-hour residential parking permits for Bonita Avenue residents, ensuring that residents are not displaced by these proposed changes. Other neighborhoods enjoy accessible residential parking, and Bonita residents deserve the same consideration.

4. The Proposal Prioritizes City Employees Over Residents

This proposal benefits city employees and Civic Center visitors at the expense of the families, children, and long-term residents who live on Bonita Avenue. Our streets should prioritize safety and livability for residents first.

Conclusion: Prioritize Safety Over Parking Expansion

I urge the city to reconsider this proposal, as the safety risks far outweigh the benefits of adding more parking spaces. Instead of making Bonita one-way, I encourage the city to explore alternative solutions that do not compromise resident safety, driveway access, and parking availability.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I hope that the city prioritizes the safety and well-being of Bonita Avenue residents over parking expansion for Civic Center employees.

Sincerely,

Jeni Roberts

Jennifer Elle Roberts, MD
Integrative Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist
drjenroberts.com

On Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 11:10 AM Jeni Roberts <drjenroberts@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Daniel,

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On Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 10:20 AM John Kao <[jkao](#)> wrote:

Michael, this sounds fabulous! It'd be great if some email can be exchanged between you and Pete Palmer to confirm his views! Thanks, John

From: Michael A. Gardner <[mgardner2366](#)>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 9:13 AM
To: Marcia Lane (327 Bonita) <[marcia.berchenko](#)>; Holly B. Gardner <[hollisbea](#)>; Jeni Roberts <[drjeniroberts](#)>; Patsie Kao <[hellopatsie](#)>; Luke Schloegel <[duke.schloegel](#)>; John Kao <[jkao](#)>; Heidi Schloegel <[heidischloegel](#)>; David Lane (Marcia's Husband - 327 Bonita) <[d.charles.lane](#)>; Rachel Asa (Piedmont) <[racheljasa](#)>; Daniel Roberts <[drobertsenator](#)>
Subject: Re: Piedmont Civic Center Parking Discussion - March 17th Council Meeting

Good morning Neighbors

Just a quick note I spoke with Mr. Pete Palmer, Director of Facilities, for the

Piedmont Unified School District this morning. The schools are against the proposed changes to our 300 Block of Bonita for safety reasons. Today, Pete, Anne Dolid - Havens Principal, and Daniel Gonzales will be walking the area around Havens and the Center of Town. I know that it is a school vacation week, but if there is a way to notify the Havens parents of this potentially dangerous proposed change it might be helpful.

Best regards,

Michael

Michael A. Gardner 高德迈

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On Mar 13, 2025, at 12:55 PM, Michael A. Gardner
<mgardner2366@piedmontunified.org> wrote:

Hi Daniel,

Thank you again for taking the time to speak with me earlier today.

After speaking with Holly, we both agreed that the residential parking on the 300 block of Bonita was likely established in the 1990s, rather than the 1980s as I had previously thought. Just for your report's accuracy

I also located my 2023 parking map from a walk I took with City Administrator Sara Lillevand and Council Member Conna McCarthy on January 20, 2023. This map shows over 100 parking spots within a block or two of City Hall and the pool. Following that walk, my findings were

confirmed, and the proposal to make the 300 block of Bonita one-way with diagonal parking in front of Havens School was dropped. These parking spots still exist today.

I sincerely hope that any alterations to parking on the 300 block of Bonita will be removed from future proposals.

As always, my very best regards,,

Michael

Michael A. Gardner 高德迈

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Mar 13, 2025, at 11:58 AM, Daniel Gonzales
<dgonzales@piedmont.ca.gov> wrote:

Marcia:

Thanks for the feedback. Would you prefer to meet in person, or via phone call? Let me know your preference and I will schedule accordingly.

Daniel

From: Marcia Lane <marcia.berchenko@piedmont.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2025 11:17 AM
To: Daniel Gonzales <dgonzales@piedmont.ca.gov>; Michael A. Gardner <>; Holly Gardner <>; Jeni Roberts (Gardner) <>; Patsie Kao <>; Luke Schloegel <>; John Kao <>; Heidi Schloegel <>; David Lane <>
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Hi Daniel,

Thank you for sending this to us. I am copying some of our neighbors for reference.

My strong opinion is that any proposal about turning Bonita into a 1-way street should be completely off the table for discussion. End of story.

There are major safety implications of a 1-way street, none of which have been considered. Have you addressed any of the concerns that we raised from the last discussion? I thought this subject was closed the last time it was proposed. You cause great distress to the neighborhood by continuing to propose 1-way traffic on Bonita; none of us want to continue this fight with the city. Please remove this as a topic of consideration from here on out.

You will be gaining dozens of spots back on Bonita between Magnolia and Vista once construction is completed. This

should suffice for the needs of the area.

I am available today at 3pm to meet and discuss further. I have a newborn baby so she may have to come to the meeting due to the lack of notice.

Neighbors, please see attached.

Thank you,

Marcia Lane

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bonita

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From: **Daniel Gonzales** <dgonzales@piedmont.ca.gov>

Date: Thu, Mar 13, 2025, 10:51 AM

Subject: Piedmont Civic Center Parking Discussion - March 17th Council Meeting

To: Marcia Lane [REDACTED], Michael A. Gardner [REDACTED]

Hello Marcia and Michael:

As you might be aware, the City has been soliciting feedback on Civic Center parking in the form of an online survey (https://communityfeedback.opengov.com/portals/piedmontca/Issue_14297 - closed yesterday), and we will have initial discussions about this topic at the March 17th Council meeting. We are looking ahead to completion of construction on the new community pool and 9-1-1 dispatch center, and the City is will be performing a comprehensive review of public parking along

Bonita, Hillside, Highland, Magnolia, and Vista Avenues with the aim of providing the best possible experience for residents and visitors. No vote will occur at this meeting – the goal is to discuss parking and how residents, and Civic Center visitors, are impacted by possible alterations. Do you have a few minutes today or tomorrow to discuss? If so, can you please let me know your availability?

I've also placed the attached notification on the doorsteps to all homes on Bonita Ave. Please feel free to also forward this email to the other homeowners/residents on Bonita.

Thanks,

Daniel Gonzales, P.E.

Public Works Director

City of Piedmont

(510) 420-3061 (office)