

# New Entry on Town Council Comments Survey

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To:Town Center <TownCenter@portolavalley.net>

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

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## Survey Details

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**1. First and Last Name**

MJ Lee

**2. Email address ( will not be publicly displayed)**

[REDACTED]

**3. Organization ( Enter name of organization, business, or non profit if you are submitting comments on their behalf.)**

Not answered

**4. Street address ( will not be publicly displayed)**

[REDACTED]

**5. City**

Portola Valley

**6. State**

CA

**7. Zip Code**

94028

**8. Date of Meeting you are submitting comment for.**

06/26/2024

**9. Agenda Item number or name**

Proclamation for Howard Young

**10. Comment**

Dear Town Council,

I am heartbroken to hear that the Town's senior employee Howard Young has been re-organized out of a job. The only employee left with institutional memory. Howard was instrumental in building the Town Center within budget. He grew a Public Works department and corresponding volunteer committee that have shepherded the Town through some vile winters. He has worked with WFPD to steadily clean up the Right of Way on the major routes of the Town. He has served

as interim Manager, and for reasons to which I was not privy, was turned down for the permanent position, possibly more than once. I always thought he should have been appointed Town Manager back around 2010.

A little letter like this one doesn't do enough to thank Howard for his service to this town. It was no small commute for him, and I was always grateful he stuck with us. I am bereft that the Town Council appears to be so ungrateful for and unappreciative of a person who has been a shining example of something for which we don't have enough of: a magnificent government employee.

Best wishes to Howard, and I am so sorry for our town's loss.  
mj lee

**11. Optional: You can upload a copy of your comments.**

Thank you,  
**Portola Valley, CA**

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