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5. City

Portola Valley

6. State

CA

7. Zip Code

94028

8. Date of Meeting you are submitting comment for.

03/16/2026

9. Agenda Item number or name

4c Future Priorities

10. Comment

Dear Town Council -

I may be unable to attend your meeting on 3/16/25, and wanted to share some thoughts as you look forward. I know you have many important priorities on your plate, dealing with our fiscal health, resident & fire safety, housing, etc.

1. As a Parks & Rec Committee member, it has become apparent that the Town has not planned appropriately for maintenance with respect to some of our community amenities. An example is that we are having to solicit private donors to repair and resurface our only courts. Tree trimming should also be done prior to resurfacing the courts, as the trees surrounding those courts are causing safety issues due to lack of sunlight and debris. Our understanding is that there are no funds for basic tree trimming for projects like this. As we plan our future, issues like this must be thoughtfully addressed.

2. While we don't have a lot of commercial businesses to provide revenue to the Town, we do have a very valuable asset - LAND. How do we leverage this asset better? The small amount of revenue we make on the 1.2 acre parking lot we own next to Rossotti's soccer field and the large lot at Ford Field are far from what we should be earning. Should we consider installing parking pay station kiosks for a pay and display system? Perhaps residents could have stickers on their cars that exempt them from fees? Obviously, this idea needs fleshing out, but I do believe we have a strong revenue opportunity with some of our parking areas.

And while I love the Farmer's Market, it does come at a cost - we lose parking for those using our Town Center amenities for \$52/year. I believe that contract needs to be renegotiated. And it probably takes away from sales at Robert's Market, which would provide some revenue to the Town? Perhaps we should revisit our rental contract with Ladera Oaks for the land next to Ford Field as well? And there may be others?

Thanks for considering my thoughts, and for all you do for our Town. You are appreciated!

Karen

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