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The below is a consensus of a group of like-minded residents:

The difficulty with having committees is that they always feel they have to "do something" in order to justify their existence. Sometimes NOTHING NEEDS TO BE DONE! NO MONEY NEEDS TO BE SPENT !

Traffic seems to be our most important problem (besides empty stores). We don't need more parking spaces. We thought about building multi-level parking facilities several years ago. They were never built. We didn't need them then and we don't need them now. I find plenty of parking spaces most of the time. The only full capacity lots I find are during the dinner hours between Left Bank and Su Hong take-out where there are several other nearby restaurants. Building multi-level parking structures several blocks away won't alleviate that problem - people won't walk that far!

We also don't need more parks. Haven't you noticed that there is hardly anyone at the park on Santa Cruz now?

What we do need is longer parking times. Having lunch and walking to do several errands takes longer than two hours. If you don't need that long fine. There are plenty of us who do.

Nothing you do will ever join the east side of El Camino to the west side. They are destination locations. There is a six-lane road with a center divider between them!

We are in a recession, jobs are short and so is money. Spending money where it doesn't need to be spent is foolish. Please stop wasting our money for consultants to do studies and trying to enhance Menlo Park. WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY! Since the economy isn't going to get better for a while we will probably need any so called extra money for necessities in the future.

I WILL VOTE FOR YOU IF YOU STAND UP AND SAY "WE DON'T NEED TO SPEND MORE MONEY'.

Earnestly, Jean McGee