3:30 PM Afternoon Session
6:30 PM Evening Session

In order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the City conducted this meeting as a teleconference in compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-63-20.

3:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 3:34 P.M.

1.A. Roll Call:

Vice Mayor Alessio participated remotely, via video conference.

Present: 5 - Councilmember Luros, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Painter, Vice Mayor Alessio, and Mayor Sedgley

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS:

City Clerk Carranza announced the following supplemental items:

Item 3.:  
- Materials from Maureen Trippe, Slow Down Napa.  
- Emails from Geoff, an anonymous sender, and Catherine Hoffman.

Item 5.B.: PowerPoint Presentation by City Staff.

Item 5.C.: PowerPoint Presentation by City Staff.

(Copies of all supplemental documents are included in Attachment 1)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

(See supplemental documents in Attachment 1)

Staff read submitted email comment from Geoff regarding road conditions on Solano Avenue.

Maureen Trippe, resident, on behalf of Slow Down Napa - provided comment via telephone and shared concerns regarding speeding and traffic enforcement.

Jim Hinton, resident - provided comment via telephone and spoke regarding cannabis.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Luros, seconded by Councilmember Painter, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Luros, Narvaez, Painter, Alessio, and Sedgley

4.A. 53-2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approved the January 19, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

4.B. 11-2021 Human Resources Software Services from NEOGOV

Authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment 1 to City Agreement C2018-164 with Governmentjobs.com, Inc (dba “NEOGOV”) for services in support of the interactive software for human resources administration through June 30, 2026 in the amount of $110,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 and $110,000 per fiscal year thereafter.

4.C. 12-2021 River Park Estates Canal Maintenance District Project Evaluation

(1) Adopted Resolution R2021-007 adding the River Park Maintenance Project to the City’s Five-Year Capital Improvement Program, and (2) approved the use of $175,000 of the River Park Maintenance Fund to fund an increase to the expenditure budget of the Capital Improvement Fund of $175,000, as documented in Budget Adjustment Form No. BE2102501, for the Project.

Enactment No: R2021-007
4.D. 19-2021  Budget Staffing Plan for the Fleet Management Division of the Public Works Department

Adopted Resolution R2021-008 amending the City-Wide Position Staffing Plan to add one Equipment Mechanic position; and approving a budget adjustment of $53,370 from the Public Works Fleet Management Division revenue to salaries and benefits, as documented in Budget Adjustment Form No. BE2102503.

Enactment No: R2021-008

4.E. 54-2021  Emergency Shoring and Excavation for the 36-inch Water Transmission Main Leak Repair

(1) Adopted Resolution R2021-009 determining there is a need to continue the emergency action to execute and implement contracts for the 36-inch water transmission main leak repair; (2) approved a transfer of $250,000 from Water Fund Emergency Reserves to water transmission expenditure budget as documented in Budget Adjustment No. BE2102504; and (3) determined that the actions authorized by this resolution are exempt from CEQA.

Enactment No: R2021-009

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

5.A. 414-2020  Proclamation of Local Emergency to Respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

City Manager Potter provided the report which included a review of various COVID-19 impacts, and an update on COVID-19 case numbers.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment; there were no requests to be heard.

A motion was made by Councilmember Narvaez, seconded by Councilmember Painter, to Continue the Proclamation of Local Emergency authorizing the City Manager to take actions necessary to respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and ratify actions taken by the City Manager in implementation of the Proclamation of Local Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Luros, Narvaez, Painter, Alessio, and Sedgley
5.B. 21-2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Second Amended Annual Action Plan for CARES Funding

(See supplemental documents in Attachment 1)

Housing Manager Lark Ferrell provided the report.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment; there were no requests to be heard.

The discussion was brought back to Council. Brief discussion ensued regarding a recommendation from Vice Mayor Alessio to provide $25,000 of funding to Puertas Abiertas. Staff responded to questions, and provided clarification on rental assistance programs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Painter, seconded by Councilmember Luros, to adopt Resolution R2021-010 approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2019-2020 Second Amended Annual Action Plan, approving a budget revenue and expenditure increase of $740,756 as documented in Budget Adjustment No. BE2102502, approving program certifications, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents required for the submittal of the Second Amended Annual Action Plan to HUD. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Luros, Painter, and Sedgley

No: 2 - Narvaez, and Alessio

Enactment No: R2021-010

5.C. 405-2020 2021 Long-Term Financial Forecast

(See supplemental documents in Attachment 1)

Finance Director, Bret Prebula, and Finance Analyst, Jessie Gooch, who participated remotely via video conference, provided the staff report.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment; there were no requests to be heard.

Council comments and questions ensued.
6. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Potter provided an additional comment regarding COVID-19 case numbers, noting that the death rate had doubled.

Councilmember Painter provided a brief report out from the LAFCO meeting held the day prior, and suggested Councilmembers review the Countywide Water and Wastewater Municipal Services Report.

CITY COUNCIL RECESS: 4:53 P.M.

6:30 P.M. EVENING SESSION

7. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

7.A. Roll Call:

Vice Mayor Alessio participated remotely, via video conference.

Present: 5 - Councilmember Luros, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Painter, Vice Mayor Alessio, and Mayor Sedgley

8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

9. AGENDA REVIEW AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS:

City Clerk Carranza announced the following supplemental items:

Item 11.A.:
- PowerPoint Presentation by City Staff.
- Emails from Joan Foresman, Hank Kaspar, Shirley Knight, Adriana Montanez Avina, Valerie Wolf, Larry Alexander, Danielle Barreca, Helen Greico and Monica Knecht.

(Copies of all supplemental documents are included in Attachment 2)

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Hinton, resident, provided comment via telephone - spoke regarding speeding, traffic enforcement and conditions and connectivity of sidewalks near Rohlfss Manor Senior Apartments.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

(See supplemental documents in Attachment 2)

City Manager Potter, City Attorney Barrett, and City Clerk Carranza provided the staff report.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment.

Staff read submitted email comment from Joan Foresman, Hank Kaspar, Shirley Knight and Adriana Montanez in support of an independent redistricting commission and annexation of the large County islands.

Comments via telephone were provided by the following:

Bernadette Brooks, resident, on behalf of the League of Woman Voters of Napa County - suggested an independent redistricting commission.

Robert J. Van Der Velde, resident and Co-chair of Voter’s Choice Napa Committee - requested independent redistricting commission.

Devra Dallman, resident - supported an independent redistricting commission and annexation of the large County islands.

Staff continued, and read submitted email comments from the following:

Valerie Wolf, resident - supported an independent redistricting commission and annexation of the large County islands.

Larry Alexander, resident - urged Council to annex the larger County islands and supported an independent redistricting commission.

Danielle Barreca, resident - asked Council to consider all options to ensure that Latinx community members would be represented during the process.

Helen Grieco, Northern CA Organizer for Common Cause - encouraged an independent redistricting commission.

Amy Martenson, resident, on behalf of the Napa County Progressive Alliance - asked Council to establish an independent redistricting commission and to streamline the process for annexation of the large County islands.

Gary Orton, resident - encouraged an independent redistricting commission.
Scott Rafferty - Congratulated staff and consultants on the original districting process and encouraged annexation of the large County islands.

Kevin Teague - supported a staff-led redistricting process.

Discussion was brought back to council; comments and questions ensued.

Vice Mayor Alessio made a motion to direct staff to begin the process of establishing a redistricting advisory commission, and to contact the City’s contracted demographer to provide recommendations on the number of commission members, the diversity of commission members, the scope of authority, and the budget of the commission. Brief discussion ensued. The motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilmember Luros, seconded by Councilmember Painter, to use a staff-led process without a redistricting commission, with a community outreach plan to encourage substantial public participation, for the process for redistricting boundary lines for district-based elections of four Councilmembers. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Luros, Narvaez, Painter, and Sedgley

No: 1 - Alessio

12. ADJOURNMENT: 7:57 P.M.

Mayor Sedgley asked for a moment of silence for those who had lost their lives due to COVID-19; the meeting was adjourned in their honor.

Submitted by:

Tiffany Carranza, City Clerk
ATTACHMENT 1

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS
Office of the City Clerk

City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting
February 2, 2021

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

AFTERNOON SESSION:

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
   1) Materials from Maureen Trippe, Slow Down Napa, received on January 19, 2021.
   2) Email from Geoff received on January 27, 2021. *
   3) Email from Anonymous Sender received on January 28, 2021.
   4) Email from Catherine Hoffman received on January 31, 2021.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

5.B. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Second Amended Annual Action Plan for CARES Funding.
   • PowerPoint Presentation from City Staff.

5.C. 2021 Long-Term Financial Forecast.
   • PowerPoint Presentation from City Staff.

*EMAIL OR HANDWRITTEN COMMENTS THAT WERE READ INTO THE RECORD BY CITY STAFF DURING THE MEETING.
Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter with a request on behalf of the community group *Slow Down Napa*. We are asking the City Council to address the issue of speeding in Napa at their next meeting on February 5th. There are two actions requested:

1. Set a 2021 goal that makes reducing speeding in the city a 2021 Council priority
2. Address the need to reinstate the Police Department’s Traffic Enforcement Unit.

Thank you for your consideration. Attached is our letter of detail and comments from concerned neighbors.

Sincerely,
Maureen Trippe

[Attachment]

Maureen C. Trippe
To: Scott Sedgley, Mayor  
Liz Alessio, Vice Mayor  
Beth Painter, Councilmember  
Mary Luros, Councilmember  
Bernie Narvaez, Councilmember  

From: Maureen Trippe, Slow Down Napa Co-Founder  
Co-Signed: Bob Archibald  
Joyce Stavert  

Date: November 19, 2021  

RE: Request to add SPEEDING ISSUES to City Council 2021 goals  

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers,

This is a letter of request to include SPEEDING on the agenda for the February 5th City Council Meeting. SPEEDING is a thing in Napa. It’s a dangerous thing. Unfortunately, it’s not on the Council’s radar as a 2021 objective. Apparently, it’s not a priority for the Police Department since they disbanded its Traffic Unit early in 2020. It is not up to one person or one department to bring solutions. Finding solutions for SPEEDING should be a 2021 objective for the Napa City Council. I hope you will consider this request to bring the issue to the table when you meet on February 5th.

My name may be familiar to a few members of this Council because I reached out to candidates last fall to ask what they’d do about SPEEDING. I’ve also been reaching out to the City Manager and his team to ask for help. Steve Potter and Ed Moore have been very responsive, and I’d like to give a special shout out to Julie Lucido for her encouragement and advice, and for her introduction to Kristopher Jenny, Police Sergeant. I appreciate the lack of resources available to these tireless people. Their jobs are harder than ever. They’ve responded personally and kindly and this gives me great hope that we can find solutions by working together.

I’ve reviewed the 2005 Traffic Calming and the 2017 Street Smarts summary. I’ve researched the successful Slow Streets program in Berkeley and numerous traffic calming programs around the world. There are a few that leverage technology, creativity and community engagement for stunning results. With the Council’s help, perhaps we can find ways to look beyond old solutions and begin to test new ideas.

Here’s the thing: residents are fed up with aggressive driving, excessive speeding, running stop signs and racing engines. There have been hundreds of comments on NextDoor and on the Slow Down Napa website (see attachments with background information on this community concern group and verbatim comments from residents). There are safety concerns expressed by parents
with young children and pets. In just the past month, 3 dogs have been killed by speeding cars – all hit and run accidents in different neighborhoods (Coombs St, Freeway Drive and Shurtleff). The Coombs Street accident happened in front of my house. The dog (it was a puppy) was crushed on impact. The neighborhood boys that came to collect the puppy were devastated.

There’s more. There are quality of life issues and frustration about simple things like not being able to hold socially distanced conversations in front yards because cars and trucks are so loud. It’s sometimes too loud to sit at a sidewalk table on First Street. Tourism has exploded. Residential downtown, especially Old Town should be a delightful stroll for visitors – an asset to the Napa experience to look at century old homes. In Yountville, residents stroll around and drivers seem to mind the tastefully positioned speed radar signs. If I’m driving the speed limit on the Third Street Bridge, the drivers revving their engines behind me make me feel like the slow old lady. In Yountville, people seem to respect the slow old ladies 😊

We’ve seen residents take things into their own hands to slow speeding by installing their own speed bumps. Residents have tried to work with the City process, but the 2005 Traffic Calming guidelines are outdated and vehicle centric. In 2005, we didn’t have GPS routing commercial vehicles and tourists through neighborhoods to find shortcuts and avoid traffic lights. We didn’t have texting while driving. We didn’t have Uber, Amazon, and other delivery services adding traffic to our residential streets.

There is no significant enforcement for speeding in Napa. Consider this: in 2019 there were 852 citations for speeding. In 2020, there were 83 citations for speeding* In 2019 there were 1,354 total moving traffic citations issued. For the same period in 2020, there were 145 moving citations. We get it. Limited resources. We understand. But if I may quote a fellow neighbor who eloquently described his diligent efforts in a recent Napa Register letter to the Editor, Bob Archibald said, “the worst thing Napa can do is nothing.” I couldn’t agree more. Speeding is an issue that won’t solve itself. Left unattended, the race cars will race. The delivery vehicles will speed and text while zipping to their next locations. Animals will die. The quality of life in Napa will continue to decline. We’ll be yelling over one another to be heard while we’re having a snack at a sidewalk set up on First Street.

We are making this request on behalf of a community group that would like to work with the City of Napa to find solutions that restore our quality of life. See below for background on Slow Down Napa (www.slowdownnapa.com). Please let us know how we can best work together. We totally understand that resources are strained, but let’s not lose sight of the Napa we love for its’ charm, our way of life, the hospitality we provide, and our ability to work together to contribute to creative solutions.

We request two actions: Set a 2021 goal that makes reducing speeding in the city a 2021 Council priority; and request the reinstatement of the Police Department’s Traffic Enforcement Unit.

With Appreciation,
Maureen Trippe
Slow Down Napa
*Ref: Bob Archibald letter to the Editor

About Slow Down Napa
www.slowdownnapa.com
Napa is a small town that has seen tremendous growth in the last thirty years. With the advent of AirBNB, VRBO, Uber, DoorDash, Amazon and many other delivery services, our residential streets are seeing more traffic than ever before. Our population has increased 25% and tourism has increased significantly too.

Our Community
We felt there is a need for a grass roots effort to make our streets safer through whatever calming measures are available to us. We heard many complaints from neighbors on NextDoor who were also concerned, so in October 2020, we got together to see what we could do.

Our Mission
We hope to achieve positive results for our community. We hope to form a neighborhood coalition that will work with our local city leaders, the Napa Police Department and Traffic Engineering and Public Works to make Napa's residential streets safer for pedestrians, children, pets and bicyclists by enforcing speed limits

Our Team
Slow Down Napa was started by a small group of downtown residents who are frustrated with cars driving 30, 35 and 40 mph in our residential neighborhoods that are zoned 25 mph. We
also see an increased volume of commercial vehicles using residential streets at "cut-throughs" to avoid traffic lights.

Street Captains
Many neighborhoods are finding increased traffic and speeding on streets, imperiling children, pets and pedestrians, not to mention the noise and disruption of fast cars on quiet streets. We hope to recruit a captain from each neighborhood who can work with us and the powers that be to find solutions that work for their specific area.

Solutions
Solutions are unknown at this point, we have to work with city leaders to find out what options are available and how we can implement changes that will make our streets safe for everyone.

See below comments received via emails on www.SlowDownNapa.com

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Slow Down Napa

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CONTACT US

Get involved! If you would like to help us in our efforts to slow down traffic in Napa's residential areas by representing your neighborhood, please complete the section below and hit send. We will be in touch.

Name

Email*

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November/ December 2020

Name MaryJo Kent Email  
Where did you hear about us? Next Door  
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

My most immediate concern is the street I live on. As on so many other straight-shot, long-stretch streets, motorists SPEED - far exceeding the posted speed limit. In addition to pets, squirrels, and pedestrians forced to walk on the street due to a lack of sidewalks, there are deer and other wildlife that come out from the nearby meadow areas. There is one 25 MPH speed limit sign at the intersection of W. Park and Solano Ave, BUT it is mostly obscured by vegetation and is the only indication of the speed limit on the street. I have been tempted to spray paint "slow to 25" on the street but don't want to be punished. Very rarely (though not once this year) a speed monitoring device has been positioned on the street for ONE 24 hour period - if that! Hardly enough to get motorists' attention. There is so
much frustration in the city of Napa about this issue and NO action by police or city government officials - only excuses. Maybe the new mayor will shake things up.

**In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?**
2191 West Park Ave

**Name** Angie Benjamin  **Email**
**Where did you hear about us?**
next door

**Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic**
I am furious with how fast people drive between the two stop signs at each cross street on my block. We’ve tried to get drivers to slow down when we are out and see it happen, but it only seems to encourage them to drive faster by our house. There are two homes with autistic adults living on the block as well as pets and children who are all at risk of being hit by one of these speeding drivers. It’s not just regular vehicles, but Fed Ex, UPS and other large commercial trucks that drive much too fast as well.

**In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?**
Old town on Franklin Street between Ash and Elm

**Name** Christy B Gronseth  **Email**
**Where did you hear about us?**
Next Door

**Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic**
The speeds are ridiculous on little neighborhood streets. People routinely drive 40-50 in 25-30 mph zones. We walk every morning, usually Shurtleff to Camille Park or up Terrace, and crossing the street is treacherous. There are hills on Terrace that you can’t see over, and turns on Shurtleff you can’t see around. It’s very scary to cross the street. Also, just driving around town the number of people running red lights is getting to be it’s own pandemic. Ever since they took red light cameras down people don’t think there’s any enforcement.

**In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?**
Terrace Shurtleff neighborhood

**Name** Niki Rabe  **Email**
**Where did you hear about us?**
Facebook

**Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic**
Someone posted on Facebook on an article about a speed bump

**In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?**
Montclair and Beard

**Name** Mary  **Email**
**Where did you hear about us?**
Facebook

**Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic**
Speeders on our long dead end street, from an apartment building on the end. You might have read about us on Hilltop.

**In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?**
South west Napa

**Name** Lora McCarthy  **Email**
**Where did you hear about us?**
Facebook

**Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic**
Concerned about our kids on our current street in Browns Valley.

**In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?**
Browns Valley
Note from Slow Down Napa team: This is a particularly disturbing comment:

Speeeeeeep! I neeeeed speeep! I see those speed bumps as jumps and speed up to get some air, id love some more jumps for my 4x4 truck. Calm down you Karen's, y'all ain't got anything better to do than snitch on folks you think are driving fast 😁😁 such a sad way to live life

Name: You grow the bumpy

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Southeast Napa

Name: Carlotta Sainato
Email: [redacted]
Where did you hear about us?
Comments on Napa Register Facebook post about removal of unofficial speed bump
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Alphabet streets

Name: Renee Mortell Cazaress
Email: [redacted]
Where did you hear about us?
From a friend
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Yajome and Jackson needs a 4 way stop. I am concerned in general.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
St John's District

Name: ronald NICHOLSEN
Email: [redacted]
Where did you hear about us?
Friends
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Too many pedestrians, not enough stop signs. No enforcement on transients braking the posted limits and overnight parking. This has been a problem for years, and has recently extremely dangerous.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
590 Randolph

January 2021

Name: Stacey Jones
Email: [redacted]
Where did you hear about us?
On NextDoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
I moved to Napa in April 2020, live on 1st Street just west of Jefferson. I love it here, but I was a bit astounded by the speeding on 1st Street and I would like to work positively to help combat the speeding. I am afraid my car will be hit one day when I pull out of my driveway.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
1st Street in the proposed West Napa Historic District just west of Jefferson.
Name Suzy Jordan Email 
Where did you hear about Nextdoor 
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Many driving way to fast through residential streets 
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live? 
Franklin st., old town

Name Pete Email 
Where did you hear about us? Nextdoor 
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
We lived in Old Town for 5ys and one of the reasons we moved was the reckless driving we saw on Brown St. This included both speeding and not stopping at stop signs. We're also seeing cars driving really fast on Browns Valley Road now, and often times not yielding to pedestrians trying to cross in crosswalks. 
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live? North Westwood...ex-Old Town

Name David Dunlap Email 
Where did you hear about us? NextDoor 
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
My wife and I live in Napa county, the carneros region by the School on Los Carneros. It's a shortcut road between cuttings wharf and the main highway and we have had several incidents, hit cats, hit dogs, near misses on humans, rammed garbage truck, rolled over stop signs, mailboxes and sideshow events. The speed limit is newly posted at 40 down from 45 and we would love to see is at 35. There are signs at three spots showing a pedestrian and the 25 mph limit which no one ever adheres to. We have asked Brad W. and the CHP to help but they say that unless there is a more recent traffic study their hands are tied. Both Saintsbury and Hyde wineries have been granted huge increases in the number of visitors they might be allowed to have at their wineries, which will likely increase the danger to pedestrians and cyclists. What have you learned in your fight for safer streets that might be helpful to our situation out here. 
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live? Napa Lost Carneros area, which is in Napa County and not the City, which is where your concerns are located.

Name Enrico Briano Email 
Where did you hear about us? 
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Through a post on NextDoor 
I live on Foster Road and speeding on our street is beyond out of control, we need a concerted effort to get speeding under control on our city streets! 
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live? Foster Road and Indiana

Name Kandice Davis Email 
Where did you hear about us? NextDoor 
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Excessive speeding on streets that have become more residential (ie Big Ranch Rd). We have had two dog hit/killed by cars traveling at excessive speed, as well as witnessed multiple accidents right in front of our house (including one that resulted in a car in our tree in our front yard). When school is in session regularly it is extremely dangerous, as Big Ranch serves as a major thoroughfare for all the young high school drivers from Vintage.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
On Big Ranch north of Trancas, south of Garfield

Ema
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Traffic is too fast for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Downtown streets, ie Coombs needs speed bumps. Many streets ie Terrace does not have a continuous sidewalk
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Coombsville

Name Valerie Jones Email
Where did you hear about us?
Nextdoor neighbor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
People go 15 miles or more over speed limits, racing each other, knowing they get away with it. They tail you if you even go five over the limit- and then pass me Daily going the wrong way in opposing traffic. Got worse these last few months when everyone should be slowing down. I like traffic because it forces slowness.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Stadium avenue

Name Cayla Dee Porter Email
Where did you hear about us?
Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Speeding in neighborhoods and the lack of stop signs concern me not only when I am driving but also walking my dog.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
I love off Hennessy Drive and Coombsville

Name Amber Marsh Email
Where did you hear about us?
Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
People speed in residential areas and are not aware of their surroundings when driving. I am concerned with the high number of preventable accidents due to speed. People are in such a hurry and fail to notice pedestrians and pets.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
I live in the Bel Aire Neighborhood. I live on Rubicon Street, the stretch between Jefferson and Baxter. There are cars speeding down our street constantly to avoid the lights on Trancas and going to and from the shopping center. Our street has no stop signs so people just race down it. Many pets have been hit and killed and a few pedestrians have been injured trying to cross Jefferson in the crosswalk.

Name Nancy Johnson Email
Where did you hear about us?
On Alta Heights Next door
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
I'm concerned about the increasing speed in the neighborhoods. It appears drivers have no concern as I seldom see police units on patrol. I also think that the number of unmoved cars/ vehicles, etc. along city streets is increasing. These vehicles make it easy for speeders to travel undetected, but cause obstructed views for pedestrians, merging traffic, etc.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Live in Alta Heights but own rental property on west side of town.
Name: Danielle Hangen  Email:  
Where did you hear about us?  
Nextdoor  
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic  
I live near the corner of Brown's Valley Road and Westview. We often witness drivers speeding down Brown's Valley Road and Westview, where there are many children.  
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?  
Brown’s Valley

Name: Dayna  Email:  
Where did you hear about us?  
Nextdoor  
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic  
Speeding on Buhman Ave in both directions at Buhman Court. Everyday all day! Many people have almost gotten hit as well as pets!  
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?  
Browns Valley

Name: Don  Email:  
Where did you hear about us?  
Nextdoor  
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic  
Bicycles on both sides of the road. Running stop signs and lights. Riding 2 or 3 wide.  
Cars running stop signs and lights.  
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?  
Solano Ave

Name: Karen McFarland  Email:  
Where did you hear about us?  
Next Door  
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic  
Speeding cars on streets where families live and walk with their children, dogs, and friends! Getting your mail and taking out your garbage can be dangerous as well.  
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?  
Milton Road

Name: Mark McCoy  Email:  
Where did you hear about  
NextDoor post  
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic  
Speeding in old town neighborhoods. Insufficient number of crosswalks 25 mph limit should be lowered.  
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?  
Palmer Street

Name: Steve Deitsch  Email:  
Where did you hear about  
Next Door  
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?  
Old Town
Name Lorayne Burns Email
Where did you hear about Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
I live on Clay Street between Jefferson and California. I bought my home in 1995. Clay has always been busier than neighborhood streets but the traffic was traveling within the speed limit. Our speed limit is 25 and I would say most traffic travels at 40+ and a lot of people travel at 50+. I see this in all the neighborhoods in Napa, especially in Old Town. I would be happy to help any way I can. I would be good in a support position, gathering signature, passing out information. Thank you and let's take back the power to ensure safety in our neighborhoods.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
1920 CLAY ST

Name Cassan Phelps Email
Where did you hear about us Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
It's becoming unsafe. People do not respect the speed limits.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
La Grande and Vichy.

Name Lura Compoginis Email
Where did you hear about us Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Speeding cars, some with modified loud exhausts are racing through our neighborhoods, endangering our children and pets.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
175 Jefferson St

Name Katie Anderson Email
Where did you hear about us Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
I live downtown (St. John's) and cannot believe the change in traffic patterns over the past 6 years. Napa residents race through the neighborhood going from Soscol to Jefferson or vice versa with no regard for quiet residential streets or pedestrians downtown. I am always amazed how fast people drive past the police department where the speed limit is 25.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
On Arroyo between Brown & Seminary.

Name Maureen Healy Email
Where
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
We live at the intersection of Hennessy and Davis near Coombsville cemetery and every year we have multiple accidents at this corner. Police come and do a minimal report taking followed by no investigation of hit and runs. No one has been killed so far but I imagine even if they were the police response would be the same — inadequate. After reading the article in the register about Attempts to get the city to take action on Jefferson Street, I guess the solution is political. Who holds the power? Who is afraid of losing their power if the people of Napa are unhappy about the lack of police response to our concerns?
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
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Name Cody Hart Email
Where did you hear about us?
Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Traffic on Buhman Ave is out of control as people race up and down the hill by the horse hillside and NEVER SLOW DOWN when the Speed limit changes from 40 to 30 or even going past the solar speed sign. And even though it was not the cause of the child getting hit and killed near Browns Valley Elementary, if there was more of a speed or traffic control system, there might have been enough seconds for his mother to grab him out of the street.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Browns Valley, Buhman Ct./Buhman Ave.

Name Marge Griffin Email
Where did you hear about us?
Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Speeding vehicles are also a concern here in my Foothill neighborhood @ Pine and Freeway Drive. Recently a leashed dog was killed in a crosswalk, accompanied by its owner. The car slowed as it approached the crosswalk and then speed up turning right onto Freeway Drive, hitting the dog. Many children use that walkway to and from Harvest Middle School. I hold my breath every time I hear a motor being gunned.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Foothill Blvd, @ Pine Street
two blocks north of Old Sonoma Rd

Name
Email
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Off By Justin Siena

Name
Email
Where did you hear about us?
Neighbor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
People speed down my street to avoid traffic on trancas and to get to the target/Whole Foods shopping centers faster. It endangers my family, my neighbors, including the children who live on my block. It needs to be addressed with speed bumps.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Rubicon St, Napa, Ca 94558

Name Karin Parker Clay Email
Where did you hear about us?
Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Reckless speeds threatening pedestrians

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
2510 Old Sonoma Road
Name Sarah Marriott Email
Where did you hear about
Next door
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
People driving too fast
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Monticello park. My streets are generally fine. But folks drive too fast on the county roads nearby.

Name Celina Carey Email
Where did you hear about us?
Next Door
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Very worried about Shurtleff and Cayetano. We have a young child and a puppy. People consistently speed through this intersection.
It needs stop signs.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Cayetano Drive

Name Cindy Ernst Email
Where did you hear about us?
Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
I live on Coombs Street next to the Kiwanis ball field. It is like a speedway... Especially now that there is less traffic density because of covid people are going faster. I have dogs and I'm always super vigilant that they don't end up in the street.
it's amazing to me that the speed limit is 25 and nothing is ever done to enforce it.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
145 Coombs Street

Name Maggie Shippe Email
Where did you hear about
Next Door
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Too fast near the Shurtleff Dog park. My friend's dog was run over (Hit and Run)
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Shurtleff Ave should have speed bumps for the school and the park

Name Tom Sabo Email
Where did you hear about
Next Door orig. Alta Hts.
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Our hilly neighborhood enjoys many hearing and vision impaired elderly retirees, many severely handicapped. Families with children and pets all walk in the streets. There is ample wildlife all day and night.
We have speeders and sometime racers, construction workers hurrying to their jobs and racing to get home and many unknown vehicles racing down East Street at all hours.
The city tried local traffic circles and they made driving and walking worse, so were thankfully removed.
We have asked for speed reduction and warning signs and were denied. Many also called the PD to report drivers of dangerous interest without response. Some neighbors are sometimes too intimidated to come out of their homes as they could not physically avoid a speeding vehicle.
We will continue neighborhood efforts to slow traffic that have been helpful. We'd like to design something specific for our needs.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
West hillside.
Name Erika Boudreaux Email
Where did you hear about us?
Napa next door
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Friend's dog was hit and killed today by a hit and run driver.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Southwest Napa

Name Mari Laverne Havens Email
Where did you hear about us?
Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
People drive too fast, especially on residential areas.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Coombsville

Name Lacey McDaniel Email
Where did you hear about us?
Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
The excessive speed on our street is frightening.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Coronado Ave

Name Owen Zion Email
Where did you hear about us?
NextDoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
Where to begin. Speeding through residential streets and the lack of usable sidewalks in Napa creates a dangerous environment for kids, pets, and adults.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Wilkins Ave between Imola and Shelter. Cars use that stretch as a roadway and it's very dangerous. There are 8 families with small kids who play in the street.

Name Charles BOYANICH Email
Where did you hear about us?
Nextdoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
I live at Shurtleff @ Cayetano and would like to see a stop sign be placed at this intersection. We have a lot of pedestrian traffic as well as dog walkers that are in danger due to speeders. I would be the first to sign a petition if there was one.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
2005 SHURTLEFF

Name Meredith Robertson Email
Where did you hear about us?
NextDoor
Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic
I have read too many articles about hit and runs of pets and close calls with children. There are still intersections in Napa with no stop signs at all and it seems the only way to get things changed is if a human is hurt or killed.
We also recently had traffic detoured to our street around construction on Jefferson and Old Sonoma road and I was shocked at how fast people were driving on our tiny little street. There is so much construction happening in Napa, we can't be the only tiny little street with cars treating it like a highway.
In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?
Southwest Napa off Jefferson and Elm
**Name** Lynn Krynen  
**Email**  
**Where did you hear about us?**  
Next Door  
**Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic**  
It's worse on Calistoga and Jefferson Streets- we had six parked cars hit when somebody turned the corner from Calistoga St., onto Jefferson St., and the big loud trucks Rev their motors up in front of the apartment building where I live. It's been awful some think it's a speedway. I'd say 90% of traffic speed up and down Jefferson Street, especially heading north on Jefferson  
**In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?**  
Old town  
**Name** Sherri Hildreth  
**Email**  
**Post speeding signs in neighborhoods that blink slow down.**  

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**Name** Marie Hildreth  
**Email**  
**Where did you hear about us?**  
My neighbor  
**Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic**  
Napa residential streets are being over runned by speeders and stop sign runners. I lived in Napa my whole life and every year it's getting worse.  
**In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?**  
I live on Laredo street where the cross street is Patton Ave. I am close to Phillips Elementary School.
Slow Down Napa

SAFER STREETS

Working with Napa neighbors to reduce speed and improve the safety on our residential streets.

JOIN US
City Councilmembers,

What is the situation moving forward with Solano Ave? PGE appears to have completed their gas line work but have left the street in terrible disrepair, their asphalt patches are sinking and crumbling, tires throw broken bits of gravel at the cars following them and even when you avoid this hazard the general road condition is unsafe and causing unnecessary damage and wear on all resident's vehicles. They need to be held accountable and the road needs to be fixed before the city becomes liable for the ongoing damage and has to spend our tax money on resident's claims due to the government's responsibility to maintain safe roads.

Thank you for your time
From: rfrapa
To: Clerk
Subject: Reopening Restaurant and wineries
Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:18:03 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

I know people have hut to make a living But why bring more COVID-19 back to Napa and the population when it’s just starting to go down. It’s winter time close it till at least April then if COVID-19 is way down then reopen everything up. Every time you reopen more people get sick again and u have to close down again. All your doing is prolonging the COVID strain and keeping people SICK. All U think about is money and the tourists trade.U won’t have any if U don’t get ride of the COVID 19 by the summer time Grow a pair and shut the town down.

Sent from my iPad. Thank you 4 your time
Please see that my comments are in some way counted/shared with the City Council as it considers so many priorities for the city—which like all cities is having to re-balance its operations, priorities, and hit the reset button in 2021.

I live in downtown Napa on Coombs Street, where the degree and amount of speeding has increased over the six years I have lived on this historically structured street. Coombs is clearly a well-used secondary arterial now to Jefferson. I also lived for a short time on Calistoga St. (another historic area) where speeding was unchecked as well.

Would the Council consider:

- Reinstating Napa’s Traffic Enforcement Unit;
- Include the goal of reducing speed on city streets going forward;
- Perhaps increase speeding fines, if they were being monitored/enforced?

Thank you for passing this comment on through the right channels to the City Council.

Stay safe,
Catherine Hoffman, RN, ScD
You can also reach me at
CDBG 2nd Amendment to Annual Action Plan for CDBG-CARES Funding

February 2, 2021
Agenda Item

- Approves CDBG Program 2019-2020 Second Amended Annual Action Plan
- Approves budget adjustment for $740,756 in additional CDBG Cares funding
- Approves required program certifications
- Authorizes City Manager to execute all documents for the submittal of the Second Amended Annual Action Plan to HUD.
Annual Plan Amendment

- City receives annual CDBG allocation from HUD.
- Annual Action Plan identifies how CDBG funds will be spent.
- City received a $340K CDBG-CARES allocation in April 2020.
  - Must benefit low/mod income residents.
  - Must be used to respond to COVID-19.
  - 15% Public Service cap waived.
Annual Plan Amendment (con’t)

- Amended 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to allocate CARES funding
  - Allowed for expedited HUD approval
- City awarded 2nd CDBG-CARES allocation of $740,756
- HUD requires amending same Annual Action Plan as used for 1st CDBG-CARES allocation
Process Taken for 2nd CDBG CARES Allocation

- Consultation with internal & external stakeholders to identify unmet needs
  - Business support
  - Childcare
  - Rental assistance
- Issued RFP
  - Received 7 applications
- Recommendations brought to CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee
Funding Recommendations

- Administration - $30,000
- Business Microenterprise Program - $150,000
- Emergency Rental Assistance - $270,506
- Community Action Napa Valley (CANV): Meals on Wheels - $30,000
- Community Action Napa Valley (CANV): Food Bank Senior Brown Bag Program $30,000
- NEWS: Hotel Shelter Response - $25,000
- ParentsCAN: Meal Delivery - $5,250
- Fair Housing Napa Valley - $50,000
- Boys and Girls Club - $50,000
- Children's Resource Center: Childcare Scholarships Program $100,000
Requested Action

- Adopt a resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2019-2020 Second Amended Annual Action Plan, approving a budget revenue and expenditure increase of $740,756 as documented in Budget Adjustment No. BE2102502, approving program certifications, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents required for the submittal of the Second Amended Annual Action Plan to HUD
Long-Term Financial Forecast

February 2, 2021
Roadmap

- Introduction
- Big Picture
- Historical Comparison
- Preliminary Long-Term Findings
  - Key Assumptions
  - Results
The Big Picture

- Pandemic: initially viewed as short-term event, treated with short-term solutions not projected to rebound to "normal" until FY24; causes large revenue shortfalls
- Expenditures (based on historical trends) continue to increase, most are semi-discretionary and difficult to reduce
General Fund Financial Status

FY20 Revenue includes Transfers In from CIP Reserves to balance the General Fund ($4.6 million in total)
Financial Status: FY 2019/20

- COVID-19 Pandemic reduced Sales Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax receipts
- Sales Tax declined by 12.5% as compared to FY 2018/19
- TOT declined by 26.1% as compared to FY 2018/19
Financial Status

- Transfers In from Capital Improvement Reserves prevented the usage of General Fund Reserves in FY 2019/20
- General Fund Reserve dollars are needed to balance the FY 2020/21 budget
- Ongoing pandemic with slow roll-out of vaccinations creates uncertainty as to when revenue will return to pre-pandemic levels
Long-Term Financial Forecast

- Components
  - Financial Trend Analysis – 5 Year History
    - Rapid growth out of last recession can skew analysis of current trends
  - Financial Forecast – 6 Years Forward
    - Economic Assumptions
    - Anticipated Development
    - Three Revenue Scenarios
      - Most Likely, Optimistic, Pessimistic
Historical Revenue Growth

Primary Revenue Sources

- Property Tax: average annual increase of 5.8% from FY11 – FY20
- Sales Tax: average annual increase of 5.9% from FY11 – FY19; 12.5% YoY decrease in FY20
- TOT: average annual increase of 11.9% from FY11 – FY19; 26.1% YoY decrease in FY20; period shown includes 3 new hotels and 1 hotel expansion
The Forecast...
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- Is a model that shows us what MIGHT happen in the future
- Revenue estimates based on our current best guesses at the economic recovery timeline
- Expenditure estimates based on historical growth rates → what happens if we keep doing what we’ve been doing
What is the forecast?

- A set of reasonable, most likely assumptions about future revenues and expenditures based on current budget/trends
- Changes to assumptions → Changes in the forecast
- Planning Tool
  - Allows us to model future impacts of current budget decisions
  - Allows us to see surplus / deficit trends over time
  - Assists us with making changes needed to avoid future deficits
- GFOA best practice
The Forecast.

- Is **not** a budget – Council has final authority to establish the budget and amend it as needed.

- Is **not** a labor relations plan – Collective bargaining is a separate process from forecasting; assumptions in the forecast are for modeling purposes only.

- Is **not** a set of promises – COLA increase assumptions, operating budget growth assumptions, etc. are for modeling purposes only.

- Is **not** set in stone – Assumptions are changed over time in response to a variety of factors and trends.
Forecast

• What’s Included
  – Economic Assumptions
  – Major Development Currently Underway plus Anticipated Growth
  – Transfers Based on Current Fiscal Policy

• What’s Not Included
  – New Positions
  – Funding for Current Unfunded Needs
  – New or Enhanced Programs / Services
Forecast Assumptions

Annual Revenue Growth Rates

- Property Tax: 4.0% throughout forecast
- Assume tourism resumes FY19 activity levels in FY24
- Sales Tax: 4.6% average
  - 5.8% average FY22 – FY24
  - 3.3% average FY24 – FY27
- Transient Occupancy Tax
  - 14.5% average (existing development)
  - 29.1% average FY22 – FY24
  - 1.5% average FY24 – FY27
- Estimated projected new development
Property, Sales & TOT Revenue

Most Likely Scenario

Primary Revenue Sources

- Property Tax
- Sales Tax
- Transient Occupancy Tax


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Forecast Assumptions

Annual Expenditure Growth Rates

- Staffing: No new positions
- Frozen Positions: Council-approved positions removed from FY21 budget
- Salaries & Wages: 3.5% combined rate for COLA and step increases, based on current ratio of employees at top step and 10-year average

Bay Area CPI
Forecast Assumptions
Annual Expenditure Growth Rates

- Benefit Costs Increasing
- 3.5% annual increase in healthcare/dental costs
- 6.2% average annual increase in CalPERS costs
- 7.6% average annual increase in CalPERS UAL payments
Forecast Assumptions
Annual Expenditure Growth Rates

- Semi-Discretionary
  - Services & Supplies: 12.9%
    - Utilities, Property Tax Administration Fees, Software Licenses, Payments to Other Agencies, etc.
  - Internal Services: 4.9%

- Discretionary
  - Services & Supplies: 0.8%
    - Professional Services, General Supplies, Travel/Training, etc.
  - Transfer to Sidewalks Program: $0.9 million/year
Forecast Assumptions
Annual Expenditure Growth Rates

• Transfers Out per Fiscal Policy
  – CIP Facilities Reserve: 2% of Operating Budget
  – CIP General Fund Reserve: 1% of Operating Budget, plus $0.10 million for the General Plan
  – Equipment Replacement Reserve: $0.15 million/year
Expenditure Forecast Chart
Semi-Discretionary vs Discretionary

- Semi-Discretionary Operating Expenses
  - Salaries/Benefits with Step Increases Only
  - Semi-Discretionary Services and Supplies
  - Internal Services (Fleet, IT Replacement, Risk, etc.)
  - Transfers Out for Equipment Replacement and General Plan Reserve

- Discretionary Operating Expenses
  - Services and Supplies
  - Capital Outlay
  - Transfer to Sidewalks Program
Expenditure Forecast

Millions

FY19 Actual: 74.2
FY20 Actual: 75.1
FY21 Budget: 71.3
FY22 Proj: 75.6
FY23 Proj: 77.7
FY24 Proj: 79.8
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- **Transfers to CIP Reserves**
- **Discretionary Expenditures**
- **COLA**
- **Frozen Positions**

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Usage of General Fund Reserves
(includes currently frozen positions)

General Fund Reserves - add back Frozen Positions

- Millions
- (20)
- (40)
- (60)
- (80)


- General Fund Reserves
- Reserves w/Optimistic Revenue
- Reserves w/Pessimistic Revenue
Usage of General Fund Reserves
(equivalent level of frozen positions maintained)

General Fund Reserves

Millions

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Actual  Budget

- General Fund Reserves
- Reserves w/Optimistic Revenue
- Reserves w/Pessimistic Revenue
Summary

- Revenues are down, and will take years to recover.
- High level of uncertainty, but more likely to be under forecast than over.
Summary

- If expenditures are allowed to grow at historic levels, the City will face annual deficits
- Reserves are not sufficient to cover projected deficits

General Fund Reserves - add back Frozen Positions

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What's Next?

- City Council will be asked to set budget priorities at their workshop.
- City Staff will then compile recommendations based on Council priorities for a conservative FY 2021/22 budget.
- For FY21, revenues will be closely monitored so that positions/programs can be added back when appropriate.
- Departments will tightly manage their FY21 budgets to not further stress reserves.
Comments / Questions?
End of Presentation
ATTACHMENT 2

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS
Office of the City Clerk

City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting
February 2, 2021

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

EVENING SESSION:

SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

   - PowerPoint Presentation from City Staff.
   1) Email from Joan Foresman received on February 1, 2021.
   2) Email from Hank Kaspar received on February 1, 2021.
   3) Email from Shirley Knight received on February 1, 2021.
   4) Email from Adriana Montanez Avina received on February 1, 2021.
   5) Email from Valerie Wolf received on February 1, 2021.
   6) Email from Larry Alexander received on February 2, 2021.
   7) Email from Danielle Barreca received on February 2, 2021.
   8) Email from Helen Grieo received on February 2, 2021.
   9) Email from Monica Knecht received on February 2, 2021.

SUBMITTED DURING OR AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

   1) Email from Ron Rhyno received on February 1, 2021.
   2) Email from Robert Van Der Velde received on February 2, 2021.
   3) Email from Amy Martenson on behalf of Napa County Progressive Alliance, received on February 2, 2021.
   4) Email from Scott Rafferty received on February 2, 2021.
   5) Email from Gary Orton received on February 2, 2021.
   6) Email from Kevin Teague received on February 2, 2021.

*EMAIL OR HANDWRITTEN COMMENTS THAT WERE READ INTO THE RECORD BY CITY STAFF DURING THE MEETING.
Redistricting Process for Councilmember District Boundaries

February 2, 2021
Redistricting Process for Councilmember District Boundaries

- District Boundaries for November 2020 Election
  - (Based on 2010 Census)

- Redistricting Process for November 2022 Election
  - (Based on 2020 Census)
Background - Overview

- Each city with district-based elections must update ("redistrict") district boundaries every ten years

- The City established district boundaries for the November 2020 Election (based on 2010 Census)

- Must update the boundaries through the redistricting process (based on 2020 Census)

- 2020 Federal Census Data is anticipated to be released July 2021 - August 2021

- Must complete redistricting by April 17, 2022
Substantive (Legal) Requirements for Redistricting Boundary Lines

- Equal population of residents (+/- 10%)
- Comply with State and federal constitutions, and Federal Voting Rights Act (FVRA)
- Geographically contiguous
- Minimize division of "communities of interest"
- Easily identifiable boundaries
- Geographically compact
Napa was one of the first (and few) cities to use the FAIR MAPS Act criteria to establish district boundaries.

Many cities and counties have not yet drawn lines under these new requirements.
Minimum Procedural Requirements

The City Council must hold at least **FOUR** public hearings for the public to provide input.

- At least **ONE** hearing before maps are drawn.
- At least **TWO** hearings after maps are drawn.
- Earliest boundary map may be released by City: three weeks after census data (~July-Aug 2021)
- Last date to adopt boundary map: April 17, 2022.
Minimum Procedural Requirements (continued)

Encourage all residents to participate, including underrepresented and non-English speaking communities

- Use good faith efforts to provide information to:
  - Community groups for good government, civil rights, civil engagement, or active in language minority communities
  - Media organizations, including those that serve language minority communities

- Upon request, provide live translation in Spanish at public hearings (an “applicable language” = 3% of total population)

- Publish redistricting information on the City’s website in English and Spanish
Supplemental Procedural Options: 3 Types of Redistricting Commissions

- Advisory Redistricting Commission
- Hybrid Redistricting Commission
- Independent Redistricting Commission
Advisory Redistricting Commission

- City Council establishes the commission and may recruit and appoint members (similar to other City Commissions)

- Commission recommends one or more maps to City Council, and City Council retains discretion to approve the final map

- Additional Council meetings will be needed to form the commission and select members; and Commission meetings are in addition to Council meetings to adopt the boundary map
Independent or Hybrid Redistricting Commission

- City Council may delegate authority to Independent or Hybrid Commission

- Commission conducts all public hearings

- **Independent** → Council has no authority to review/approve maps and Commission approves the final boundary map

- **Hybrid** → Commission submits two or more maps to the City Council and the City Council must select one of the submitted maps (cannot make any changes)
Independent or Hybrid Redistricting Commission

- Typically used in larger sized counties and cities, based on a voter-approved charter provision, such as:
  
  ➢ Long Beach (Population ~466,000)
  
  ➢ Oakland (Population ~425,000)
  
  ➢ Sacramento (Population ~500,000)
  
  ➢ San Francisco (Population ~882,000)
  
  ➢ San Diego (Population ~1.41 million)
Staff’s Recommended Approach: City Staff-Led Process with Community Outreach Plan

- Council has complete discretion to direct staff to lead the redistricting process (with assistance from expert consultants)

- Not required to have a Redistricting Commission

- Similar process to how the City converted to district-based elections in 2020
Last Year’s Process in 2020

- Accelerated 4-month period (during the beginning of COVID-19 pandemic)
- Worked closely with Demographer, Paul Mitchell, Redistricting Partners, LLC
- 5 Public Hearings
- 2 Community Workshops
- Approximately 44 Proposed District Boundary Maps
- Approximately 58 Community of Interests (COI) Worksheets
- And LOTS of Public Comments!
Proposed Process for 2021

- Public Messaging in English and Spanish
  - Use expert consultant, Tripepi Smith, to boost community outreach efforts
  - Social Media Engagement
  - New dedicated webpage on City's website
  - Napa News Weekly
  - Press Releases
  - Mailers, infographics, and videos
  - Send updates via the Napa Valley Unified School District parent newsletter
  - Public Notices posted at City facilities
  - Advertisements on Napa Valley TV’s Channel 28 and Napa Valley Register newspaper
Proposed Process for 2021 (continued)

- City staff will work closely with demographer, Paul Mitchell, Redistricting Partners, LLC

- Increased number of Community Workshops on Saturdays or Sundays
  - Hold Community Workshops throughout the City to attract a wide range of participants
  - May be virtual or in-person depending on COVID-19 restrictions

- Pop-Up Events such as Farmer's Market to help spread the word

- One Public Hearing before maps are drawn (City Council Meeting)
Proposed Process for 2021 (continued)

- 4 Public Hearings after maps are drawn (City Council Meeting)

- Spanish interpretation services will be available upon request at all Public Hearings and Community Workshops

- Online Interactive Tools
  ✓ Online Mapping Tool – City’s consulting demographer can provide training
  ✓ Designated Email Address for the public to provide comments and input
  ✓ Online form for “Communities of Interest Worksheets” in English and Spanish
Tentative Timeline

July 2021 – August 2021
➢ Census Data becomes available (TBD)

August 2021 – September 2021
➢ First Public Hearing before maps are drawn

September 2021 – February 2022
➢ At least one Community Workshop
  (recommended: five Community Workshops)
➢ At least four Public Hearings with maps drawn

April 17, 2022
➢ Complete Redistricting Process by adopting a final map
membership, scope of authority, and budgetary.

- Identify parameters for staff to bring back to Council
  - Independent
  - Identify the type of commission (advisory, hybrid, or
  - a redistricting commission:
  - If Council directs staff to start the process of establishing

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- Provide input on the community outreach plan
  - Outreach plan without a commission
- Direct staff to conduct a staff-led community
- Start Recommendations that City Council:

**2021-2022 Redistricting Process**

Council's Direction to Staff for
Questions from Council to Staff?
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They should have a say in which district they are placed to help ensure that their votes are not diluted when they finally have an opportunity to vote for a City Council representative. But they should be qualified legal voters.

If that does not take place during this redistricting cycle, they would not have an opportunity to participate in the redistricting process for another decade, which is unacceptable. Thank you for your consideration.
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With Gratitude,

Adriana Montanez
Good Evening Napa City Council,

We have this unincorporated islands issue that, in my opinion, should have been resolved years ago. It is time to right this wrong and bring our fellow residents of the city of Napa fully in to the city in which they reside.

Time to bring in to play an Independent redistricting commission to provide unbiased help to get the immediate annexation of the county islands resolved and have these ostracized and underserved people on a level playing field to join in our local elections and be represented fully and equally.

In regards to the large county islands, it would be appropriate for them to have a say in which district they are placed to prevent dilution of their vote when they are finally able to vote for a city council representative.

This is a time sensitive issue that needs resolved so that these fellow residents are not pushed out for another decade of being unable to be active participating residents in their city elections.

Please be prudent and forward acting on this matter.

Thank you
Valerie Wolf
A good evening to you, Napa City Council.

I'm a resident and property owner who lives in the largest Napa "island", West Pueblo/Linda Vista. I moved here in February 2019 and discovered I live on an island when I was unable to vote for city council member or Mayor in the last election. I've since learned that my neighbors and I aren't only disenfranchised but are unfairly penalized monetarily.

Mayor Sedgley gave an interview on KVON January 15th and continued to repeat the myths about annexing these islands that have been completely debunked for some time now on the LAFCO website.

- Although my island is 100% surrounded by the city, I pay more for water and waste/recycling. If I lived in the city, I would also pay storm drain and paramedic tax, but would still be ahead by $90/yr. The irony is, if I look across my back yard, my neighbor is in the city, uses the same water pipe I do, but pays less for his water.

- The Mayor characterized the islands, more than once as, "a few tiny parcels of land with a couple of houses" This is a mischaracterization of the estimated 2,161 people who live within these islands, 1,400 on my island alone, about 2.5% of the city of Napa's population using the 2010 census.

- The Mayor stated that owners who want to annex "are generally not denied.” The issue isn’t one of approval. If a homeowner annexes, they pay $6,000 in fees, $15,000 for the entire island. If the city annexes, the resident’s cost is $0. Plus, renters have no say in annexation.

- The Mayor stated, in regard to streetlights and sidewalks, “It's... a financial issue... Some people don't want to lose their front yards." This gave the impression that there’s a requirement for mandatory infrastructure upgrades after annexation. This just isn’t true and isn’t an immediate financial concern for the city.

- The Mayor stated, regarding the speed of annexation, “it's not just like yeah
we're going to do it overnight” However, the city of Napa has been looking at island annexation since 2008.

It’s important that my island’s population mix is 60% Latinx and indigenous peoples with low per-capita income compared to other Napa areas. This sort of exclusionary inequity around voting rights and cost of services is in my view to be a form of institutional racism that must be addressed ASAP. Plus, the State legislature is strongly encouraging cities to eliminate island inefficiencies. LAFCO, therefore, offers a streamlined process for annexation. Annexation and having an independent redistricting commission, ideally one with a representative from one of the county islands, are important so my island isn’t automatically lumped in with the affluent Browns Valley district, diluting the votes of the lower-income former islanders.

In short, it’s time for the city of Napa to finally do the “right thing” and annex the two largest islands, if not all, immediately and at least in time for fair redistricting.
Mayor Sedgley, City Council and Staff:

This comment is regarding Item 11 A.

Napa's Latinx community did not have a seat at the table for the last districting conversation. We now have Latinx representation on our City Council who should be involved in this process. I am nervous that a Commission which is not appointed by the City Council would not be representative of our city's demographics. I respectfully ask that the Council considers all options when deciding who will be making these important districting boundary decisions.

Respectfully,
Danielle Barreca
Greetings City Clerk of Napa,

My comments are for Item 11. A Redistricting Process for Councilmember District Boundaries on this evening’s agenda for the City Council Meeting.

My name is Helen Grieco and I am the Northern CA Organizer for Common Cause. CA Common Cause is a non-profit non-partisan good government organization. We have been a leader in calling for jurisdictions to establish independent redistricting commissions. We were a key advocate for instituting the CA State Independent Redistricting Commission and have supported many laws to improve and reform the process. We applaud the City of Napa in their efforts to study redistricting commission formats. We greatly encourage you to choose an independent commission—this is the best practice in redistricting. We firmly believe that voters should choose their elected officials, elected officials should not choose their voters.

We suggest reviewing www.localredistricting.org. It is an unprecedented resource.

Thank you,

Helen

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[EXTERNAL]
Tiffany, I'm strongly encouraging a hybrid representation process.

Why: It's important to have current Council member representation along with community members to fully understand community perspectives and transmit community perspectives to the other Council members. I urge the two newest members represent the Council; a woman, and a man who also represents the City's largest underrepresented community. A group of 9-11 is a workable group including the City Manager or his designee. Look for membership which includes underrepresented voices.
respectfully submitted,
Ron Rhyno
[EXTERNAL]
I was expecting to be able to call in per your email above, but here are my written comments to be read into the record if a phone call is not possible...

I am Robert Van Der Velde, co-chair of the Voters Choice Napa committee. VCN is an arm of the Community Leaders Coalition and the official advisory body for implementation of the California Voters Choice Act for the last four years. Our mission is to improve voter registration, education, and participation in the governmental process. An example of this effort was assisting with Napa’s initial districting, helping fund with the public forums, and providing a free tool and trainings for citizens to draw their own maps.

Tonight you will be asked to provide guidance for staff as to who would conduct the constitutionally required redistricting of City Council. VCN urges you to adopt an independent citizens commission to draw the new district lines.

California voters have twice adopted independent redistricting commissions, first for legislative lines (Proposition 11) and then for congressional districts (Proposition 20). Both propositions, passed by large margins of Napa voters, stand for the simple principle that elected officials should not select their voters, but the voters should select their elected officials. Please have Napa join the California jurisdictions – larger and small - listed on Common Cause’s website with independent redistricting commissions. These include medium-sized cities around the size of Napa, including Merced, Santa Barbara, Watsonville, and Woodland.

The initial drawing of lines last year showed that Napa has an interested and engaged community willing to participate in this process, although public input was cut short by the pandemic. It may be that only minor tweaks to the new lines will be needed, but since the data used was 10 years old, it is unlikely that after 10 years of demographic shifts exactly 25% of the population still lives north of Trancas and nearly 25% south of Trancas and west of 29. It may even be possible, or even legally required, to create a district with a majority Hispanic citizen voting age population. If you are thinking to yourself “how would this impact my district”, that’s a good reason why this task should be delegated to an independent body to avoid political considerations.

VCN will partner with the City to recruit a broadly diverse pool for an independent commission, reflecting the many voices in our community, providing equity and inclusion in this process. We are also committed to assisting with engaging the public no matter which method of redistricting is selected, for example providing information to the Registrar regarding implementing simultaneous translation of Zoom hearings for Board of Supervisors districting.

Our democracy is under attack from enemies foreign and domestic. Putting the citizenry in charge of redistricting will help improve civic engagement and build trust in the process of local government. It’s the right thing to do.

On Tue, Feb 2, 2021 at 9:40 AM Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org> wrote:

Greetings Robert,
Thank you for providing your name, phone number, and agenda item below.
A representative from the City Clerk’s Office will call you this evening to connect you to the City Council meeting to allow you to provide your comments to the Council via telephone. You will be called once the item is being heard and the Mayor has asked for public comment.
Please remember to turn down the audio on your computer or TV in order to reduce any feedback noise. You will have 3 minutes to provide your comments and a buzzer will sound at 30 seconds alerting you to wrap up, and will sound again at the 3-minute mark alerting you your time is up.
If you have any other questions, then please let us know.
Thank you,

Caitlin Saldanha
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From: Robert Van Der Velde
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:33 AM
To: Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Public Comment 2/2/21

Good morning,

I would like to offer public comment at the 6:30 pm meeting tonight on item 11(a) redistricting.

I can be reached via cell phone:

Thanks.

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Robert J. Van Der Velde

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Robert J. Van Der Velde
Good evening, Napa City Council:

My name is Amy Martenson, speaking for the Napa County Progressive Alliance.

One year ago, the Napa City Council began a process resulting in an historic change from at-large to district elections—where the public freely expressed their preferences and submitted a variety of maps. We learned a lot from this trial run and now prepare for the main act: creating a map that will last for the next decade.

We again compliment City staff for an inclusive process with well-attended public hearings, simultaneous translation, and thoughtful outreach, creatively holding a mapping workshop at a place of worship to maximize participation of our diverse populace. We all learned that the FAIR MAPS Act required the City Council to place the highest priority (after contiguity) on a map that maintains communities of interest in each district. The council ignored this mandate, sadly making the process window dressing. The City Council’s rationale for the final map was it was “easy to understand,” which is toward the bottom of the list of mapping priorities. That was the best it could say in adopting a map, drawn by two influential land-use attorneys, one the son of a State senator, designed to benefit the two already-declared, pro-development candidates, who were backed by the local political establishment, including most of the Council itself. One of the candidates, who now sits on the Council, openly promoted adoption of that map, getting his supporters to submit word-for-word the same public comment in its favor. The other establishment candidate, who also now sits on the Council, was more reserved but was seen sitting in public hearings with the land use attorney most affiliated with the chosen map.

This trial run shows why independent redistricting commissions are so important. An independent commission, especially when it includes representatives from underrepresented and disadvantaged communities, would help put average voters in charge of our political system instead of incumbents and other political insiders. Such a commission would obey the FAIR MAPS Act criteria and instill public trust in the process and, more importantly, in the outcome. For these reasons, we ask the City Council to provide direction to City staff to begin the process of forming an independent redistricting commission.

Additionally, we ask that the City Council do the right thing by immediately passing a resolution initiating a streamlined annexation of the City’s two largest county islands—the West Pueblo/Linda Vista and Imola/Parrish islands—so their approximately 2,000 predominantly working class and Latinx residents, many of whom are renters, are given the right to vote in city elections and included in a district with their communities of interest to assure their vote is not diluted. Failure to annex now will mean depriving them of this opportunity for another decade until the next map is drawn.
For the record, we made the same requests—indepen dent redistricting commission and immediate annexations—a year ago. We renew them with urgency tonight.

Thank you.

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From: Amy Martenson  
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 8:07 PM  
To: Scott Sedgley <SSedgley@cityofnapa.org>; Liz Alessio <lajessio@cityofnapa.org>; Mary Luors <mluors@cityofnapa.org>; Beth Painter <bpainter@cityofnapa.org>; Bernie Narvaez <bnarvaez@cityofnapa.org>  
Cc: Steve Potter <spotter@cityofnapa.org>  
Subject: Fwd: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2021 MEETING - PLEASE READ (ITEM 11A)

[EXTERNAL]
Because there were some mistakes when it was read, I am forwarding my written statement for tonight's meeting.
To be clear, our concern has never been with the City staff or the outreach; the concern has been and is with the final vote and the City Council itself.
Thank you, Liz, for your political courage and for being an advocate for a fair and objective process. I appreciate your consistent advocacy on behalf of the people and your ethics.
Sincerely,
Amy

Begin forwarded message:

From: Napa County Progressive Alliance <napacountyprogressivealliance@gmail.com>  
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2021 MEETING - PLEASE READ (ITEM 11A)  
Date: February 2, 2021 at 6:24:25 PM PST  
To: Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org>

Good evening, Napa City Council:

My name is Amy Martenson, speaking for the Napa County Progressive Alliance.

One year ago, the Napa City Council began a process resulting in an historic change from at-large to district elections—where the public freely expressed their preferences and submitted a variety of maps. We learned a lot from this trial run and now prepare for the main act: creating a map that will last for the next decade.

We again compliment City staff for an inclusive process with well-attended public hearings, simultaneous translation, and thoughtful outreach, creatively holding a mapping workshop at a place of worship to maximize participation of our diverse populace. We all learned that the FAIR MAPS Act required the City Council to place the highest priority (after contiguity) on a map that maintains communities of interest in each district. The council ignored this mandate, sadly making the process window dressing. The City Council’s rationale for the final map was it was “easy to understand,” which is toward the bottom of the list of mapping priorities. That was the best it could say in adopting a map, drawn by two influential land-use attorneys, one the son of a State senator, designed to benefit the two already-declared, pro-development candidates, who were backed by the local political establishment, including most of the Council itself. One of the candidates, who now sits on the Council, openly promoted adoption of that map, getting his supporters to submit word-for-word the same public comment in its favor. The other establishment candidate, who also now sits on the Council, was more reserved but was seen sitting in public hearings with the land use attorney most affiliated with the chosen map.
This trial run shows why independent redistricting commissions are so important. An independent commission, especially when it includes representatives from underrepresented and disadvantaged communities, would help put average voters in charge of our political system instead of incumbents and other political insiders. Such a commission would obey the FAIR MAPS Act criteria and instill public trust in the process and, more importantly, in the outcome. For these reasons, we ask the City Council to provide direction to City staff to begin the process of forming an independent redistricting commission.

Additionally, we ask that the City Council do the right thing by immediately passing a resolution initiating a streamlined annexation of the City's two largest county islands—the West Pueblo/Linda Vista and Imola/Parrish islands—so their approximately 2,000 predominantly working class and Latinx residents, many of whom are renters, are given the right to vote in city elections and included in a district with their communities of interest to assure their vote is not diluted. Failure to annex now will mean depriving them of this opportunity for another decade until the next map is drawn.

For the record, we made the same requests—-independent redistricting commission and immediate annexations—a year ago. We renew them with urgency tonight.

Thank you.

[Wordcount: 488]
I want to congratulate the council on retaining Paul Mitchell, who did an excellent job during the original districting. Napa was the first of two cities to comply with the substantive requirements of the Fair Maps Act and the most successful. It also pioneered transparency, but will need to meet additional requirements this year. This map must last for ten years, so it is imperative that the islands be included. We now know that these islands were surrounded after 1952, when state law illegalized this practice. THe community deserves an explanation of why this has proven so difficult to correct. The costs should be borne by the county that allowed this to occur 70 years ago. Otherwise, these minority communities will be absorbed into the nearest district, which is not fair or appropriate. Napa has set a great standard for the rest of the state and thanks to Clerk Carranza and Mr. Mitchell should continue to do so.

air Maps Act.
Scott Rafferty
Walnut Creek CA 94596
From: Gary Orton
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 6:39 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2021 MEETING – PLEASE READ

Napa City Council, February 2, 2021, Agenda item 11A

Mr. Mayor, Members of the City Council:

My name is Gary Orton.

Twenty-five cities in California, perhaps more, have chosen to form a redistricting commission. Population size is not a determinant. Populations range from Dinuba with 22 thousand to Los Angeles with 3.8 million.

Six have a population less than Napa: Dinuba, Seal Beach, Sanger, Menlo Park, Watsonville, and Woodland.

Three others have similar populations: Menifee, Merced, and Santa Barbara.

Five more have populations between 112 and 150 thousand: Downey, Berkeley, Roseville, Escondido, and Salinas.

The eleven remaining have populations between 202 thousand and 3.8 million. In ascending order, they are Modesto, Chula Vista, Stockton, Anaheim, Oakland, Long Beach, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, San Diego, and Los Angeles.

Many Napa residents were involved in the redistricting process last year and became well educated about communities of interest and their importance. City council members were unable to keep their hands out of the proverbial cookie jar, were unable to resist the temptation to create districts without regard to data everyone else saw, clear communities of interest were not kept intact in the final map. Napa is more than ready and ABLE to join the other 25 cities that have created redistricting commissions. For certain we do not want another debacle of leaving it up to the city council.

The following listings and references are for the written record and need not be read unless requested by the council.

Thank you.

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I am watching live and these hot pockets of annexation is not the issue. They should be annexed. And like many of the others, I would like to be on a redistricting commission.

However, the City needs to move forward. The City did a good job on redistricting. There were no issues and support by the lawyer representing the complainant. You need to spend funds wisely and move ahead. You have logical boundaries and met all of the requirements. We, the citizens of Napa, trust you the council is moving ahead with logical boundaries. Please move ahead with the business of the City.

Cities only need a commission when there is a problem. There is no problem in Napa. Look at the results. Thank you for your hard work. We appreciate what you do.

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On Feb 2, 2023, at 7:33 PM, Tiffany Carrasco <tiffanycarrasco@bluehost.com> wrote:

Kevin, call in has passed, but you can email if it says PLEASE read, we still have about 3 or 4 to read.

Tiffany