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TO: THE MENLO PARK CITY GOVERNMENT

YES, I support a one-year experimental program to limit Willows Neighborhood through traffic. I am willing to see our traffic patterns altered with a system of stopsigns, traffic circles, and diverters to discourage unsafe traffic and help reduce crime.

YES, I SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC PLAN GOALS:

- →Less than 1500 cars per day **and** 150 cars per hour on residential streets [1]
- →No speeds over 30 mpH, 85th percentile speed less than 25 mpH [2]
- →No delay greater than 2 1/2 min per trip [3]

1993...THE YEAR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

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Notes: **1.** impossible unless Willows residents cut their trips by half **2.** not feasible with 25 mph posted limit **3. emergency response delayed as much as 2-1/2 minutes** !

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YES, I support the establishment of **24-hour dedicated police patrols** for the Willows

YES, I support establishment of a **Menlo Park Police Substation** in the Willows

YES, I want crime in my neighborhood **PREVENTED**, not just Reported!

(For 1993...A Crime-Free Willows!)

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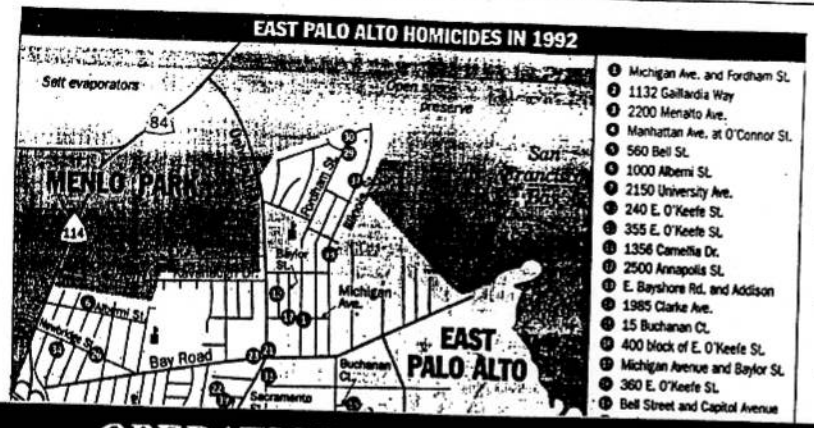
A sample of inflammatory material distributed by petitioners for the Willows traffic plan in December 1992. When the City Council approved the traffic plan in March 1993, EPA gang activity had already been curtailed by augmented law enforcement. Fear of EPA crime ("cut-through traffic") has been the stock in trade of Willows traffic activists ever since.

RIDE-ALONG WITH EAST PALO ALTO POLICE



OPERATION CUL-DE-SAC

The Los Angeles Police Department identified a neighborhood in Newton Area, a one-square-mile swath in south-central Los Angeles, as one of the most violent, crime-ridden areas of the City. Unsafe and economically depressed, it had no sense of identity beyond its own depression and fears.

February 1, 1990, however, brought dramatic changes to this neighborhood. This was the day that Operation Cul-de-Sac was implemented, dramatically improving the quality of life in the area.

Operation Cul-de-Sac is a bold innovative program that uses street barricades to restrict the flow of non-resident street traffic in crime-plagued areas. In addition to specifically targeted street closures, signs are also posted warning potential violators of the program's existence. The Department designed Operation Cul-de-Sac not only to slow down crime but also to permanently impact it. As a result of the program's dramatic effect in the community, all crimes, especially drug sales and gang violence,

To make Operation Cul-de-Sac work, the Department saturated the area with 24-hour footbeats during the first three months of its operation. Officers also went door to door promoting academic and neighborhood youth athletic programs. Out of this unit evolved a permanent twelve-officer bicycle detail which, with its added mobility, visibility and speed, has further deterred criminals from entering the neighborhood.

Residents have responded with a renewed interest in their community. A feeling of pride pervades the Cul-de-Sac area, with property owners quick to paint out graffiti as soon as they appear. The neighborhood eagerly relays crime information to police and also reports crimes in progress. The special rapport that has developed between the bicycle detail officers and the residents enables police to respond more effectively to their needs.

This concerted effort between police and the Newton Street community resulted in a 45 percent drop in gang-related drive-by shootings in 1990. Most important, the safe corridor created by Operation Cul-de-Sac encouraged more than 200 students to return to their classrooms at nearby Jefferson High School. Compared to 1989, high school truancy and absenteeism also declined, while student attendance increased by 9 percent.

Operation Cul-de-Sac has made a difference to Newton Area, and its success bodes well for 1991. A $150,000 grant from the California Office of Criminal Justice Planning will enable the Department to fund additional projects, including cultural awareness programs for area residents, 10th-grade tutorial assistance and more after-school activities.

In 1991, the Department will erect nine new permanent barricades -- attractive wrought iron gates -- in the area, serving as a warning to street thugs, gang members a... Newton Area: a community...

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Willows Crime Summary for 1992

- → 11 **MURDERS** in East Palo Alto next to the Willows
- → 8 **MURDERS** on East O'Keefe Alone
- → 5 **CARJACKINGS** in the Willows
- → Several **ARMED ROBBERIES** in the Willows
- → Continual **GUNFIRE** in and near the Willows
- → **Drug Deals** of unknown number
- → Several **CAR CRASHES** in the Willows
- → Constant **VIOLATION of TRAFFIC LAWS**

A PROPOSED SOLUTION:

- → Put Menlo Park Police back into our neighborhood
- → Give us officers we know by name
- → Have them here 24 hours a day
- → Give them a Substation to work from
- → Full-service neighborhood police:
  - Patrolling
  - Gathering Community Input
  - Enforcing Traffic Laws
  - **Stopping Crime Before It Happens!**

E. Palo Alto: 'Bodies piling up'

In 1992, East Palo Altans were ... Those who can afford to are leaving town, or thinking seriously

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