

# Protest NOW about Trial Barrier!

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A Community Association  
for  
Safe Open Streets

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California 94026-1366

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Those of us (on both sides of the creek) who are adversely affected must protest to prevent the barrier from being made permanent or being replaced by something more drastic...

**Q. What's happening here?**

**A.** Palo Alto has installed a barrier designed to prevent Willows residents from returning home via Lytton Avenue and Palo Alto Avenue. The barrier has been installed as a "six month trial."

**Q. Who wants it?**

**A.** A few households on Lytton Avenue and Palo Alto Avenue.

**Q. Who doesn't want it?**

**A.** Hundreds of Menlo Park residents who have always used this route to downtown Palo Alto don't want the barrier. Palo Alto residents of Chaucer, Hamilton and University Avenue, who will receive the diverted traffic, don't want it either.

**Q. Is there any chance the barrier will be removed?**

**A.** The barrier was nearly eliminated from the plan by the Palo Alto City Council. Even those who supported it expressed misgivings about its divisiveness. They emphasized that "it's only a trial."

**Q. How will the trial be resolved?**

**A.** Those of us (on both sides of the creek) who are adversely affected must protest to prevent the barrier from being made permanent or being replaced by something more drastic - some Palo Alto residents want to close the bridge.

**Q. Won't the City Of Menlo Park protect its residents from this offensive barrier?**

**A.** Palo Alto transportation officials met with Menlo Park transportation officials to explain the plan, but Menlo Park made no objection to the barrier.

**Q. What can we do?**

**A.** Contact the Palo Alto and Menlo Park City Councils. Use the forms provided below or write your own letter. Save the remainder of this flyer as a reminder - in November or December, the Palo Alto City Council will decide whether to make the barrier permanent. At that time more letters will be needed.

**Menlo Park residents should contact Menlo Park and Palo Alto officials listed below and explain why this barrier, restricting free travel between our cities is unacceptable.**



**CALL THESE MENLO PARK ACTION NUMBERS**

Name	Title	Phone
Bob Burmeister	Mayor	(vm) 858-3341
Cal Jones	Council Member	328-9414
Bernie Nevin	Council Member	(vm) 858-3347
Steve Schmidt	Council Member	(vm) 858-3346
Dee Tolles	Council Member	(vm) 858-3348
<b>Jan Dolan</b>	<b>City Manager</b>	<b>858-3360</b>
Don Dey	Transportation Manager	858-3363

**CALL PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Name	Phone	Voice Mail
Ron Anderson	617-3100 (vm)	-----ext. 1569
Gary Fazzino	857-4321 (o)	
Joseph H. Huber	617-3100 (vm)	-----ext. 1570
Liz Kniss	336-4609 (o)	
Jean McCown	857-1717 (o)	
Dick Rosenbaum	321-0243 (h)	
Micki Schneider	324-1990 (h)	
Joe Simitian	617-3100 (vm)	-----ext. 1572
Lanie Wheeler, Mayor	617-3100 (vm)	-----ext. 1568

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city, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_  
please describe \_\_\_\_\_  
phone \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND TO: SOS ♦ P.O. Box 1366 ♦ Menlo Park, California 94026-1366**

For your convenience, we have provided the protest notes below to send to the Menlo Park and Palo Alto City Councils. Please fill out and send to the addresses on the notes.

**TO: Menlo Park City Council**  
701 Laurel Street  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

The City of Palo Alto has installed a barrier on Chaucer Street to restrict our travel from downtown Palo Alto to Menlo Park. I want the City of Menlo Park to protect the interests of Willows residents and to prevent the barrier from becoming permanent.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**TO: Palo Alto City Council**  
250 Hamilton Avenue  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

As a resident of Menlo Park, I object to the restriction of free travel between Menlo Park and Palo Alto. Please remove the barrier on Chaucer Street.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_