



Views from the Terrace

Past Year: Issues and Events

- **2017 Annual Meeting** Mayor Greg Scharff addressed residents (housing, transportation, infrastructure).
- **Picnics** Columbia Street classic rock band "Loose Ends" moves feet of all ages at the spring picnic. Down-home BBQ, pot luck, and family activities grace the grass outside the College Terrace Library at spring and fall events.
- **University Terrace** Construction of 180 residences reaches milestone as first Stanford faculty families move in just before the new school year.
- **Stanford Homes in College Terrace** Stanford representatives attend two board meetings to provide better understanding of scope and objectives as more homes are purchased and many are unoccupied.
- **Stanford General Use Permit** Stanford discusses application filed with the county for next major expansion of academic campus. Residents highlight traffic, parking, safety, and other concerns
- **Railway Grade Crossings** Nadia Naik of the citizens' group Californians Advocating Responsible Design briefs neighborhood on the go-ahead for CalTrain electrification and Palo Alto's race to develop grade separation plans and secure funding.
- **Collegeterrace.org** Neat, new CTRA website debuts, featuring news, resources, events, meetings, minutes, board members, and contact form.

Saturday, March 24 —

Mayor to Address CTRA Annual Meeting

Palo Alto Mayor Liz Kniss, who has represented the interests of our city in elected office for over three decades, will address our neighborhood at the annual meeting, held this year at University Lutheran Church. She has served one 4-year term on the Palo Alto School Board, two on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors sandwiched between five terms, including her current one, on the Palo Alto City Council. In January, she was elected mayor for the third time.

During her long career in public office, she has concurrently served on numerous county committees and regional regulatory authorities, including the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, which she chaired last year

For the year, she has cited housing, and specifically senior housing, as one of her top priorities. Her prior career as a nurse, led naturally to her strong support over the years for initiatives related to public health. Between those two issues rests a wealth of experience and engagement in the major challenges facing our city and region.

Come early to personally greet and chat with Liz Kniss prior to the meeting, followed by the election of the CTRA Board, the president's intro, and the mayor's remarks.

Saturday,
March 24, 2018
CTRA Annual
Meeting

NEW LOCATION!

University Lutheran
Church Sanctuary
Bowdoin St. at
Stanford Ave.

9:30 a.m.

Bagels and Coffee

- Meet the Mayor and CTRA Board Candidates

10:00–11:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting

- Election of CTRA Board (see candidates' statements on reverse)
- CTRA President James Cook, State of the Terrace address
- MAYOR LIZ KNISS
- Q & A

Kindly support CTRA with a \$20 contribution (per household) at the meeting, via check payable to CTRA, or via PayPal button on collegeterrace.org/ctra/donate/
Thanks!

CTRA BOARD NOMINEES 2018–2019

*indicates 2017–2018 board member

Absentee ballot available via
www.collegeterrace.org/ctra/absentee-ballot/

President: James F. Cook* James lives with his wife and son on College Ave. His extensive background in energy includes the development of solar farms in Mexico and California in his current position as director of development at First Solar in San Francisco. James has served his community on the Palo Alto Utilities Advisory Commission (2010 to 2017), the Palo Alto PTA Council (since 2008) and on the board of Canopy. From 1992 to 1996, James served his country on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps. James is committed to getting more College Terrace residents involved in the good work of the CTRA and improving the community for all residents.

Vice President: Fernando Cabildo* Fernando, his partner Kyle and dog Mollie have lived on Cal. Ave. since early 2016. Almost immediately after his arrival, he began serving College Terrace as a Social Coordinator on the CTRA Board. Currently he is Vice President. Fernando is a Bay Area native, who appreciates the importance and benefits of a strong community, but knows it takes work, combined with a positive attitude, to achieve it. Fernando is a trust advisor with Comerica Bank in Palo Alto and a volunteer and supporter of West Valley Community Services in Cupertino.

Secretary: Eileen Stolee* Eileen is a longtime resident and homeowner in College Terrace. Together with her husband Richard, they raised two children in this wonderful neighborhood and city. Daughter Bridget has a full-time psychotherapy practice in downtown Palo Alto, and son Galen is in a Ph.D. program at Harvard. Now retired, after working 18 years as a product developer and designer at Klutz Inc., Eileen is spending her time volunteering for the non-profit FabMo and as a board member of CTRA.

Treasurer: Samidh Chakrabarti* Samidh lives on “lower” Cal. Ave. with his wife and two young children, and they very much enjoy College Terrace. Three years ago, he stood up at the CTRA annual meeting to volunteer for an unfilled board position as social coordinator. Samidh has both a personal passion for being involved in the community and a professional background in civic engagement. Most weekends, you can find Samidh with his kids on the playground, at the library, or meandering through the farmers market.

Communications Director: Jens Jensen* Jens and his wife Suzan have lived on Dartmouth Street for 20 years. They have two children, who went to Escondido and

Paly. Jens came to Palo Alto in 1985 to continue a career in the semiconductor industry. Jens enjoys the physical aspects in life, like riding his bike with friends and racing their sailboat on the bay and the ocean with his wife. Jens regards College Terrace as a wonderful community for his family: close to downtown but only a short distance from open space.

Webmaster: Chris Saccheri Chris lives with his wife Anna, three children, and three chickens on Dartmouth St. Two of his children attend Escondido, where Chris is a volunteer: reading with first graders, checking out library books, and co-chairing the annual Book Fair and Yearbook. A professional web developer, Chris was part of the founding team at LinkedIn and recently built the new College Terrace website (collegeterrace.org). Chris has lived in or around Palo Alto for 25 years and attended the college next door, where he played accordion in the irreverent LSJUMB.

City Observer: Margaret Heath* A four decade resident of Cornell Street, Maggie raised her children here and continues to enjoy living in College Terrace. A longtime council and city hall observer with a passion for transparency, she is deeply interested in the changes happening in our community and wants to work to preserve the quality of life that we so value in our special neighborhood.

Cal Ave. Business District Observer: Ann Lafargue Balin* Ann’s family moved from San Francisco to College Terrace in 1926. She worked in publishing in Manhattan for 10 years, then returned with husband Fred. She started up and ran the community volunteer dinner program at Ronald McDonald House for a decade, then worked for 15 years as an ESL teacher at Language Pacifica, formerly on Cal. Ave. Her civic efforts included saving the Varsity Theatre and Saint Ann Chapel from demolition and work on several political campaigns.

Stanford Observer: Pria Graves Pria and her husband have lived in their historic home on Yale Street for more than 30 years. Following a career in the computer industry, Pria is now a botanical artist. She is strongly committed to protecting our quality of life, shopping locally, using public transit, and relying on biking and walking to get around Palo Alto. Having been closely involved in the Stanford 2000 General Use Permit process, Pria was recruited last year to serve on the Stanford Community Resource Group, a body tasked with providing County staff with an exchange of information and community perspectives regarding development activity at Stanford.

Research Park Observer: OPEN
Social Coordinator: OPEN