

## ITEM 1 CORRESPONDENCE

**From:** [Peter Mattson](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [pkrauss@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:pkrauss@cityofcalabasas.com); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#)  
**Subject:** Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure  
**Date:** Sunday, February 13, 2022 2:00:05 PM

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Dear City Council Member,

Regarding: Please support the building of the CSC Shade Structure

I am writing to encourage your support of the Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure. Currently, seniors are not able to enjoy the beautiful patio of the senior center due to extreme heat and lack of shade.

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We ask you to demonstrate your support of the senior community by prioritizing the building of the Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure.

Thank you from a concerned senior,

**Cathie Mattson**

**From:** [Joe Chilco](#)  
**To:** [info](#)  
**Cc:** [Maricela Hernandez](#)  
**Subject:** City Council 2-16-22 meeting - Agenda item #1 - Public comments  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 9:52:33 PM

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Please see the following comments for your consideration.

In general, the Strategic Priorities chosen reflect the interests of the residents. They provide a useful overview. The individual items are the details that might be accomplished under each umbrella heading.

Some of the items listed should already be part of the City's operations.

Regardless of the items chosen, they should all require metrics and measurable goals.

I would appreciate hearing the plans for any items that are eliminated from the final list selected. The majority of them are worthy pursuits. It's important that none fall through the cracks.

I support the selection of the following items for reasons noted.

**A. Environmental Leadership** – *The City should continue to be proactive in this regard. The first item is in line with what the residents' value most; the second plans for the future, preserving natural resources.*

#3 Identify potential real property acquisitions for the purposes of future parkland or open space designation.

#10 Develop a Water Resilience Plan outlining strategies to increase the City's drought preparedness, local water self-reliance, and planting of native vegetation (including milkweed for Monarch Butterfly habitats).

**B. Fiscal Resiliency** – *It's the public's money. We appreciate all efforts to spend it wisely.*

#13 Establish deferred maintenance accounts, including a policy to adequately fund during the annual budget process.

#15 Hire an employee to seek, write, and administer grants.

#16 Create an economic development plan to attract businesses, fill vacant properties, and promote advantages of conducting business in Calabasas.

#20 Create a General Fund reserve policy.

**C. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness** – *This is the number one concern for all residents. Timely and accurate emergency information delivered by reliable means, coupled with safe evacuation routes. Item #42 could be used toward funding item #37.*

#21 Hire a consultant to advise on the development of a citywide fiber-optic network.

#24 Consolidate alerts (Blackboard, Alert LA County, Nixle, Calabasas City Notification, SCE...) to better publicize sign-ups and outreach during emergency events.

#28 Conduct a feasibility study regarding the stationing of cell towers on publicly owned sites to expand coverage areas.

#29 Evaluate additional options and partnerships to continue supporting mental health needs and homelessness.

#37 Create a home hardening and outreach program and consider supporting additional Fire Safe Councils.

#42 Develop expenditure plan for Woolsey Fire settlement funds.

**D. Recreation, Youth & Senior Services** – *The AHCCC is the only facility of its kind on the west side of the City. It can be made profitable with proper management.*

#43 Reopen the Agoura Hills Calabasas Community Center.

#61 Create more intergenerational programs and events. Assess programs and services to include all socioeconomic and demographic groups.

**E. Organizational Excellence** – *re: item #64: As the State imposes more laws that impact local control over development, it's critically important for the City to be aware of what's in the legislative pipeline and to have a "voice" in the process in order to protect the residents best interests. The rest seem to be procedural improvements in City operations that would also benefit the residents.*

#64 Hire lobbyist to provide summaries of legislation relevant to Calabasas.

#65 Better utilize Commissioner expertise and seek earlier involvement in project research and recommendation process. Better integrate members within City and community. Hold more regular Commission meetings.

#68 Review City's electronic presence by improving website navigation and the Calabasas Connect App. Simplify resident inquiry process and reduce staff response times.

#72 Establish a more efficient system of maintaining City records/archives.

#76 Examine long-standing City contracts with third parties to assess their present viability.

**F. Development & Infrastructure** – *The annexation of Craftsman Corner is critically important to the City's available land necessary to meet its 2021-29 RHNA requirements. It should be completed as soon as possible.*

#78 Complete annexation of Craftsman Corner. Develop plan to annex other properties within the City's sphere of influence.

#82 Define the City's long-term land use strategies, including the next General Plan update.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Chilco  
Calabasas resident  
(address on file)

**From:** [ADRIENNE BRENT](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Cover for Senior center  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 8:53:56 PM

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Please build the shade cover for the senior center... It is an absolute necessity..  
Thank you for your attention to this important issue  
Dr. Adrienne Brent

**From:** [Laura Weissnar](#)  
**To:** [Laura Green Weissnar](#)  
**Subject:** Please support the building of the CSC Shade Structure  
**Date:** Sunday, February 13, 2022 12:45:44 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

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Thank you,

Laura Weissnar

Co Chair of the Calabasas Senior Center Steering Committee  
Member of Calabasas Senior Center Advisory Board

**From:** [Michael McConville](#)  
**To:** [Maricela Hernandez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: City of Calabasas Strategic Planning Process for Fiscal Year 2022-23  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 12:08:45 PM

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Another one from Mr. Harrison. Thanks.

Michael McConville  
City of Calabasas

**From:** Michael Harrison <harrisonlaw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:51 AM  
**To:** Michael McConville <mmconville@cityofcalabasas.com>  
**Cc:** info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>; Kindon Meik <kmeik@cityofcalabasas.com>  
**Subject:** Re: City of Calabasas Strategic Planning Process for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Hi again Michael,

There is one more item which I would like to add to the Public Safety section of the Strategic Priorities Work Plan.

The pedestrian crossings are dangerous wherever they rely on differently colored surfaces, such as all along Calabasas Road, both segments of Park Sorrento, Park Granada by the Commons, and Parkway Calabasas, especially the roundabout.

The previously red crosswalks have grayed over the years with age and traffic, and now it's impossible for drivers to see the crosswalks. I think painted white stripes should be added at this point, or something else to clearly show the crosswalks.

Thanks again,

Michael

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On Sat, Feb 12, 2022 at 9:16 AM Michael McConville <[mmconville@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:mmconville@cityofcalabasas.com)> wrote:

| City of Calabasas Commissioner and Advisory Board Members:

**From:** [Rick Young](#)  
**To:** [Erica Green](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [David Shapiro](#); [Mary Sue Maurer](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Please support the building of the Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure  
**Date:** Sunday, February 13, 2022 8:46:43 PM

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Dear City Council Member

I am writing to encourage your support of the Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure. Currently, seniors are not able to enjoy the beautiful patio of the senior center, due to extreme heat and lack of shade.

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I ask you to demonstrate your support of the senior community by prioritizing the building of the Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure.

This will also give the Senior Center more use of the facility and allow more growth for additional classes and programs.

Thank you from a concerned senior,

Rick Young  
23106 Park Contessa  
Calabasas, Ca 91302  
rickbyoung@yahoo.com  
818-984-7425



**From:** [Patti Yulish](#)  
**To:** [Maricela Hernandez](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Shade at our Senior Center  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 5:25:58 PM

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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Patti Yulish <pfy@sbcglobal.net>  
**Date:** February 14, 2022 at 5:15:05 PM PST  
**To:** jbozajian@cityofcalabasas.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Shade at our Senior Center

Dear City Council Members:

I am hoping you will support the Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure. Seniors need to enjoy our beautiful patio at the Center. Due to extreme heat and lack of shade we are not able to utilize it most of the time.

A shade facility would allow seniors to participate in classes, events and simply enjoy gathering outside with friends. The structure would provide additional space for clubs, activities, classes and socializing. Further, the shade structure will allow the city an additional venue for rental space and a site for intergenerational opportunities.

I ask you to demonstrate your support of the senior community by prioritizing the building of the Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure.

Thank you so much for your continued support, Patti Yulish

**From:** [dottysc@aol.com](mailto:dottysc@aol.com)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Please support the building of the Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:51:18 AM

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Thank you from a concerned senior,

Dotty Corcoran  
22407 De Kalb Drive  
Calabasas CA 91302

**From:** [bdavismrs@aol.com](mailto:bdavismrs@aol.com)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#); [ctdavis1@aol.com](mailto:ctdavis1@aol.com)  
**Subject:** Please Support the building of the CSC Shade Structure  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 2:18:18 PM

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I ask you to demonstrate your support of the senior community by prioritizing the building of the Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure.

Bill Davis Sr.  
Sad and not very proud of my Country Veteran

**From:** [Robin Movich](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Support the Building of a CSC Shade Structure  
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Thank you from a concerned senior,

Robin Movich  
24723 Via Del Llano  
Calabasas 91302

**From:** [Carol Washburn](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Support the building of the CSC Shade Structure  
**Date:** Sunday, February 13, 2022 6:28:18 PM

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Thank you from a concerned senior,

Carol Washburn  
CSC Advisory Board Member

**From:** [Bonnie Bricklin](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Support the building of the CSC Shade Structure  
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Thank you from a concerned senior,

Bonnie Bricklin 4173 Bon Homme Rd., Calabasas

**From:** [Genia Richard](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Support the building of the CSC Shade Structure  
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Thank you,

Genia and Warren Richard

**From:** [Liz Blum](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Support the building of the CSC Shade Structure  
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Thank you from a concerned senior,

Liz Blum  
26211 Hatmor dr  
Calabasas

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Barbara Margolies](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Support the building of the CSC Shade structure  
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Thank you from a concerned senior,

Barbara Margolies  
4671 Cerrillos Drive  
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

**From:** [Sandy Stern](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Support The Building of the CSC Shade Structure  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 8:08:49 AM

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Thank-you from a concerned senior

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Sandy Stern-Shapiro

**From:** [Julie Wan](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Support the building of the CSC Shade Structure  
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Thank you from a concerned senior,  
Julie and Wei Wan

24142 Park Casino  
Calabasas, Ca 91302

**From:** [Kate Nott](#)  
**To:** [Maricela Hernandez](#)  
**Subject:** Support the building of the CSC shade structure  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 4:56:05 PM

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Thank you from a concerned senior,

Kathryn Nott

**From:** [Janet Scharf](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Support the building of the CSC shade structure  
**Date:** Sunday, February 13, 2022 8:42:29 PM

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Thank you from a concerned senior,

Janet Scharf

4473 Park Arroyo

Calabasas, CA 91302

818-224-4960



# EPIC-FSC: Our Mission & Goals

- EPIC-FSC (Emergency Preparedness in Calabasas, a Fire Safe Council) is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer organization
- We conduct outreach campaigns and educate on topics of emergency preparedness and recovery
- In the event of a wildfire or earthquake, EPIC will keep residents informed in real time via multi-channel radios, amateur radios, AM radio 1630 and other methods with or without the Internet or electricity
- Our goal is to provide timely, Calabasas-specific information that will be centered on the safety and well-being of the residents in our community



# EPIC-FSC's Accomplishments

- Thank you, Calabasas City Council, for seeding EPIC-FSC
- Accomplishments to date:
  - Legal 501(c)(3) entity established
  - Created an EPIC-FSC website
  - HIZE Training for wildfire home hardening
  - Created Calabasas-specific content ready for distribution
  - To date, have applied for 3 grants



# What does EPIC-FSC Do?

- We are disaster prep & recovery educators & we support Initiative 35 through:
  - Wildfire preparation, home hardening
  - Earthquake preparation before, and what to do immediately after
  - Resilient, multi-channel communication of vetted (PIO) information
- Our education platform is divided into 2 parts:
  - Pre-event:
    - **Wildfire mitigation**: Vegetation and landscape control information, control/removal of combustible items from immediate vicinity of home...
    - **Earthquake**: Safety items to have on hand, hard-sole shoes, go bags, first aid supplies, sufficient water on hand for several days...
  - Post-event:
    - **Wildfire**: Communication of PIO information (evacuation orders, return dates, safety updates)
    - **Earthquake**- instructional videos: (“How to”: safely check for damage, turn off gas, turn off water, open garage door with no power...)





# Why EPIC-FSC?

- As City Council consolidates alerts (Initiative 24) from various organizations, we are seeking to establish a more robust partnership with the City
- We can fill a critical role with the City on a communication strategy supporting Initiative 32 (through our ECHO platform) on such topics as safe zone locations and available evacuation routes when a disaster strikes
- EPIC-FSC has developed a unique approach to disseminating emergency information that prioritizes what needs to be done, when it needs to be done, and how to recover from a disaster
- We believe that post-emergency broadcasting of information must be complementary, coordinated and homogenous through CTV, AM 1630, a phone app and amateur radio
- Our goal is to facilitate, with the City, vetted information specifically for Calabasas residents no matter the channel of delivery



# What is our ask?

- EPIC-FSC seeks to enhance our relationship with the City of Calabasas
- We support initiatives 24, 32, 35 and 37 of the strategic plan, and in support we believe better results can be achieved for our Calabasas community through an “always available” app for cell phones and communication coordination with CTV and AM 1630
- Enhance our emergency communication infrastructure with the goal of creating a resilient, multi-channel communications network within our community
- EPIC-FSC would like a seat at the EOC to help disseminate PIO published information

To: City Council and Staff

From: Charlotte Meyer

Re: City Council Meeting

Date: February 14, 2022

I would like to share my priorities below. My first two priorities listed have either been preapproved and/or publicly reached unanimous consensus by the council. Thank you for your consideration.

The City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan written in 2004 identifies 2 unfinished Capital Improvement projects. One is the Senior Center. Unfortunately, the construction budget was limited, and that adversely affected the size of the square footage of the building. A large patio was built to mitigate the loss of indoor space. This patio, facing west and bathed in blazing hot sun, was never properly completed due to the absence of a patio cover. With over 10% of the facility's space lying dormant most of the year, it is time to address this issue by supporting the construction of a shade structure. If a project has already reached unanimous consensus by the council, why can't we just move it along?

Another incomplete capital improvement project is Wild Walnut Park. The PRE has held at least 3 workshops and a landscape architect was hired and plans approved. The residents of Mulwood have observed improvements to the other 3 city parks on the Westside, plus the Agoura/Calabasas Community Center with envy. A city project that has completed all the necessary vetting should finally be completed. If it goes on your Priority List that will delay it even more. It is also time to consider adding recreation amenities, such as volleyball or pickleball courts to Creekside Park too.

About 25 years ago, the city proudly created a Tree Board to ensure the city's trees were properly maintained. The Oak trees were so revered that an Oak Tree ordinance was passed and prominent signage, "Tree City USA", at the entrance of Classic Calabasas proudly memorialized that commitment. With the Tree Board being abandoned, coupled with a new landscaping philosophy, planting seasonal flower beds, many of our trees and bushes are now neglected, appear to be dying, have died and sadly are just pulled out and not being replaced. Instead of replacing them, these beds are now enlarged and replanted with flowering annuals that are frequently replaced with more flowering annuals. This pattern of landscaping has supplanted our commitment to our trees. I urge you to reinstate the Tree Board to educate our residents about maintaining their own trees and supporting the city to do the same. A neglected Oak tree, with branches on the ground located in the Tennis and Swim parking lot adjacent to the tennis court, is but one of many examples I can easily cite. Your leadership on this issue is needed.

Finally, the focus on pedestrian safety is being addressed. Currently the "Report a Problem" link on the city's website has been fixed, due to my urging. It is being used to report sidewalk safety concerns. Over 20 have been reported in the last 2 months. Savvy Seniors are especially concerned because of the needless, life altering falls dangerous sidewalks and crosswalks present. Most recently, a dangerous project, located near Chaparral Elementary School was identified and reported. All three crosswalks used daily by hundreds of pedestrians (students, parents and grandparents) who walk to and from school, walk across these crosswalks, (on Paul Revere) that exhibit crumbling asphalt, large, deep cracks and faded zebra strips. Our families deserve a "safe passage to school".

As you explore projects to support, please consider eliminating some that we no longer need or want. It's easy to overlook programs that have always been "on the books" and fresh eyes might be insightful.

February 16, 2022

Calabasas City Council  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA. 91302

Dear Mayor Mary Sue Maurer and City Council Members:

I'll be unable to attend tonight's Council Member due to work, but wanted to comment on some of the items on the City's priority list that are under consideration. Each of these items is a worthy goal in its own way. There were several in each category that stood out, in my opinion, as being particularly important. The following are my priority items:

Environmental Leadership:

Item 3 is of very high priority for me. I'm happy to see that all five Council members feel the same way.

Item 6 (Educating residents about the State's new food waste requirements) – I realize that different cities are enacting this at different times. I believe this will help all residents understand the new composting requirements.

Item 7 (Hiring a consultant to coordinate the development of a Climate Action Plan) – I believe that addressing Climate Change should be a priority for every city. However, I believe we could be most effective in this area by coordinating efforts regionally. This is the only reason that this item didn't make my list.

Item 10 (Develop a Water Resilience Plan) – This is a high priority for me. Much like a year-round fire "season" is the new normal, drought is our somewhat new normal. We must address efficiency and conservation.

Item 11 (Review single use plastic carryout bag prohibition) – Part of addressing Climate Change includes waste in general and our use of plastics specifically. I think many residents have reusable bags; having ones that are compostable will help insure that they won't end up in a landfill.

Item 12 (Increase education and enforcement of residential trash container rules) – This item was unclear to me. Are we talking about the City enforcing trash cans not being out on the street for days? Or are we talking about increased education of what's recyclable, compostable or trash?

Fiscal Resiliency:

Item 13 (Establish deferred maintenance accounts) – I was happy to see that this had the support of most of the Council.

Item 15 (Hire an employee to seek, write and administer grants) – Again, I'm happy to see the Council is unanimous in its agreement about this. I think our city would benefit from this.

Item 16 (Create an economic development plan to attract business) – We've all seen the glut of vacant commercial space in Calabasas. Some of it can be redeveloped as multi-family housing, especially affordable housing. However, having a healthy business climate benefits our city.

Item 18 (Create a plan to address CalPERS unfunded liability) – This is something that we must address. We cannot keep deferring planning for this expense. I was happy to see recommendations will be provided for the next fiscal year.

Item 20 (Create a General Fund reserve policy) – This is common sense. I was happy to see near unanimous Council support for this.

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness:

This was the area for which I had the most items "checked". The following were my highest priority goals:

Item 21 (Hire a consultant to advise on the development of city-wide fiber-optic network) – Improved internet (like improved cell service) cannot be is not a luxury item for our city. This is a public safety issue that should be addressed.

During the Woolsey Fire, access to information was limited if one was in Calabasas. A fiber-optic system will help insure that internet service is somewhat protected.

Item 24 (Consolidate alerts) – Streamlining the various notification systems is a good thing. More community outreach needs to be done to make residents aware of these notifications.

Item 28 (Conducting a feasibility study for placing cell towers on publicly owned sites) – Too many areas in Calabasas have spotty cell reception. Ironically, these can be some of the most at-risk areas for fires, evacuations, etc. Improving cell reception throughout our city should be one of the very highest priorities. Item 24's notifications are moot if cell phones aren't receiving them.

Item 29 (Evaluate additional options/partnerships to support mental health needs and homelessness) – Sadly, this is a growing problem everywhere, not just Calabasas. I know we currently coordinate with Agoura Hills on outreach. The homeless issue requires vast coordination of resources from various agencies. We may be most impactful by partnering with our regional neighbors and coordinating with the County, VA, Social Security, shelters, etc.

Item 32 (Provide an update to the Council on the development of evacuation zones) – This is extremely important, but must be done without the “rose-colored glasses” that some in our city have used in the past. Evacuation of certain parts of the city are prone to problems. We can't move forward in finding solutions unless we recognize there's a problem.

Item 33 (Evaluate sites that can store generators or be used as charging stations during emergencies) – This would be immensely helpful to residents. We lost power for days during Woolsey. Making sure that we could continue to get alerts and news about the fire meant that we spent time every day charging our phones in our cars. Having places to charge devices and check on neighbors would be an asset for residents.

Item 35 (Develop a City Readiness & Education Initiative for earthquake and fire emergencies) - We live in “earthquake country” and our entire city is in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Readiness and resident education will help everyone in the long run.

Item 37 (Create a home hardening and outreach program/Fire Safe Councils) – This is a very high priority for me. I've researched items for home hardening and know it can be tough to sort through all of the information that's out there. There are a lot of things that residents can do for themselves that go beyond just brush clearance. I'd love to see a local resource that residents can use.

Item 38 (Review LASD services/consider realigning funding) – We all know that crime has increased dramatically over the last year. The LASD has frozen its services to current levels. This particular issue may not get resolved until this November when the Sheriff is up for reelection, as are members of the BOS.

#### Recreation and Youth/Senior Services:

Item 43 (Reopening the Calabasas Community Center) – I belonged to the Community Center, pre-Covid. I miss it and look forward to it opening again.

Item 45 (Adding a shade structure to the Senior Center) – This seems like an easy and relatively inexpensive item that would add quality of life to those using the Senior Center.

Item 54 (Permanent build out of Wild Walnut Park) – This is another quality of life issue that is worth pursuing.

#### Organizational Excellence:

Item 64 (Hiring lobbyist to provide summaries of legislation relevant to Calabasas) – This is something that we've needed for years. Knowing what's in the works will help us to be proactive rather than reactive to some of the legislation that's drafted.

Item 65 (Better utilizing Commissioner expertise and seek their earlier involvement in project research) – This seems like common sense.

Item 68 (Improving website navigation and Calabasas Connect App) – Once upon a time, not so long ago, the City of Calabasas had a decent website. Those wishing to do research could find information fairly easily. Search results usually made sense. And then it changed. I know the “improved” website has had some tweaks, but it’s still a frustrating experience to have to search for anything on the City’s website. I now avoid it unless there’s no other choice.

Item 72 (Establish a more efficient system of maintaining City records/archives) – Perhaps this goal should be combined with Item 68. Every city should have a well-maintained record of its legislative history. Pre-digital records should be scanned and posted to the city’s website.

Item 76 (Examine long-standing City contracts with third parties to assess viability) – We won’t know if there are better options to serve the City unless we look.

Development and Infrastructure:

Item 78 (Complete annexation of Craftsman Corner) – This annexation has been talked about for years; it should be one of our city’s highest priorities. I was disappointed to see there wasn’t unanimous support on the Council as this for a top priority.

Item 82 (Define the City’s long-term land use strategies/General Plan update) – Our land use issues have evolved over the years. Land use defined our city and was the catalyst for its incorporation. As times change, we must update our strategies and goals for our city.

Item 83 and item 85 (Emphasize affordable housing; non-fire hazardous zones) – This is another high-priority issue. We must look at all options available to us (rezone vacant/underused commercial space for affordable housing, etc). While seniors need affordable housing (item 81), they’re not the only ones in need of it. I think we should emphasize affordable housing for all. Families have students enrolled in our outstanding schools. We must also recognize and plan for the fact that while the entire city is in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, some areas are more hazardous than others. Evacuation should always be one of the top criteria for location because it’s a matter of when, not if, evacuation will be necessary.

Thank you for considering my input.

Best regards,  
Frances Alet  
Calabasas

2-16-2022

Good evening, Mayor Maurer and City Council Members,  
I'm Priscilla Lee and my family and I live in Calabasas.

Although my first request would be for Calabasas to purchase our own fixed-wing water dropper to fight fires in and near Calabasas, I'm sure that's not currently within our budget.

I'm glad to see that #3 and #15 both have each of your votes.

**#3:** It is very important that Calabasas identifies potential real property acquisitions for the purposes of future parkland or open space designation.

**#15,** Hire an employee to seek, write, and administer grants. With a grant, we could possibly purchase a fixed-wing water dropper.

I believe it's very important for alert systems (Blackboard, Alert LA County, Nixle, Calabasas City Notification, SCE...) to be consolidated for improved sign-ups and outreach during emergency events, as suggested by #24.

Then, receiving less votes, but highly needed for emergencies are #32 and 33.

**#32:** Have updates provided to the City Council on the development of evacuation zones. I'd like to see a city plan that will allow residents to evacuate in a safe manner.

**# 33** Create charging stations for cell phones during emergencies. Many of our residents did not evacuate during the Woolsey Fire, and they needed to be able to charge their cell phones without nearly running their cars out of gas.

**#37:** Create a home hardening and outreach program to enable more residents to harden their homes.

I would not recommend that we support storing generators, considering the rise in crime in Calabasas and the potential for theft.

**From:** [Dorothy Much](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please support the building of the Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:16:36 PM

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**Dear All,**

The City Council is prioritizing 89 initiatives and reducing them to 18 to develop a Strategic Priority plan. Please inform the City Council that you support building a shade structure for the CSC in the priority plan. Support the building of a shade structure for the CSC by doing the following:

1). Create a new email to City Council personnel by copying the following names and pasting into the “To” line of the message:

- [mmaurer@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:mmaurer@cityofcalabasas.com)
- [dshapiro@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:dshapiro@cityofcalabasas.com)
- [jbozajian@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:jbozajian@cityofcalabasas.com)
- [pkraut@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:pkraut@cityofcalabasas.com)
- [aweintraub@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:aweintraub@cityofcalabasas.com)
- [kmeik@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:kmeik@cityofcalabasas.com)
- [mhernandez@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:mhernandez@cityofcalabasas.com)
- [egreen@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:egreen@cityofcalabasas.com)

2). Place “Support the building of the CSC Shade Structure” in the subject line.

3). Copy and paste the enclosed letter to the new email. Type your name and address under the sentence “Thank you from a concerned senior”.

4). Hit send. Please send the email ASAP so it arrives before the Wednesday night City Council meeting.

Thank you all for supporting an initiative that will benefit our senior community.

From Steering Committee Officers,

Cathie Mattson, Co-Chair  
Laura Weissnar, Co-Chair



**Carol Washburn, Co-Secretary**  
**Carol Davis, Co-Founder of Savvy Seniors, Emerita**

### **The Letter**

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I ask you to demonstrate your support of the senior community by prioritizing the building of the Calabasas Senior Center Shade Structure.

Thank you from a concerned senior,

**From:** [Joan Persky](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support the building of the CSC Shade Structure  
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Joan Persky  
22757 Sparrow Dell Drive  
Calabasas CA 91302

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Betsy Zentner](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
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Thank you from concerned seniors,  
Betsy and Karl Zentner  
22516 Calipatria Drive  
Calabasas, Ca 91302

**From:** [Jackie Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [Mary Sue Maurer](#); [David Shapiro](#); [James Bozajian](#); [Peter Kraut](#); [Alicia Weintraub](#); [Kindon Meik](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)  
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Jackie Hoffman, CSC Advisory Board

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