

November 1,2022

LIVING IN SMALL CITY WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS OF A BIG CITY

My name is James Tillman and I have lived in the City of Pinole for more years than I want to admit.

I claim that my small community by the bay is a great place to raise a family. Our property values are higher than they have ever been. But we're like an island surrounded by large cities with their large problems, i.e., urban growth, traffic, and their growing crime rates.

During the nineties the citizens of Pinole fought crime in our city by instituting a utility users tax that enabled the city to fully staff the police and fire departments. Local news reports are discouraging to say the least. The lazars faire attitude that with a greater population comes bigger, greater, and more violent crime. Pinole has not been isolated from any effects mentioned herein. We as a community are feeling the side effects of this trend.

In 2000 Pinole police working with the FBI, County Sheriffs Departments and other law enforcement agencies stopped prostitution before it was able to get a stronghold in Pinole. These criminals, from surrounding Bay Area cities tried to set up shop in the dark of night. Committed community groups and our Police Department working together saved the community from their intended invasion.

I wanted to see what type of crime beside the obvious was in our city so I did a citizen ride-a-long with a police officer. As we moved though the city I had a chance to ask hem "if you had more money for law enforcement where would you spend it and why?" Would you spend it on full time traffic control units, gang warfare, drug units, new equipment like the taster? The officer stated that today officers are dealing with violent criminals, more officers are getting injured and the tasters would be a non-lethal tool. He added that the officers work longer hours

in their high-risk jobs to protect the citizens of Pinole so if the equipment were available the job would probably be easier. Another officers interjected "if I had become a firefighter, who typically are heroes in the public's eye, would I be considered a hero too, he stated?

As San Francisco, Oakland, and Richmond with large budgets for public safety fight crime in their cities, the criminals are being pushed out and are landing up in Pinole. Criminals are like water - they follow the least resistant path.

Unfortunately, even with the utility users tax other cities successfully recruited some of Pinole's finest officers. I would like to thank Pinole Police Department for the education I received during the ride-a-long. I urge all Pinole voters to support Pinole Police and Fire by voting for Pete Murray and Debbie Long for Council its best for our Community.

James Tillman

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From: [Cordell Hindler](#)
To: [Comment](#)
Subject: 4. A. Public Employee Evaluation
Date: Sunday, October 30, 2022 5:35:41 PM

Good Evening Mayor Salimi, Council Members and Staff,

I think that MR Murray has done a wonderful Job as the City Manager for Pinole

He makes sure that he Receives direction from Council

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [Kent and Ann Moriarty](#)
To: [Comment](#)
Cc: [Vincent Salimi](#); [Norma Martinez-Rubin](#); [Maureen Toms](#); [Anthony Tave](#); [Devin Murphy](#); [Sanjay Mishra](#)
Subject: City Council 11/1/22: Traffic Safety Improvements on the Tennent Corridor
Date: Monday, October 31, 2022 4:39:19 PM

Dear Pinole City Council Members,

I encourage Council to appropriate funding to implement the improvements on the Tennent corridor that were recommended by staff.

These include

- Bulb outs
- High visibility crosswalk markings
- High visibility yield signs
- A flashing beacon at Plum

The death of a community member at Tennent and Pear resulted in a significant response from the community. This community is asking for improved safety, but also something broader than that.

The community speakers I heard at Council and TAPS meetings were describing their experience of a high-stress road in what should be a low-stress neighborhood in Old Town which includes a church, a school and a farmers' market. Community members are asking for a livable street which includes safety by definition.

I'm encouraged that the City is taking a more comprehensive look at the Tennent corridor and considering engineering changes that will result in traffic calming.

I encourage staff and council to aim for a low-stress street and keep engaging with the community on this until that is realized.

Thank you,
Kent Moriarty