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# Introduction

The East Bay Regional Park District, established in 1934, maintains approximately 119,000 acres of parkland in 65 parks throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. One of the most popular parks is the Mission Peak Regional Preserve, located in Fremont, CA. While portions of Mission Peak's lands are owned by the City of Fremont and Ohlone College, the Preserve is operated and funded by the Park District, including all maintenance, management, and restoration activities.

Mission Peak Regional Preserve encompasses approximately 3,000 acres, including lowlands, slopes, and mountain ridge lands. The Preserve has several trails leading to the summit, offering beautiful vistas of the surrounding Bay Area. Due to the topography of the South Bay in this area, Mission Peak is the highest point from which this vista is available, and as such, has become an extremely popular destination in the Bay Area.

There are several trails leading to the summit of Mission Peak. Two trailheads start from a parking lot called the Stanford Avenue Staging Area, at the end of Stanford Avenue near a residential neighborhood. This staging area has a small, 43-space parking lot. Due to the trail's popularity, this small parking lot is often filled, so that visitors use the surrounding residential neighborhoods for overflow parking. Additional trailheads are located off of Mission Boulevard at the edge of the Ohlone College campus. This location has more ample parking available, generally for a small fee (parking is free for the public on Saturdays after 5 pm, all day Sunday, and holidays).

## Survey Methodology

BAE conducted a Potential Visitor Survey and an Intercept Survey as part of an Environmental Impact Report. Although the main purpose of the surveys was to assess how the construction of additional parking spaces would impact latent demand, the surveys also included questions regarding how specific management and operational changes might affect the public's usage of Mission Peak Preserve, as well as other issues of interest to the Park District. The responses to these management and operational changes are discussed in this document and provide data on the following topics:

- **Trail Use Fee:** To what degree would visitation and parking demand change if the Park District were to charge a trail use fee?
- **Parking Lot Fee:** To what extent would visitation and parking demand change if the Park District were to charge a fee to park at the Stanford Staging Area?
- **Summit Pole Removal:** How would removal of the "pole," an iconic art installation, impact visitor (and thus parking) demand?

- **Other Management Options:** How would several other potential management options impact visitation?
- **Shuttle Service from Ohlone College Garage:** If a shuttle service were provided from the Ohlone College garage, how would this service affect parking demand at the Stanford Avenue Staging Area?

The Potential Visitor Survey was mailed to a random sample of 5,000 addresses within the primary catchment area of Mission Peak visitors (e.g., southern Alameda and Santa Clara Counties) and emailed to 23,700 email addresses in the Park District's reservation system for picnic areas and campgrounds in District parks. This survey was conducted between May 12, 2015 and June 10, 2015. A total of 1,352 responses were received through this combined sampling frame.

A smaller survey of Preserve visitors (an In-Park Intercept Survey) was administered at the Stanford Avenue Staging Area on two successive weekends in early May, 2015, resulting in 208 responses.

Because the Potential Visitor Survey represented a more comprehensive outreach effort and produced a larger sample, the findings from the Potential Visitor Survey are highlighted in this document. The Intercept Survey, however, did not demonstrate any significant variation from the larger Potential Visitor Survey. There might have also been overlap in respondents contacted by mail or email for the Potential Visitor Survey and those who participated in the Intercept Survey.

# Mission Peak Visitor Survey

The May 2015 Potential Visitor Survey contained questions intended to determine how specific management changes might affect park usage at Mission Peak and to assess other issues of interest to the Park District. The survey tested a variety of operational strategies, including charging user fees, limiting residential parking, and providing shuttle service. The following section documents the findings from these survey questions.

For reference, the survey instrument and tabulation of responses is shown in Appendix A

## Profile of Respondents

A total of 1,345 survey responses were obtained from the mail and email survey distributions.

### ***Place of Residence***

The zip code of place of residence was requested from all survey respondents, and 1,114 respondents answered this question. Of the respondents, almost 81 percent were residents of Alameda or Contra Costa counties (“Park District Residents”). Approximately 69 percent of respondents were Alameda County residents. The proportion of respondents that were Contra Costa residents was relatively low (12.2 percent), possibly due to the lack of familiarity with Mission Peak. Another nearly 19 percent of respondents resided elsewhere in California (predominantly in San Francisco and Santa Clara counties).

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**Table 2: Place of Residence, Potential Visitor Survey**

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	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Park District Residents</b>		
Fremont	255	22.9%
Rest of Alameda County	507	45.5%
Contra Costa County	136	12.2%
<b><i>Subtotal</i></b>	<b>898</b>	<b>80.6%</b>
<b>Other Locations</b>		
Other CA	210	18.9%
Out of State	6	0.5%
<b><i>Subtotal</i></b>	<b>216</b>	<b>19.4%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Fremont was the most frequently-represented place of residence (23 percent of reported places of residence). The next most frequent residence location was Oakland (11 percent of reported places of residence). As noted above, 80 percent of all respondents reporting lived within the two counties served by the Park District.

**Frequency of Visitation in Past Year**

Of the 1,346 respondents who answered the question, 970 have visited Mission Peak at some point (72 percent of respondents). Of these visitors, 948 reported the frequency of their visits in the past year, with 264 respondents (28 percent) reporting no visits in the past year, and 684 respondents (72 percent) reporting visits during that timeframe. A substantial 122 respondents (13 percent) reported visiting more than 10 times in the past year. Another 228 respondents (24 percent) reported visiting between 3 and 10 times in the past year, while another 334 respondents (35 percent) visited 1 or 2 times in the past year.

Using the mid-point of each answer provided, the data covers an estimated total of over 3,325 visits by the 948 people who reported their visits in the past year, as shown below.

**Table 3: Frequency of Visits in Past Year to Mission Peak**

Frequency of Visits in Past Year	All Respondents		Estimated Number of Visits	
	Number	Percent	Factor	Visits
None	264	27.8%	0	-
1 to 2 visits in past year	334	35.2%	1.5	501
3 to 10 visits in past year	228	24.1%	6.5	1,482
More than 10 visits in past year	122	12.9%	11	1,342
<b>Total</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		<b>3,325</b>

Source: BAE, 2015.

**Time of Day**

Almost 39 percent of respondents' most recent visits to Mission Peak occurred before 9:00 am, reflecting the commonly-held perception that Mission Peak is a popular place for sunrise/early morning hikes. The arrival time for these visits declined sharply throughout the day, with a very small percentage of respondents (less than 13 percent) arriving at the Preserve at 4:00 pm or later. Thus, Mission Peak does not appear to be nearly as popular for sunset hikes as for sunrise.

**Hike to Summit (Pole)**

Of the respondents who could recall their last visit's destination, 74 percent stated that they hiked to the pole at the summit, while 23 percent did not.

## Impact of Alternative Management Strategies

The Potential Visitor Survey contained a series of questions about options to test management strategies that could reduce visitation or mitigate parking impacts.

### ***Impact of Potential Parking Expansion on Future Visits***

The survey asked all respondents to indicate their likely change in visitation behavior if the Stanford Avenue Staging Area parking were expanded by 300 additional spaces.

The table below shows the overall responses. As anticipated, some respondents indicated that they would increase their visits to Mission Peak, while others felt that this expansion of spaces would decrease or prevent them from visiting, possibly because they expected greater popularity as a result of perceived easing of parking constraints. As shown, the overall impact of the proposed parking expansion is that 47.0 percent of respondents would increase their visits while 8.2 percent would decrease/stop visiting Mission Peak, for a net incidence of change in behavior of 38.8 percent of respondents.

**Table 5: Impact of Proposed Parking Expansion on Future Visitation**

	All Respondents		Prior Visitors		Prior Non-Visitors	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Not change my visits Mission Peak	431	36.1%	322	37.4%	5	15.6%
Increase my visits to Mission Peak	561	47.0%	405	47.1%	24	75.0%
Decrease my visits to Mission Peak	78	6.5%	63	7.3%	1	3.1%
Prevent me from visiting Mission Peak	20	1.7%	17	2.0%	0	0.0%
No opinion / NA	104	8.7%	53	6.2%	2	6.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1194</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Change</b> (Increase less decrease/prevent)	<b>463</b>	<b>38.8%</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>37.8%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>71.9%</b>

### ***Impact of Parking Expansion and Parking Fee (\$5.00 per car or less)***

The survey asked about the impact on visitation if both the parking were expanded and a parking fee of \$5.00 or less per car were charged. Respondents stated that these combined actions would create a net decrease in visitation, indicating the dramatic effect that implementing a modest charge for a perceived no-cost activity could have. Instead of a net increase in visits by 38.8 percent of respondents when offered a free parking expansion, the addition of a small parking charge has a large offsetting impact on visitation. It should be noted that without restriction on parking in the neighborhood, a parking fee would likely result in some visitors parking in the surrounding neighborhood to avoid paying the parking fee.

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**Table 6: Impact of Parking Expansion and Parking Fee**

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	All Respondents	
	Number	Percent
Not change my visits to Mission Peak	562	47.1%
Increase my visits to Mission Peak	188	15.7%
Decrease my visits to Mission Peak	246	20.6%
Prevent me from visiting Mission Peak	105	8.8%
No opinion / NA	93	7.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Change</b> <i>(Increase less decrease/prevent)</i>	<b>( 163 )</b>	<b>-13.7%</b>

This survey did not test visitor demand sensitivity to the parking fee amount (e.g., a lower amount or variable pricing by peak period). It should be noted that peak-period pricing policies can spread out demand and reduce impacts from parking demand exceeding parking supply. On the other hand, because much of the peak period demand at Mission Peak is related to watching the sunrise from the summit, this unique utilization of the Preserve could create a different response to peak-period pricing than the outcomes seen at other parks.

**Pole Removal**

The survey asked respondents how removing the iconic pole at the summit could affect their visitation. Responses indicated that this proposition would have a net decrease in visits to Mission Peak. Some respondents stated that removing the pole would increase their visits, but more respondents stated that it would decrease/prevent their visits.

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**Table 7: Impact of Pole Removal on Future Visitation**

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	All Respondents	
	Number	Percent
Not change my visits Mission Peak	761	61.8%
Increase my visits to Mission Peak	97	7.9%
Decrease my visits to Mission Peak	177	14.4%
Prevent me from visiting Mission Peak	34	2.8%
No opinion / NA	163	13.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Change</b> <i>(Increase less decrease/prevent)</i>	<b>( 114 )</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>

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### **Trail Use Fee**

The concept of charging a trail use fee (instead of a parking fee) was one of the more unpopular measures posed to the respondents in the survey. A net of more than 40 percent of respondents predicted that a trail use fee would decrease/prevent visits to Mission Peak.

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**Table 8: Impact of Trail Use Fee (\$5.00 or less per user)**

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	All Respondents	
	Number	Percent
Not change my visits Mission Peak	447	36.9%
Increase my visits to Mission Peak	73	6.0%
Decrease my visits to Mission Peak	390	32.2%
Prevent me from visiting Mission Peak	220	18.2%
No opinion / NA	80	6.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Change</b> <i>(Increase less decrease/prevent)</i>	<b>( 537 )</b>	<b>-44.4%</b>

### **Seasonal Permit Parking Program**

The survey also asked opinions about the impacts of a temporary residential permit parking program during the high-season (April through October), which could be implemented by the City of Fremont. This permit program would limit parking in the neighborhood to residents and their guests. This option also proved to be unpopular (likely because so many visitors park there now at no cost), with survey respondents indicating that their visitation would decrease by a net of almost 48 percent.

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**Table 9: High Season Permit Parking Program n Neighborhood**

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	All Respondents	
	Number	Percent
Not change my visits to Mission Peak	434	36.6%
Increase my visits to Mission Peak	33	2.8%
Decrease my visits to Mission Peak	408	34.4%
Prevent me from visiting Mission Peak	189	15.9%
No opinion / NA	123	10.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Change</b> <i>(Increase less decrease/prevent)</i>	<b>( 564 )</b>	<b>-47.5%</b>

**City of Fremont Financial Contribution**

Another survey question asked whether the City of Fremont should contribute financially to the operation and maintenance of Mission Peak. An overwhelming 73 percent of respondents felt that the City of Fremont should contribute to the costs of running Mission Peak.

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**Table 10: Financial Contribution to Operating and Maintenance Costs by City of Fremont**

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	All Respondents	
	Number	Percent
City of Fremont should contribute	850	73.0%
City of Fremont should not contribute	86	7.4%
No opinion / NA	170	14.6%
Other opinion (please specify)	58	5.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Shuttle from Ohlone College**

Respondents were asked if they would ride a free shuttle from the paid Ohlone College parking lot or parking garage. Over 49 percent of respondents indicated that they would be very likely or somewhat likely to park at the Ohlone College lot and ride a free shuttle. It should be noted that this relatively high rate of interest in a shuttle might diminish if the cost of the new parking garage at Ohlone had been explicitly stated (the question mentioned that the garage is paid, but the pricing was not stated).

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**Table 11: Free Shuttle from Ohlone College to Stanford Ave. Staging Area**

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	All Respondents	
	Number	Percent
Very likely to park at the Ohlone College lot and ride shuttle	254	20.9%
Somewhat likely to park at the Ohlone College lot and ride shuttle	343	28.2%
Not likely to park at the Ohlone College lot and ride shuttle	413	33.9%
Don't know / NA	208	17.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Summary of Findings

Growing interest in outdoor recreation has fueled an increase in the number of visitors within national, regional, and local parks. Mission Peak, like many other parks, has witnessed a robust increase in visitation, with nearly 270,000 visits estimated in 2014. At Mission Peak, the existing 43-space parking lot is insufficient to meet parking demand, and visitors frequently park in the adjacent residential neighborhoods, causing congestion and nuisances to the local residents.

As described above, questions were incorporated into the Potential Visitor Survey to gauge public response to potential long-term parking management options at Mission Peak. The survey results are summarized again below.

## Long-Term Demand Management at Mission Peak

- **Removing the Pole:** Survey responses to this proposal indicated that a net 9.3 percent of visitors would decrease their visits to the park. Some respondents noted that removing the pole would increase their visits, but more respondents indicated it would decrease/prevent their visits. This demand-management strategy would likely have modest effects. These effects might also diminish over the long term if visitors find that visiting Mission Peak is a strongly positive experience, even without the pole.
- **Trail Use Fee:** Charging a trail use fee of \$5 or less per user was among the most unpopular measures posed to the survey respondents. For this potential action, a net of 44.4 percent of respondents predicted that a trail use fee would decrease/prevent their visits to Mission Peak. The unpopularity of this option translates into a likely strongly-effective demand management strategy.

## Long Term Supply Management at Mission Peak

- **Parking Expansion:** The survey asked all respondents to indicate their likely change in visitation behavior if the Stanford Avenue Staging Area parking were expanded by 300 additional spaces. While 47.0 percent of respondents would increase their visits, 8.2 percent would decrease or stop visiting Mission Peak, for a net incidence of change in behavior of 38.8 percent of respondents.
- **Parking Expansion and Parking Fee of \$5:** Survey responses indicated that these combined actions would cause a net 13.7 percent of visitors to decrease their visits to Mission Peak. These responses suggest that this modest change could have a dramatic effect on visits to the Preserve. Instead of a net of over 38% percent of respondents increasing Park usage when offered a free parking expansion, the addition of a small parking charge has a large offsetting impact that would decrease visitation overall.
- **Seasonal Permit Parking Program:** The survey also asked opinions about the impacts of a temporary residential permit parking program during the high-season (April

through October), which the City of Fremont could implement. This permit program would limit parking in the neighborhood to residents and their guests. This option proved to be dramatically unpopular (most likely because many visitors currently park in the neighborhood at no cost), with a net of almost 48 percent of respondents indicating that they would decrease their visits.

- **Shuttle from Ohlone College:** Over 49 percent of respondents indicated that they would be very likely or somewhat likely to park at the Ohlone College lot and ride a free shuttle. This rate of interest in a shuttle might diminish if the \$5 cost to park in the new parking garage at Ohlone had been explicitly stated.

It should also be noted that the Potential Visitor Survey asked whether the City of Fremont should contribute financially to the operation and maintenance of Mission Peak. An overwhelming 73 percent of respondents felt that the City of Fremont to the costs of running Mission Peak.

# Appendix A: Visitor Surveys

**Table A-1: Visitor Survey Sample Weighting**

Jurisdiction	Prior Data on Visitors by Place of Residence				2015 Resident Survey (a)	
	# of Responses	% of All Respondents	City Population (b)	Responses Per 100,000 Population	Distribution Based on Pop	# for 2015 Resident Surveys
Fremont	217	22%	226,551	96	24%	1,194
Milpitas	46	5%	72,606	63	16%	790
Newark	17	2%	44,204	38	10%	480
Sunnyvale	42	4%	148,028	28	7%	354
Union City	20	2%	72,744	27	7%	343
Mountain View	19	2%	77,914	24	6%	304
Santa Clara	28	3%	120,973	23	6%	289
Cupertino	13	1%	59,756	22	5%	271
San Jose	198	20%	1,016,479	19	5%	243
Pleasanton	12	1%	74,850	16	4%	200
Hayward	23	2%	152,889	15	4%	188
Castro Valley/San Lorenzo	13	1%	85,337	15	4%	190
San Leandro	11	1%	88,441	12	3%	155
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>2,240,772</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,001</b>

**Notes:**

a) The 2015 Resident Survey was distributed to a random sample of 5,000 addresses within the primary catchment area for Mission Peak visitors. In order to determine where to send the surveys, BAE reviewed prior visitation data by location of residence provided by the EBRPD, and calculated a weighted average to determine how many surveys to distribute to households within each city.

b) Population from Department of Finance and the American Community Survey (ACS).

Sources: East Bay Regional Park District, 2014; CA Department of Finance, 2015; ACS, 2013; BAE, 2015.

**Table A-2: Potential Visitor Survey Responses**

	All Respondents	
	Number	Percent
<b>1. Are you familiar with Mission Peak?</b>		
Yes	1,068	79.4%
No	277	20.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>2. Have you ever visited Mission Peak?</b>		
Yes	970	72.1%
No	376	27.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>3. When was the last time you visited Mission Peak?</b>		
in past week	99	10.4%
in past month	188	19.8%
in past year	380	40.0%
more than a year ago	282	29.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>4. About how many times have you visited Mission Peak in the past year?</b>		
None	264	27.8%
1 to 2 visits in past year	334	35.2%
3 to 10 visits in past year	228	24.1%
more than 10 visits in past year	122	12.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>5. Thinking about your last visit to Mission Peak (even if it was a while ago), please tell us where you parked your car?</b>		
Ohlone College parking lot	229	24.3%
Small Stanford Ave Staging Area parking lot	221	23.4%
Along residential streets near Stanford Ave Staging Area trailhead	347	36.8%
I did not drive to hike at Mission Peak	54	5.7%
Other (please specify)	93	9.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>6. Thinking about your last visit to Mission Peak, roughly what time of day did you arrive at the park?</b>		
Before 6:00am	48	5.2%
6:00am to 9:00am	307	33.3%
9:00am to 12:00pm	314	34.0%
12:00pm to 4:00pm	137	14.8%
4:00pm to 7:00pm	103	11.2%
7:00pm to sunset	12	1.3%
After sunset	2	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**7. Thinking about your last visit to Mission Peak, did you hike all the way to the summit and see the iconic "pole"?**

Yes	685	73.9%
No	213	23.0%
I don't recall / NA	29	3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**8. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the best possible, how would you rate your overall experience during the last time you visited Mission Peak? Fill in number from 1 (very poor experience) to 5 (best possible experience):**

1	20	2.2%
2	23	2.5%
3	160	17.5%
4	392	42.8%
5	321	35.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**9. Thinking about the last time you considered returning to Mission Peak - even if you decided to not go - please select up to 3 items that affected how you made your decision to visit or not visit.**

Concern about the weather (cold, rainy, hot, windy)	286	16.1%
Concern about crowds	326	18.4%
Lack of sufficient rest room facilities	136	7.7%
Too strenuous of a hike	119	6.7%
Lack of parking lot spaces	359	20.2%
Charge for parking lot at Ohlone College	106	6.0%
Personal (change in plans, etc.)	194	10.9%
None of the above	100	5.6%
Other (please fill in)	150	8.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**10. Thinking about this last time you considered returning to Mission Peak - even if you decided not go - what did you end up doing?**

I visited Mission Peak	335	38.0%
I did not visit Mission Peak or any other park that day	147	16.7%
I visited a different park that day	249	28.3%
I don't recall what I did / NA	150	17.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**11. What are the top 3 items that you would like to see improved or changed at Mission Peak?**

More restroom facilities	317	16.5%
More environmental restoration	452	23.6%
More parking spaces in Stanford parking lot	475	24.8%
Free shuttle from Ohlone College parking lot to Stanford trailhead	150	7.8%
Less crowded trail	318	16.6%
Other (please specify)	206	10.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**12. If the changes you selected in the last question were made to Mission Peak, how would the improvements affect your decision to visit next time?**

Would not affect my decision to visit	201	22.8%
Would increase my interest in visiting	614	69.7%
Don't know / NA	66	7.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**13. Have you ever considered visiting Mission Peak but decided not to?**

Yes	127	33.6%
No	251	66.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**14. When you last considered going to Mission Peak but decided not to, what affected your decision to not visit? Please tell us the top 3 reasons why you didn't go to Mission Peak that time.**

Concern about the weather (cold, rainy, hot, windy)	26	10.6%
Crowds	30	12.2%
Lack of sufficient rest room facilities	20	8.2%
Too strenuous of a hike	28	11.4%
Lack of parking lot spaces	35	14.3%
Charge for parking lot at Ohlone College	15	6.1%
Personal (change in plans, etc.)	67	27.3%
Don't recall / NA	24	9.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**15. About how many times in the coming year do you plan to visit Mission Peak?**

None	139	11.2%
1 to 2 visits	568	45.6%
3 to 10 visits	257	20.6%
More than 10 visits	127	10.2%
Don't know / NA	155	12.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**16. It has been suggested that the District should remove the iconic pole located at the Mission Peak Summit, as a way to reduce the crowds at the summit trying to take photographs on the pole. If the iconic pole were removed, how would this affect your decision to visit and hike the Mission Peak trails to the summit? If the pole were removed, this would...**

Not change my visits Mission Peak	761	61.8%
Increase my visits to Mission Peak	97	7.9%
Decrease my visits to Mission Peak	177	14.4%
Prevent me from visiting Mission Peak	34	2.8%
No opinion / NA	163	13.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**17. It has been suggested that the District provide a free shuttle bus from the Ohlone College paid parking lot to the Stanford Ave Staging Area's more popular trailhead, which is located about 2.5 miles away via Mission Boulevard. This free shuttle would provide an alternative to the sometimes challenging hunt for parking spots at, or around, the Stanford Ave Staging Area. If a free shuttle bus were provided from the Ohlone College parking lot to the trailhead at Stanford Ave Staging Area, would you be...**

Very likely to park at the Ohlone College lot and ride the free shuttle	254	20.9%
Somewhat likely to park at the Ohlone College lot and ride the free shuttle	343	28.2%
Not likely to park at the Ohlone College lot and ride the shuttle	413	33.9%
Don't know / NA	208	17.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**18. It has been suggested that the District should charge a per-person daily use fee at the Stanford Ave Staging Area trailhead. If the charge were \$5.00 or less per person using the trails, how would this charge affect your interest in visiting Mission Peak in the future? If there were a charge of \$5.00 or less per person using the trails, this would...**

Not change my visits Mission Peak	447	36.9%
Increase my visits to Mission Peak	73	6.0%
Decrease my visits to Mission Peak	390	32.2%
Prevent me from visiting Mission Peak	220	18.2%
No opinion / NA	80	6.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**19. The Stanford Ave Staging Area parking lot may be expanded to add 300 more parking spaces. If this expansion of parking occurred, how would that affect your plans to visit? If the Stanford Ave Staging Area parking lot were expanded, it would...**

Not change my visits Mission Peak	431	36.1%
Increase my visits to Mission Peak	561	47.0%
Decrease my visits to Mission Peak	78	6.5%
Prevent me from visiting Mission Peak	20	1.7%
No opinion / NA	104	8.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**20. If the Stanford Ave Staging Area parking lot were expanded, and also a fee of \$5.00 or less per car were charged, it would...**

Not change my visits to Mission Peak	562	47.1%
Increase my visits to Mission Peak	188	15.7%
Decrease my visits to Mission Peak	246	20.6%
Prevent me from visiting Mission Peak	105	8.8%
No opinion / NA	93	7.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**21. It has been suggested that a temporary residential permit parking program be implemented by the City of Fremont in the neighborhood surrounding the Stanford Ave Staging Area. This program would limit parking in the neighborhood to residents and their guests. It would be in effect from April through October, when visits to Mission Peak are high. If a permit were required to park in the residential areas surrounding the Stanford Ave Staging Area between April and October, how would it affect your plans to visit?**

Not change my visits to Mission Peak	434	36.6%
Increase my visits to Mission Peak	33	2.8%
Decrease my visits to Mission Peak	408	34.4%
Prevent me from visiting Mission Peak	189	15.9%
No opinion / NA	123	10.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**22. If a temporary residential permit parking program were implemented when visits to Mission Peak are high, from April through October, during which of the following time periods would you support this program?**

On weekends and holidays only from April - October	237	20.3%
On Saturdays only from April - October	38	3.3%
Seven days a week from April - October	32	2.7%
I would support a permit parking program year round during all park hours	175	15.0%
I would not support a permit parking program	373	32.0%
No opinion / NA	274	23.5%
Other (please specify)	37	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**23. Please tell us any comments you have about a permit parking program at Mission Peak:**

**Total 329**

**24. The District funds all of Mission Peak's maintenance and operations. Since Mission Peak is partially owned by the City and is popular with Fremont residents, should the City of Fremont contribute funding for operation and maintenance of the park? Please select one answer below that best reflects your opinion:**

I think the City of Fremont should contribute funding to the operations and maintenance of Mission Peak	850	73.0%
I think the City of Fremont should not contribute funding to the operations and maintenance of Mission Peak	86	7.4%
No opinion / NA	170	14.6%
Other opinion (please specify)	58	5.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**25. Are you a member of the Regional Parks Foundation?**

Yes	250	21.9%
No	860	75.2%
NA	34	3.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**26. What are the most typical ways that you learn about recreational /park destinations in the Bay Area?**

Area newspapers (examples: Mercury News, Chronicle, Fremont Argus, Vision Hispana)	252	22.1%
Leisure/ travel magazines (examples: Sunset Magazine or Via Magazine)	121	10.6%
Friends or co-workers	567	49.6%
Religious community	18	1.6%
Social media (e.g., Facebook/Twitter/Instagram)	259	22.7%
East Bay Regional Park District website	715	62.6%
Other websites	248	21.7%
East Bay Regional Park newsletters or activity guide	456	39.9%
Other park or recreation agencies	100	8.8%
None of these/NA	37	3.2%
Other (please specify)	86	7.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**27. Please select your age range:**

Under 18	4	0.4%
18 - 24	40	3.5%
25 - 34	245	21.5%
35 - 54	584	51.2%
55 - 64	173	15.2%
65 or over	95	8.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**28. What zip code do you live in:  
answered question**

**1,117**

**29. Thinking more broadly about the entire East Bay Regional Park District, if the District were able to raise additional funding through a new voter-approved tax measure, what items would you like to see the new funding be spent on?**

Maintenance of existing parks and open space	831	74.6%
Maintenance of bay front and shoreline areas	475	42.6%
Acquisition of new land for parks and open space	612	54.9%
Education programs	316	28.4%
Fire prevention (i.e., vegetation clearing) on park lands and open space	278	25.0%
Protection of shoreline from impacts of sea level rise	232	20.8%
Park recreational facilities (campgrounds, wedding venues, trails, swim areas)	417	37.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**30. Do you have any comments you would like to make about Mission Peak?**

**Total** **297**

## Q23 Please tell us any comments you have about a permit parking program at Mission Peak:

Answered: 329 Skipped: 1,023

#	Responses	Date
1	It is illegal and will cost untold dollars in litigation.	5/27/2015 2:30 PM
2	The obvious answer is build a larger parking lot, amazed that a survey is needed for such an obvious solution. There is plenty of space to increase the lot size. This is a great local landmark, don't tarnish it with a parking fee! Build a bigger lot and be done with the problem.	5/27/2015 9:12 AM
3	I think it makes more sense to provide a shuttle which is supports people in visiting the park rather than the permit idea which will make it nearly impossible for some people to visit the park.	5/27/2015 9:11 AM
4	Residents should not prevent us from visiting mission peak. They chose to buy their homes their next to the trail. We should not be penalized coz those rich residents are complaining. The city and park services are doing the residents budding. There should not be any parking charges or fees if any kind. Parking on any street in Fremont is free, so why limit parking to residents of any street? All streets in Fremont than should have parking permits limited to residents and homeowners of tgat street.	5/27/2015 1:08 AM
5	Implementing a permit parking program without first expanding the available parking spaces at the park makes little sense. The park should not be a private park for those who have built expensive homes surrounding the park. The park predates the home construction in the area and is funded by all EBRPD residents, it would seem unjust to make changes that would reduce equal access.	5/26/2015 9:51 PM
6	City should consider rezoning that neighborhood to city/county preservation area and move residents out.	5/26/2015 8:48 PM
7	The hike from Ohlone College is more gradual and more shaded and more appropriate for most hikers. An education program with signage and outreach to hiking websites and to the general pubic through social media should solve this problem. A 100% electric shuttle would be fine, but spending parks money on a diesel-powered shuttle would irk me. Residential permit parking would be fine as long as there are plenty of non-permit spaces for local residents' guests. I DEFINITELY do not want to see a field turned into a parking lot--paved or gravel. There is sufficient parking on existing roadways, especially if we can encourage people to use the thousands of spaces at Ohlone College. Opening up the new Ohlone College garage for free weekend parking on Saturdays should help, too. I don't want to see any fees added, and I don't want to see a field destroyed. It's asinine to discourage people from hiking. It's a great hike for healthy inexperienced hikers, so keep it free and keep it natural!	5/26/2015 4:24 PM
8	As a long-time resident of Fremont I am saddened by the increase in disrespectful people and traffic that have come to visit Mission Peak. I don't want to have to pay or not come at all because of their idiocy.	5/26/2015 12:44 PM
9	On street parking is public and should not be impinged upon.	5/26/2015 12:21 PM
10	If you could not park, I would not bother even going to the park. I'm not going to drive to the trailhead and hope for parking.	5/26/2015 12:10 PM
11	If I were a resident I would be clamoring for it. The weekends on Stanford Avenue are horrible. Way too crowded. I avoid this entrance because of the intrusion on homeowners. The parking lot should be enlarged at the same time.	5/26/2015 10:56 AM
12	Will the limit be a 2 hour limit? Or a "only residents and guests can park here" limit? If the parking lot is not expanded, and the shuttle service not available, then this should not be in place b/c no one would be able to access this trail. I understand the trail is crowded sometimes, but the point of EB Parks is to encourage families to get outside and get moving. This is a popular trail and the system should be designed to support this, not to limit or decrease access.	5/26/2015 10:27 AM
13	The Park is a public recreation area. Build the parking lot, charge \$5 and ticket cars that don't have a valid parking fee receipt. If the people who live up there don't like the overflow parking on their streets they can build a security gate.	5/26/2015 9:31 AM
14	i live around the area and the cars parked are a safety hazard. People drive fast in the neighborhood, people leaving their door open for a long time, or swing open door without looking. I fully support a residential parking permit.	5/26/2015 9:17 AM
15	Residents would not be happy about having to pay for an annual permit to park their cars on the streets. A few who complain will, but this should really go out for a city proposition vote if it were to be attempted to be implimented.	5/26/2015 5:46 AM

16	I am against it. The homeowners and people living near the Stanford trail head knew that Mission Peak existed before they moved in. People living in those homes have driveways and garages, they have ample parking. I have never had difficulty parking because I drive farther down the street. At Ohlone College I park on Mission Blvd to avoid the fee from the college.	5/25/2015 10:43 PM
17	I understand the frustration the residents in the Stanford Ave area must feel when every weekend the traffic is heavy and the free street parking is used up by day hikers. However, the local residents problem should be alleviated by providing additional parking and not by catering to the residents complaints in favor of thousands of people that come to Mission Peak to enjoy the outdoors. Also, gettin up early to see the sunrise on top of Mission Peak is now become impossible because of the recently imposed restrictions. It is incredibly sad and frustrating that recently imposed restrictions have taken away the pleasure if seeing a sunrise from young and old that care to get up early.	5/25/2015 8:16 PM
18	Don't do it. We already pay too much in taxes and fees!!!	5/25/2015 3:33 PM
19	annual parking permit of 50 or less is acceptabe	5/25/2015 9:34 AM
20	I strongly object the proposal of a permit parking program. (1) MP belongs all residents in Fremont/East Bay/California for many many years. It does not belong to rich neighborhood only. MP has been open to public for free longer than any of its neighbor residents. When people bought the houses next to MP, they should know the they were next to the public recreation area. Many of us also live next to other public recreation areas, such as Lake Elizabeth, and have similar problem as those neighborhood of MP. Why should they be treated differently? (2) The problem is caused by lack of parking space. So extending parking space is the solution. (3) I understand some people's misbehavior causes problems to MP neighborhood. I totally support to enforce restrictions and fines on those people who violates the rules, such as illegal parking, block driver way/mailbox, making noise, etc. The bottom line is: Keep the public lands free to all peoples who own!!!	5/25/2015 6:23 AM
21	Creating park's own parking lot is my vote to solve issues. It could be funded by park use fees. Also, owners O. College and City of Fremont could chip in.	5/24/2015 7:11 PM
22	Charging for usage would decrease volume and reduce environment destruction. Fee money could be put back into saving the area. Less crowds equals better hiking experience. Charging a fee would mean less low-life visitors who value nothing and degrade everything.	5/24/2015 5:56 PM
23	not sure what permit parking is	5/24/2015 3:09 PM
24	The best solution would be to have an AC Transit or a VTA bus line service to Stanford Ave. on weekends, express from Fremont BART and/or Milpitas TC, just like the Muni 76X. Of course, the same locals who don't want "those people" visiting the trail will also be opposed to the bus, because horror! "those people" might come out to their neighborhood!	5/24/2015 11:48 AM
25	Parking problem has been overblown as there is always parking on the street, and residents have huge driveways so there is no reason for parking permit at all. If they have guests, they can park in driveway. I have been visiting Mission Peak many times, and never had a problem finding a parking spot at Stanford Ave.	5/24/2015 11:05 AM
26	this is frustrating...I see EBRP collecting money and yet they do nothing to keep the parks clean, more police, more areas for dog. WHAT DO THEY DO WITH THE MONEY??? As nothing is ever put back into the parks. CLEAN UP PARKS FINE POLUTERS	5/24/2015 9:41 AM
27	Residents and their guests should have parking priority at all times.	5/23/2015 10:09 PM
28	i feel like public parking should be created. I have empathy for the home owners, but I feel like the public park is a higher priority. I usually park at Ohlone as I like that hike better.	5/23/2015 8:03 PM
29	Do it.	5/23/2015 5:31 PM
30	When I run or hike on Mission Peak, I usually start from Ohlone College, as the route to the Peak is more scenic, quieter, and less crowded. So, parking permits in the Stanford Ave. trailhead area don't really affect my decision on going up Mission Peak.	5/23/2015 4:03 PM
31	Annual permits of \$50 or less per person.	5/23/2015 9:21 AM
32	Believe the permit parking would cause less people to visit, especially if your new to visiting. Building a parking lot would be more feasible for both park visitors and residence	5/23/2015 9:21 AM
33	I want to use the park. If you take away parking in the residential area then you need to provide options. Increasing the size of the parking lot may solve the issue. The lot is too small for the park. Don't remove the pole. That would be tragic.	5/23/2015 9:02 AM
34	No comment	5/23/2015 8:24 AM
35	I feel we should encourage other modes of transportation- not just the auto. There are too many other options to explore than just catering to the cars. Let's think about sustainability as a whole.	5/23/2015 12:23 AM

36	To me, it is like the person who bought a house near the airport complaining about the noise of the planes. A modicum of accommodation is in order, but it should not negatively affect the functionality and usability of the park that belongs to all citizens.	5/23/2015 12:02 AM
37	it would prevent visitors to mission peak unless additional parking structure is constructed.	5/22/2015 10:39 PM
38	Anything that would reduce the number of idiots visiting the park is 100% OK with me!	5/22/2015 7:51 PM
39	I would only support this program if parking were expanded at Stanford Ave.	5/22/2015 7:42 PM
40	I often hike up the Ohlone trail side. A parking permit program would probably cause me to always hike on the Ohlone side.	5/22/2015 7:40 PM
41	I always visit Mission Peak coming from Sunol Regional Park so I don't have to deal with the crowds around the parking area, the crowds on the trail on the Fremont side. I think that non-East Bay Regional Park pass holders be charged \$5.00 like Sunol Regional and Redwood Regional, and Del Valle do.	5/22/2015 7:34 PM
42	If there was a shuttle service from Ohlone College or hikers are educated on how they can start their hike from the college, I'd support the permit parking program.	5/22/2015 7:33 PM
43	Not a good idea	5/22/2015 7:29 PM
44	If it limits the number of people on the hill, and that money is used to improve things, such as putting benches at the top, i would support it - IF i wanted to climb from Stanford.	5/22/2015 7:01 PM
45	We need a reasonable compromise between the visitors and residents. As in many places a 2 hour time limit for parking without a permit makes sense during peak times	5/22/2015 6:03 PM
46	The parking situation is atrocious. There should be some kind of shuttle service, otherwise you're forced to park on residential streets -- which I do most of the time. I know it angers people who live there, but how else do you get to the summit?	5/22/2015 4:54 PM
47	I support any parking and any fee. Too many people disrespect the trails and I'm an advocate of east bay parks. People should pay and learn to use the trails correctly.	5/22/2015 3:26 PM
48	I think it's a great idea. It wouldn't affect me because I don't park there, but I do think it would help with crowd control.	5/22/2015 2:54 PM
49	A parking permit program in conjunction with an enlarged parking / staging area is a good idea. Parking permits without additional legal parking is just a hardship to the park users, and should be opposed by the district as the district's focus is to serve the park and it's users first and the neighborhood second.	5/22/2015 2:23 PM
50	It would not affect me but I believe it would affect many others in a negative way.	5/22/2015 1:24 PM
51	I would support a parking fee of TWO DOLLARS (\$2) per car at the Stanford Ave Staging Area, but ONLY if the 300 space expansion is approved and completed. Additionally, if the per-user trail fee is implemented, residents of the neighborhood near Stanford Ave Staging Area should be able to purchase a year-round park user license at a reduced fee.	5/22/2015 1:12 PM
52	This would help with the parking on the weekends	5/22/2015 12:52 PM
53	City, State and Federal govt., waste so much money on frivolous programs, am astonished that they're unable to expand the parking lot and allow people to enjoy the nature around Mission Peak. I am all for due consideration to the needs of local residents with passes or designated spaces for residents, but blocking all together without any expansion of parking lot would be insane.	5/22/2015 12:33 PM
54	Build an Archery Range	5/22/2015 11:56 AM
55	Cars should be fined, not people.	5/22/2015 11:29 AM
56	It sounds like it would be complicated for the sometimes (1-2X per year) visitor to navigate	5/22/2015 11:28 AM
57	You need to charge per person on the trail, not per car parking in the lot, or parking in the neighborhood will still be a mess. Issuing parking permits for the residential area will also be a hassle for both those living there and whoever is in charge of the program. I support replacing the pole at the top with some marker flush with the ground to discourage selfies.	5/22/2015 10:32 AM
58	For the sake of the residents, implement it immediately.	5/22/2015 10:26 AM
59	The people in the neighborhood who live there deserve places for them and their guests to park.	5/22/2015 9:21 AM
60	If the parking at Stanford Ave is increased and a fee charged to use it, a residential permit program is a necessity on Saturdays. Otherwise, no one would pay to park, and just park in the neighborhood anyway.	5/22/2015 8:52 AM
61	No comments so far	5/22/2015 8:38 AM

62	It would ease neighbors issues with parking but probably wouldn't decrease the amount of visitors to the peak.	5/22/2015 8:36 AM
63	this would effectively prevent me from visiting the park.	5/22/2015 8:12 AM
64	Its not fair to the folks who live in the area. They and their guests should be able to park in their neighborhood.	5/22/2015 8:07 AM
65	Issue trail permits not parking permits	5/22/2015 7:56 AM
66	Even on the permit streets of San Francisco, a person can park for 2 hours without a permit. The permit essentially makes the public streets private.	5/22/2015 7:53 AM
67	I understand that the residents must be very concerned about their neighborhood. There are some very disrespectful hikers who block driveways, etc. I believe if a permit parking program is implemented, many hikers will be ticketed. That may be the way it has to be.	5/22/2015 7:47 AM
68	i would not support this unless permits were given to all local residents for free, along with some extra permits for guests	5/22/2015 5:45 AM
69	As much as i love going to Mission Peak, i can understand the frustration of the neighbors. Their streets are full of cars since 6:30 am in the morning (on weekends), and we, the people are careless, I have seen people talking loudly, leaving trash, with loud music in their cars. Plus, I have also seen many people cutting off the trails by going through paths that you are not supposed to. Perhaps we could implement some rules, and who does not follow them just wouldn't be allow to hike MP for a year, otherwise, would be fine. Perhaps having a shuttle from other commercial areas that are not operating so early or on weekends could be a solution too, parking in Mission Blvd.	5/22/2015 2:54 AM
70	I Think more access should be directed in from SC county from the south and shuttles from Fremont and WS Bart stations at peak times	5/21/2015 11:32 PM
71	I can understand residents' ire at the current situation. A permit program might work, if it satisfies the residents.	5/21/2015 11:28 PM
72	Leave the park alone. Keep it free so everyone can visit Mission Peak. Residents live near the park should be thankful instead of being a bitching about the crowds	5/21/2015 10:57 PM
73	Do it to and pay for improvements to the park.	5/21/2015 9:37 PM
74	I feel like it is more relevant to have this program at peak times and that on weekdays there is no one at the peak but the Stanford lot is still insufficient space.	5/21/2015 9:34 PM
75	don't like permit idea at all	5/21/2015 9:26 PM
76	that sounds cool. it just sucks for residents in the neighborhood who have to deal with people parking in front of their house.. sometimes blocking portions of the driveway... hopefully a permit program would lessen the traffic.. parking at ohlone should be encouraged more...	5/21/2015 9:05 PM
77	Keko	5/21/2015 8:50 PM
78	I feel the parking situation is fine. Get there early & there's plenty of street parking. I would hate to see the neighborhood turned into a huge parking lot. 300 add'l spaces?? That's crazy. I very much support an entrance fee. People taking "short cuts" should be fined.	5/21/2015 8:40 PM
79	Rules are great, IF you enforce them.	5/21/2015 8:40 PM
80	If I will be spending more time finding a parking spot I will not be inclined to visit	5/21/2015 7:58 PM
81	I do not support permit parking at Mission Peak.	5/21/2015 7:37 PM
82	I strongly disagree with charging to park or requiring parking permits in residential areas. Mission Peak was here long before residents. When purchasing homes in this area, residents were well aware of Mission Peak and it's popularity. It is a privileged on their part to expect the rest of the world to pay or have permits to use a Regional Park simply because they chose to live in one of the homes in this area.	5/21/2015 7:35 PM
83	More parking space should be provided	5/21/2015 7:23 PM
84	I feel strongly that a parking fee should be implemented at the park with or without a new parking area at Stanford.	5/21/2015 7:05 PM
85	Great idea	5/21/2015 6:55 PM
86	I prefer the permit parking is charged annually. \$5.00 or less per visit is too expensive since I visit very often during weekdays.	5/21/2015 6:35 PM
87	I would buy a yearly pass, but not a per-visit fee	5/21/2015 6:34 PM
88	I think it'll be helpful.	5/21/2015 6:32 PM
89	The neighbors should be able to park.	5/21/2015 6:17 PM

90	I can understand how residents near the Stanford parking area would not be excited by the parking situation, and I fully endorse a permit program. I have found the Ohlone parking lots mostly empty when I've visited and they can be utilized. If people don't want to pay a fee then they can park down in town around Mission Blvd and walk the extra 1/4 mile.	5/21/2015 6:09 PM
91	Please combine the parking permit with a parking fee at the Stanford Lot. This will reduce the gross overcrowding and damage on the trail. I never hike mission peak on weekends.	5/21/2015 6:01 PM
92	Don't do it!!! The park is public land, and a parking permit that makes it harder to get to the park would be intentionally restricting public access to the park. How is that legal? The neighborhood residents should deal with it -- why not set up lemonade stands for thirsty hikers?!	5/21/2015 5:12 PM
93	I love Mission Peak and respect all the resident around it. I support whatever you do to improve the curent situation. Thank you for the hard work -- a would-be EBRPD ambassador.	5/21/2015 5:05 PM
94	I hate having to buy a permit, I would find another place to hike.	5/21/2015 4:38 PM
95	it's great that you conduct this survey.	5/21/2015 4:22 PM
96	I don't have any	5/21/2015 3:48 PM
97	I would feel fine paying for parking. On the other hand, paying to use trails feels like double jeopardy - shouldn't our taxes cover these costs?	5/21/2015 3:40 PM
98	Don't charge fremont residents since this is our city.	5/21/2015 3:31 PM
99	I think it's just because the rich residents don't want to have the riff raff minorities park near their big houses and want to limit access so I don't support the idea.	5/21/2015 3:11 PM
100	I must visit Mission Peak during times where parking is not too much of an issue, so I don't have much of an opinion. I'm ok with charging parking, and expanding the parking lot, less inclined to support a permit parking program	5/21/2015 3:11 PM
101	I think you have to start using permits. The overcrowding and overuse of Mission Peak is what deters people like me from visiting. If there were controls- including limitations on how many visitors per hour, this would help.	5/21/2015 3:05 PM
102	Mission Peak is Park for whom? Is the Permit for people living in the east bay or just Fremont?. The Fee will help improve the parking area. I am for the Fee Parking	5/21/2015 2:58 PM
103	It should be paired with an increased parking lot, to incentivize people who would park just outside of the parking lot to pay.	5/21/2015 2:54 PM
104	I would pay for an annual pass instead set at a reasonable amount	5/21/2015 2:42 PM
105	I vastly prefer the trail starting at Ohlone College, so any changes to the Stanford Staging Area wouldn't impact my use of the park, as I don't park there and don't start from that trailhead.	5/21/2015 2:19 PM
106	I am an avid hiker. I think the overcrowding and lack of parking for residents should be addressed. I think we should restore and preserve Mission Peak even at the personal cost to the hiker. Fee implementation and temporary parking permits are good options. I don't believe a shuttle system is the most cost effective.	5/21/2015 1:55 PM
107	Such a plan would reduce the number of visitors to MP, almost returning it to the usage state of more than ten years ago. Comparatively speaking, it would almost privatize the entrance (unless public parking was expanded.) The immediate area's residents would probably prefer this both from the security standpoint and the elevated privilege aspect (the former is understandable; the latter irks me.)	5/21/2015 1:30 PM
108	I did not know the Mission Peak was so popular. If the park visitors are causing problem for the residents. There should be more parking lot or shuttles to decrease the parking close to the staging area.	5/21/2015 1:14 PM
109	ABSURD! Why are you PAVING PARADISE to literally put up a parking lot?!?!? These wealthy people need to SUCK IT UP. If you love nature, let your fellow East Bay folks use your goddam street parking once in a while! ITS PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY!	5/21/2015 1:09 PM
110	As mentioned earlier, I believe having reasonable monthly or annual parking fees at Ohlone College is a good solution. If the goal is to decrease congestion at the Stanford trail head, then a reasonable alternative might accomplish that. Existing daily parking fees of \$4 at Ohlone or the proposed \$5 (or less) at Stanford are prohibitive for those who like to visit the park often. Four visits could equal up to \$20. That's quite a lot of money on an ongoing basis. As mentioned earlier, I typically visit MP 3-5 times a week. I think the first step should be to remove the pole. That would greatly reduce traffic at MP. Even with the recent popularity of the park over the past 3-5 years, I still run into people who are first-timers looking to take selfies at the pole. My guess is removing the pole would reduce congestion by at least by 25%, if not more, in a relatively short period of time. I think this is the first step that should be taken before making it prohibitive for people who really love MP with daily parking fees.	5/21/2015 12:43 PM
111	it is very important to support and protect the needs of residential community around this area.	5/21/2015 12:24 PM

112	A \$5 fee would be inline with Briones and redwood and other parks that charge this fee. It is not unreasonable, but does affect my choice of which parks to visit (I rarely go to the fee parks, but \$5 is reasonable for the occasional times I go.) If fee is charged, please allow seasonal pass users to access and provide updated restrooms/trash facilities. I would rather see the roads returned to single track trails and the cattle grazing reduced, or at least cow crap removed like we have to remove dog crap.	5/21/2015 12:23 PM
113	I would support weekday permitting, but not weekends.	5/21/2015 12:12 PM
114	Sounds a lot like how it already is in Berkeley. All the parks have a somewhat high barrier to entry for local residents in the form of fees and the remoteness of the parks from urban areas. They tend to be closer to suburban areas. Parking is almost always a problem at public places in California, this is no surprise.	5/21/2015 12:06 PM
115	There is insufficient parking at the Stanford lot.	5/21/2015 11:49 AM
116	N.a.	5/21/2015 11:44 AM
117	Why doesn't the Park District work with Ohlone to allow hikers to park at the parking lot near the Ohlone staging area for free? It seems that the Ohlone parking lots are empty on the weekends--which is when Mission Peak is most crowded.	5/21/2015 11:44 AM
118	Perhaps if residents used their garages as garages they would not have this problem. The park was there before the houses and streets...	5/21/2015 11:42 AM
119	Have been visiting the mission peak for 18 years. Though the neighbours have parked their cars on the street, there were very few. If the street could fit 100 cars, the neighbours cars would add up to not more than 5, which is 5%. I see this proposal of 'permit parking' is a way to force the visitors to pay for the parking, somewhere. I would consider it as a hidden agenda for whoever is proposing this.	5/21/2015 11:33 AM
120	This is typical bay area NIMBYism at it's best. Everyone in that neighborhood bought houses knowing full well that Mission Peak attracted huge crowds. For them to try and enforce a residential parking permit now is just absurd. Ugh. Sickens me how selfish people can be.	5/21/2015 11:22 AM
121	How about bike parking??	5/21/2015 11:16 AM
122	I think it is necessary for the residents.	5/21/2015 11:06 AM
123	I do not respect what the city is doing with this public resource. Mission Peak should be open to whomever wants to visit it, whenever (though with provisions for safety) and wherever they can find parking. I highly doubt this is an issue for other parks in the East Bay Regional Park District. What this issue is really about is wealthy people not liking that they are near a public resource and so their parking is affected (or whatever it is that bothers wealthy people). Fremont is a diverse community, as is the Bay Area, and this should be respected. There should be no fees for parking or visiting the park. There should be no permit parking in the area. The wealthy people can either deal with it or move out. I think this is very unfair, because clearly the city is favoring a small portion of the population (the privileged residents near Mission Peak) over the rest of the people in the city, and clearly ignoring the needs of the majority.	5/21/2015 11:05 AM
124	Number of visitors have exploded in the past few years to the point that the trails are dusty, eroded, crowded, and noisy. Mission Peak can not accommodate the heavy use of its trails. Any measure to decrease use should be implemented.	5/21/2015 10:54 AM
125	Please do not restrict the public from hiking mission peak. Residents demand for permit parking must be denied. People will still hike, even if parking is restricted. I have been hiking for 30 years every week the same mission peak. I will hike from Stanford ave trailhead regardless.	5/21/2015 10:52 AM
126	Increase parking lots in the parking area at the Standford Ave Staging area and people wont park at the residential streets. Also, residential areas knew when they were buying their homes that there would be people coming since they are buying their homes at the trailhead of a very popular hiking spot. They CANT expect to get both, good scenic neighborhood and crowd. They should had considered this when buying their home.	5/21/2015 10:39 AM
127	I think the permit parking program could only happen AFTER parking has been increased at the Stanford site.	5/21/2015 10:36 AM
128	I always park at Ohlone or on Mission Blvd below Ohlone and come up from the Ohlone side of Mission peak. Not only is there no crowds but the trials up to the peak are much more pleasant. Not sure why everyone else wants to park at the other trailhead.	5/21/2015 10:35 AM
129	I park at Ohone College so I do not have opinions about the Stanford parking/staging area. But I love Mission Peak - thank you for trying to make our experience even better - appreciate your work!	5/21/2015 10:33 AM
130	EBRPD should work towards improving access and parking. parking restrictions should only happen if alternate parking is provided.	5/21/2015 10:20 AM
131	None	5/21/2015 10:08 AM

132	I can understand the frustration of the people that live in that neighborhood, but I think parking permits for public streets is stupid!	5/21/2015 10:05 AM
133	already pay for public parking. why would i pay again?	5/21/2015 9:59 AM
134	Public parking should be free.	5/21/2015 9:59 AM
135	I think you should expand the parking and charge \$5 per car	5/21/2015 9:56 AM
136	Usage of any of the parks shouldn't heavily impact neighborhoods if there are solutions.	5/21/2015 9:49 AM
137	Don't support permit parking anywhere.	5/21/2015 9:42 AM
138	That is a very good idea.	5/21/2015 9:37 AM
139	I feel the residents should not have to deal with the people parking in front of their homes. The park should have it own parking lot. If the pole is a problem then add a few more at the top.	5/21/2015 9:33 AM
140	I'd defer to the local residents about the permit parking in their own neighborhood.	5/21/2015 9:27 AM
141	Subject: Mission Peak need larger parking. I hike Mission Peak for almost 30 years!! Many years ago, very few people hike there. Now many-many people hiking Mission Peak. I think, this is very-very good (young people exercise...VERY Good, complete families hiking together... Marvelous!) .. but ... People, who in charge of Fremont, is NOT doing anything; for many years!... just ignoring, or Not know any thing(!) Basically, getting payed and Not doing there Job! Problem with parking spaces actual/problematic for a very long time.. It was many years to resolve this problem .. but, sorry to say (again) official, just Not doing there job. Resolution: Unpaved parking is very cheap solution, I really do NOT understand, why official can't get it! .. or do Not get it (!) Last: I can be wrong, but.. sims to me, city official trying to pursue different agenda, but Not working for the people, and resolve basic domestic problem(s) to make changes to make life of people better. (What I trying to say, it is NOT a technical problem, it's "Political" issue!) - VladimirJosephStephanOrlovsky 2015May21Thu09:22	5/21/2015 9:23 AM
142	prefer no permits at any east bay regional park	5/21/2015 9:10 AM
143	If residents and guests have trouble parking in the neighborhood, then a residential permit could be warranted. If residents just don't like the traffic, then no permit.	5/21/2015 8:56 AM
144	It's not realistic. During the week it's not even necessary. The large crowds only show up on the weekends.	5/21/2015 8:55 AM
145	Regional park pass permit would be better. Funds go to the maintenance and expansion of the trails.	5/21/2015 8:54 AM
146	It's great	5/21/2015 8:42 AM
147	I'm sorry, you bought a house near a park, that is the price you pay. Just be more active about towing cars that are blocking and impeding the residents.	5/21/2015 8:41 AM
148	While it would be inconvenient for me I think a parking permit is the right thing to do. The crazy parking is not fair to residents.	5/21/2015 8:27 AM
149	A parking permit program seems to be out of the jurisdiction of EBRPD. Regardless, park users need to be respectful of the neighboring property owners and the residents need to acknowledge and take into account that they live near an actively used regional park.	5/21/2015 8:23 AM
150	I would support a weekend and holiday paid residential permit program for park users, with the proceeds going to the residents in the neighborhood that are affected.	5/21/2015 8:18 AM
151	It affects people that live close so I agree with the permit because I would want guest to my home to be able to visit and not worry about parking.	5/21/2015 8:11 AM
152	Seems like a reasonable idea, imagine hundreds of people parking in front of your home every weekend.	5/21/2015 8:04 AM
153	Feel for the residence. Not sure Ohlone College wants the over-flow. Ohlone is peaceful now. That could change.	5/21/2015 8:02 AM
154	Fantastic idea !	5/21/2015 8:01 AM
155	It would be a lot easier for hikers to work around a residential permit program if the Stanford lot were expanded and a free shuttle were offered from Ohlone. Merely adding a permit program would inconvenience many hikers who drive to the trailhead only to find boosting available. Doubt those people would return later.	5/21/2015 7:58 AM
156	Though I understand the reasons for a residential parking permit, the permit is a deterrent to many, that includes me. As it is the \$5.00 charge.	5/21/2015 7:51 AM
157	People visits Mission Peak and park at residential because they don't need to pay. For all other East Bay Parks, once fee is required, crow will be less and environment will be better.	5/21/2015 7:34 AM

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158	Don't add more cumbersome process to already busy people's lives. We already pay for our beautiful parks, just want to be able to go to trailhead, park, hike and enjoy the day.	5/21/2015 7:30 AM
159	The peak was there long before the housing development. The streets are public.	5/21/2015 7:28 AM
160	I am hesitant to cast my vote because I have, as yet, been unable to visit this particular location in the East Bay Regional Park District. However, it sounds like this would make parking next to impossible for hikers. I would fully support the permits year round if an alternative (such as the shuttle from Olohne (sp?) campus were to be put in place. If both the shuttle and the permits were implemented, I think that would be the best plan for all, but if only the permits are implemented, then I think that would likely cause more trouble than good.	5/21/2015 7:25 AM
161	Charge the \$5 fee!! Protect our environment! 300 parking spaces is too many. Consider what the environment can handle.	5/21/2015 7:20 AM
162	300 parking spaces is overkill! Don't take park land to build. Add as many as you can on the right side as you go to the main lot. having to walk a mile to get to the park trail heads is a big bummer. I'd support a 2 dollar visit/parking fee but five dollars is a lot. I pay a lot of taxes in CA so this is where I'd like my tax dollars to go. Not have park fees being 5 or 6 dollars	5/21/2015 7:20 AM
163	The park didn't suddenly move to the neighborhood - - the residents have no right to bellyache - - they simply want to hinder others from "their" neighborhood. If a parking permit program is implemented, I suggest it's done on a length of residency in the Bay Area basis - - this usually quiets angry residents.	5/21/2015 7:17 AM
164	public streets = public parking;	5/21/2015 7:15 AM
165	If you have a permit parking program who is in charge of making sure that cars are parking legally. Does not work in most cases and the residents have to pay for a permit. Not a good idea. Just pay the money and build a parking lot.	5/21/2015 7:10 AM
166	Need horse trailer parking staging	5/21/2015 7:10 AM
167	Please charge a fee and increase stanford parking lot and restrooms. Badly needed improvements to be done.	5/21/2015 7:02 AM
168	there are too many people not interested in nature that hike there. It disturbs my enjoyment of the park. Get rid of the pole. It really serves no purpose anyway and may deter the number of people that go there. I love the park and the nature that's there ad have been hiking there for over 30 years.	5/21/2015 7:01 AM
169	Week days none holidays should be exempt from 9-3 thus allowing seniors to enjoy the park.	5/21/2015 7:00 AM
170	It seems to be a simple way to help the residents that like near the Mission Peak staging area	5/21/2015 6:51 AM
171	Permits legit on Stanford and downhill side of Wineyard. Uphill side and Anthelope should be fine to park on.	5/21/2015 6:46 AM
172	Don't spend the money, just let current environmental conditions limit space availability at the peak.	5/21/2015 6:45 AM
173	I have hiked Mission Peak since 1990 when there was a dirt parking lot with very few hikers. I have watched this gorgeous park get ruined over the years. You need to LIMIT ACCESS. Do not allow any parking on the street at Stanford. Do not expand the parking lot. You should ENFORCE the rules about off-trail hiking. It sickens me to see so many walk right past those signs. They teach their children to break the rules. You should have animal control there for the idiots who drag their dogs up that hill on hot summer days with no water and no foot coverings. I can't stomach what you have allowed to happen to this hill. I now walk from my house to Ohlone and head up that route. You need to LIMIT ACCESS TO THIS PARK to the few who come to respect and enjoy it and not allow the masses to come and abuse it.	5/21/2015 6:37 AM
174	None	5/21/2015 6:33 AM
175	I prefer starting the hike from ohlone, not the Stanford staging area	5/21/2015 6:30 AM
176	None	5/21/2015 6:21 AM
177	Residents come first	5/21/2015 6:16 AM
178	Nada	5/21/2015 5:41 AM
179	I like the permit parking idea year around and if they would then add some additional parking at the Stanford area. Though I think 300 additional parking is too much.	5/21/2015 4:52 AM
180	I think this would benefit the park greatly. I have noticed a huge increase in people hiking the Stanford trails mainly to take pictures of themselves at the top on the pole. It has been the increase in graffiti that has degraded my experiences at the park. I enjoy hiking to the top to watch the sunrise and prefer the ohlone trail.	5/21/2015 3:28 AM
181	Consider a shortcut alternative route newly constructed that would bypass to a dedicated new parking lot.	5/21/2015 3:23 AM
182	Residential parking in most cities are for overnight parking or something like that. It should give residents places to park, not a way for hikers to take up more parking spots.	5/21/2015 2:16 AM

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183	To be considerate of the residents surrounding the Stanford staging area, we should implement a parking permit and/or shuttle system to prevent traffic in the area.	5/21/2015 1:09 AM
184	As a nearby resident, I think this is a great idea.	5/20/2015 11:56 PM
185	Parking permits provide local residents the ability to block park users. They already receive a direct benefit from their location near an open space so any additional financial benefits are unfair to those using public parking with minimal resources.	5/20/2015 11:55 PM
186	The residents all have private parking garages and do not have any need to park on the streets. However, if they do they would be able to park at the space of their choice before park visitors arrive. The street parking should remain open for public usage.	5/20/2015 11:55 PM
187	I am extremely concerned by the idea that the solution to a parking problem is to provide more parking. As a transportation planning graduate, this strikes me as a surprising approach. It is inconsistent with my interpretation of the Mobility element (Chapter 3) of the Fremont General Plan, and would cause an increase in trips to the trailhead. I am also surprised by the proposal to implement a residents' permit parking program in a neighborhood where houses meet generous minimum parking requirements. I think it would be preferable to implement a metered parking system that is in effect during periods of peak parking demand. This would incentivize car-sharing, reducing the number of vehicle trips to the trailhead without reducing the number of people. It would also provide the greatest freedom for use of kerbside parking space: residents, visitors, and hikers alike could choose to park there should they so wish. Any revenue could be used to increase pedestrian and bicycle accessibility.	5/20/2015 11:54 PM
188	I approve of the permitted parking only with the expansion of the staging/parking area and diagrams in the staging area to show where additional parking IS available.	5/20/2015 11:54 PM
189	Residents should have priority. Hikers should hike in from Ohlone	5/20/2015 11:51 PM
190	I can see reasons for it.	5/20/2015 11:47 PM
191	None	5/20/2015 11:42 PM
192	This would make it more difficult. Please don't do this.	5/20/2015 11:37 PM
193	just make ohlone parking lot free in weekend	5/20/2015 11:35 PM
194	if there is a permit program in place then we definitely need a bigger parking lot; and vice versa (no permits ----> no need for a huge lot)	5/20/2015 11:34 PM
195	I think the best solution is to increase parking stalls and to charge \$5.00 to park. I would also charge at least one dollar each way for a shuttle bus from the college.	5/20/2015 11:24 PM
196	No comment	5/20/2015 11:19 PM
197	I understand the nearby residents' frustration. It must be awful there on the weekends.	5/20/2015 11:15 PM
198	This only makes sense if the parking lot is somehow expanded to allow parking for all hikers. The current lot is much too small.	5/20/2015 11:14 PM
199	I really need to visit the Mission peaks park!	5/20/2015 11:11 PM
200	Please do nothing to encourage driving.	5/20/2015 11:10 PM
201	I think it is a great idea. I feel bad for the people that live near the trailhead and have to deal with the mass of cars and people.	5/20/2015 11:10 PM
202	I fear car break ins.	5/20/2015 11:08 PM
203	Permit parking is discriminatory ; it's on the same lines as parking when dropping or picking kids from school in certain residential areas	5/20/2015 11:05 PM
204	I figure that people who live at the foot of Mission Peak are very lucky indeed. I don't really understand why public access to public streets near the park should be restricted. Is it for the benefit of residents or benefit of the park? If the latter, I would support permits, But I don't see how residential permits would benefit the park.	5/20/2015 10:59 PM
205	The whole problem is to not disturb residents over there. close stanfoRd parking lot during weekend	5/20/2015 10:54 PM
206	I like the idea of permit parking to reduce disruptions to the surrounding neighborhood.	5/20/2015 10:54 PM
207	EBRPD has no impact on whether a parking permit program is implemented since the City of Fremont Police has vetoed the concept. Why not charge the neighborhood a higher fee to park their cars in the street since they have access to 2 and 3 car garages already not including the large concrete driveways most of them don't use now. EBRPD has a difficult enough time managing grazing in the Park so any discussion of a permit program would be operative under City of Fremont Police and they don't want it.	5/20/2015 10:51 PM

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208	As long as the money for the permit is used for keeping and supporting the East Bay Regional Park Districts I will certainly support the idea!	5/20/2015 10:50 PM
209	It is prejudicial for residents and excludes others from using that trailhead, which goes against EBRPD mission. I can't recall any trailhead where a permit is required. If the residents don't like all the traffic, close the trailhead, use only the Ohlone access.	5/20/2015 10:48 PM
210	I have an annual pass, so I assume that would allow me to park for free.	5/20/2015 10:48 PM
211	It is discrimination. Only well off get to use the park	5/20/2015 10:46 PM
212	I wasn't aware the vocal minority was allowed to so much influence on a PUBLIC resource.	5/20/2015 10:45 PM
213	Parking is difficult and the neighborhood is understandably upset. I prefer hiking the Peak from Sunol.	5/20/2015 10:42 PM
214	I'm for a plan that increases net funds to the parks. I'm not in support of a plan that only serves the residents.	5/20/2015 10:41 PM
215	For the residents, it is a supported means, because visitors have little to no consideration for the neighborhood and promptly rights.	5/20/2015 10:40 PM
216	I don't think permit is good idea, the residents do not own mission peak. People visits the peak long before they moved in, people have the right to use city park for free of charge.	5/20/2015 10:39 PM
217	I've never been to or heard of Mission Peak before this survey, but after doing some reading I wouldn't mind visiting and I think the idea of having parking and trailhead fees makes sense and would not deter me in the slightest.	5/20/2015 10:37 PM
218	We have residential parking permits near where we live in Oakland and those who need them say the process for obtaining them is difficult, so please make it easy to do	5/20/2015 10:33 PM
219	It would be better to implement such a permit parking program together with an increase in the # of spaces available in the Stanford Ave parking lot.	5/20/2015 10:32 PM
220	I understand all the parking is bad for the neighborhood but I have to say this is worst possible solution.	5/20/2015 10:31 PM
221	Nice idea, but probably unenforceable due to staff shortages. And idiots will continue to park/cause trouble there anyway.	5/20/2015 10:28 PM
222	Get rid of the selfie crowds...	5/20/2015 10:24 PM
223	As I mentioned earlier, I think docent led events really help to increase popularity and care for a site. Such as discovering the newts in Tilden, the ladybugs in Redwood park, the monarchs at Ardenwood - I would be more inclined to visit Mission Peak if there were more 'reason' beyond hiking to go.	5/20/2015 10:23 PM
224	I live on a limited income i don't visit many places as a result, which is a shame. I think people go to mission peak for more than just the pole. The sad fact is just that there are too many people in the Bay Area and local communities have not kept up with growth and infrastructure. I live in Marin, we have a number of places which are almost inaccessible due to the sheer number of people visiting. We end up just going elsewhere. However I do know in these neighborhoods the residents suffer less parking and extra traffic. Good luck on whatever you decide...it is a tough situation	5/20/2015 10:17 PM
225	If the residential parking program is implemented the park district should charge for parking at the Stanford staging area.	5/20/2015 10:16 PM
226	Must balance needs of residents and ppl who want to hike, enjoy nature and respite from urban life	5/20/2015 10:10 PM
227	Not in favor public land , and resistance choose to live there	5/20/2015 10:10 PM
228	It just puts visitors off	5/20/2015 10:08 PM
229	Not support permit parking	5/20/2015 10:06 PM
230	I'm against permit parking on public streets, as they're public streets. So long as these streets remain public, their availability for parking SHOULD NOT be restricted.	5/20/2015 10:06 PM
231	There needs to be more regulation of the amount of visitors that come to Mission Peak daily. There is money that can be made if a permit program were to be implemented.	5/20/2015 10:04 PM
232	N/A	5/20/2015 10:03 PM
233	I'm not familiar with Mission Peak, but it's very frustrating as a resident (in general) to have your neighborhood constantly crowded with cars from visitors. If there are other ways to access the trailhead, I would support limiting parking in a residential area.	5/20/2015 10:00 PM
234	the park should not be a burden on the neighborhood. permit parking and shuttles seem like a good idea	5/20/2015 9:59 PM

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235	Sounds like a neighborly thing to do.	5/20/2015 9:47 PM
236	I'm an avid runner and huge supporter of east bay regional parks and its activities and programs and future preservation plans and I think the annual membership I have should be able to cover the fee for per person fee or car fee or what ever other fees East bay is thinking about. This would be a great way to encourage increase in annual membership fees and therefore revenue for the parks and its workers& Rangers.	5/20/2015 9:46 PM
237	I don't know. I guess it's complicated.	5/20/2015 9:46 PM
238	don't like that idea	5/20/2015 9:44 PM
239	I support all measures to help residents reclaim their street	5/20/2015 9:41 PM
240	Even if the arrangements at the Stanford lot were changed I would still prefer to hike from Ohlone. The hike from Ohlone, while longer, is less strenuous and I find it to be more pleasant (especially during the dry months when the hike from Stanford lot can get blisteringly hot). I always advocate others to hike from Ohlone because it gets you away from houses and civilization. I also prefer it because there are fewer crowds and it makes for a much more peaceful walk. I like Mission Peak for the view and getting to the pole gives you a sense of accomplishment that I don't want to see taken away. The pole is iconic and I would be very sad to see it removed... That being said, it would not change how often I visited the park. I grew up in the East Bay and I remember hiking to the summit in Boy Scouts. I recently moved to the peninsula and I still try to find opportunities to come back to Mission Peak. The only thing I would change would be to add more trees and eliminate all of the shortcuts on the switchbacks. Nothing pisses me off more than to see people cutting switchbacks because I consider it the most disrespectful thing you could do to this majestic mountain. I know this is intended to be an anonymous survey, but I would appreciate it if you reached out to me with any follow up comments, questions or concerns. Sincerely, Preston Opp Preston.1337@gmail.com	5/20/2015 9:39 PM
241	Permit parking should only be on the weekdays and not on the weekends.	5/20/2015 9:38 PM
242	Should be a minimal fee	5/20/2015 9:36 PM
243	I'm ok with the permit parking if parking is expanded (bigger lot or shuttle service etc.)	5/20/2015 9:35 PM
244	If a permit is required for parking, it will become essentially a private park for residents of the local neighborhood. This, in my view, does not support the mission of EBRPD.	5/20/2015 9:35 PM
245	I think that if the peak is too crowded at certain times, implementing a charge during those times- either on weekends only or during the summer season- would reduce the number of selfie taking douchebags. It would put funds into EBRPD. I prefer to hike in cooler temps and more tree covered areas where there are less people.	5/20/2015 9:33 PM
246	As someone who didn't know about, nor has any plans to visit this, seems odd to ask my opinion. I live in Danville.	5/20/2015 9:33 PM
247	Residential permits are extra "tax" for living in popular neighborhood. Hassel to protect guest's cars.	5/20/2015 9:32 PM
248	every other park has a permit- why not mission peak?	5/20/2015 9:32 PM
249	It's done at Tammarack Ave in Hayward for Garrin park area residents!	5/20/2015 9:31 PM
250	I would say if a permit parking program must be implemented at Mission Peak, it should be a no cost permit for the residents in the permit area. It would be a shame that a East Bay Park would cause extra expense to the residents.	5/20/2015 9:28 PM
251	No comment	5/20/2015 9:25 PM
252	Public access should not be denied to the park by a permit parking program.	5/20/2015 9:24 PM
253	Na	5/20/2015 9:23 PM
254	I do not support permit parking on publicly accessible streets.	5/20/2015 9:22 PM
255	I only know what I have read, but I understand that the trails suffer from overuse and that the neighborhood suffers from excessive parking. I approve of EBRPD's efforts to mitigate these problems.	5/20/2015 9:19 PM
256	Breathing difficulties prevent me from hiking up large hills,	5/20/2015 9:16 PM
257	Great idea. This is an geological treasure that should be preserved, and not used for the vanity of selfies.	5/20/2015 9:15 PM
258	Should follow regional parks charges. \$5 or \$6/ car entry day parking permit. With the residential parking permit, should help reducing some crows and controllable manner.	5/20/2015 9:14 PM
259	EBRPD membership should cover any parking fee. I do not think bus idea is a good one -- environemntal impact. educate more to use Oholone trailhead. I walk to trailhead.	5/20/2015 9:14 PM
260	It would severely limit the public's access to Mission Peak.	5/20/2015 9:12 PM
261	I live in SF, and I believe a permit system in this particular area is very appropriate.	5/20/2015 9:08 PM

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262	As long as there was accessible parking somewhere at Mission Peak, even the Ohlone College parking lot, for \$2 or less, I would support a permit parking program. It is immaterial to me whether there is accessible parking at specifically the Stanford staging area.	5/20/2015 9:07 PM
263	I guess the residents don't like their roads jammed up.	5/20/2015 9:06 PM
264	Parks should be free. That's how we encourage more people from all walks of life to visit. If on your website you have warning statement of parking difficulty or peak season statement people will learn to go at a different time. The existence of the summit pole never bothers me and the crowd up there never bothers me. The lack of trees can make it tough to go up at times but otherwise it's a great challenge that is rewarded by a great view. I can see why neighborhood people can be frustrated with the insane parking. Ohlone College free bus shuttle is a great gathering spot to divert the traffic, but it must be efficiently and effectively run otherwise there's no incentive to take the bus. Honestly Mission Peak is not located too far from the road or a shopping center so bathroom is not necessary at all. I'd rather the Park District use the money for restoration rather than buying toilet paper.	5/20/2015 9:04 PM
265	Unfortunately as our numbers grow we as a society have to pay the piper. So, charge the fee.	5/20/2015 9:04 PM
266	I only support this if other options are offered like expanded parking. Shuttle rides are nice, but rarely run as often as I might want to actually use them.	5/20/2015 9:04 PM
267	Those who moved there did so knowing that they were next to a popular hiking spot with limited parking and understand that street parking occurs. Next time don't buy a million dollar house and then complain about other people using a public place.	5/20/2015 9:01 PM
268	People should be encouraged to hike from Sunol. It's a longer and prettier hike. I think parking at Stanford ave should be \$10 but spaces should not be expanded out of respect for the residents that live in the neighborhood. A self pay kiosk should be installed so park employee doesn't have to be present to collect the money. This is how it is done at Mt. Diablo and at Joseph D. Grant county park	5/20/2015 9:01 PM
269	There isn't enough parking at Mission Peak because too many people go there. I feel badly for the residents who have to deal with hoards of hikers on their streets.	5/20/2015 8:59 PM
270	Parking can be a challenge in the area, but public access is more important than neighborhood convenience.	5/20/2015 8:58 PM
271	As I've not used it, I don't have many answers. Is it possible to have some permitted and some open spaces? I may go visit M. Peak now that you've brought it to my attention!	5/20/2015 8:49 PM
272	Just don't think it's the right thing to do. If a shuttle service was provided, I think it would cut down on the more distant parking. It's a pain for people that live there (and I know the MP traffic has grown), but that is part of the price of living close to an access point for Mission Peak.	5/20/2015 8:47 PM
273	Expand Parking, build more restrooms, have a water and snack shop at the base, Have some picnic area and charge no fee	5/20/2015 8:47 PM
274	I'm opposed to permit parking. Expand the lot instead, but not to 300. 300 puts too many people on the trails.	5/20/2015 8:44 PM
275	It seem like this would reduce access to the park unless other options were added simultaneously (shuttle, additional lot spaces). I would hope any program would reward East Bay Park membership as well, with reduced/no fees for the lot or shuttle.	5/20/2015 8:44 PM
276	Please make the parking lot bigger!	5/20/2015 8:36 PM
277	What would happen if we font get the permit parking are we still allowed to park at Stanford ave	5/20/2015 8:34 PM
278	I will not likely go to Mission Peak.	5/20/2015 8:33 PM
279	While I have not visited MP, I do value easy parking - (ie at the Staging Area and increase of parking spots sounds good) and would be willing to pay a nominal fee for easy parking (and not have to deal with permit parking in the neighborhood which is a big pain.	5/20/2015 8:33 PM
280	I understand why the surrounding residents would want a parking program implemented, it's a nuisance and the constant traffic of people coming and going is probably some what of an inconvenience. However, these homes surrounding the trail have 3 car garages and large driveways, that can probably fit another 3 cars, they really do not need the "parking" space. Is this a city street or is it private? If it's a city street they should be SOL.	5/20/2015 8:28 PM
281	I like the idea of increasing the parking lot and charging for parking at Stanford, as long as the annual permit is taken into an account.	5/20/2015 8:27 PM
282	I think a program during certain hours is warranted. Maybe reward the early arrivals.	5/20/2015 8:23 PM
283	Didn't the people that moved in to the homes right next to Mission Peak and the Stanford Ave parking lot realize that there would be traffic around the area?	5/20/2015 8:17 PM

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284	it would discourage lower income families from getting exercise.	5/20/2015 8:15 PM
285	Love it	5/20/2015 8:14 PM
286	Allow people to buy temporary permits, as most "good" LNT aware people are the ones that go to Peak regularly to get a work out. Give them a way to prove their loyalty and more comfortable parking.	5/20/2015 8:13 PM
287	I think it should be implemented, the disruption to the local neighborhood is ridiculous, and I don't even live close to there so I don't have a personal stake in this	5/20/2015 8:11 PM
288	Permit parking makes sense if the neighbors have a problem, but then there should be a bigger parking lot somewhere, and/or a shuttle	5/20/2015 8:06 PM
289	No opinion	5/20/2015 8:03 PM
290	Doesn't affect my visits. I hike to the peak either from Sunol or Ohlone College.	5/20/2015 7:59 PM
291	I think it's great that people want to hike the peak, get outside and exercise. I think there should be more parking so people don't have to park on the streets	5/20/2015 7:59 PM
292	not a good idea as it will reduce peoples access to the Peak and to outdoor exercise	5/20/2015 7:55 PM
293	Make trails to the peak longer and harder.	5/20/2015 7:53 PM
294	I am residence around the area and I found the cars parked on antelope to be disruptive and dangerous.	5/20/2015 7:53 PM
295	just too much hassle to get a permit...my assumption is that I would need to do so BEFORE I went to the park. I would just head to a different park. in some senses, you are reducing usage by dissuading me from going..which is good for those motivated enough to get the permit.	5/20/2015 7:49 PM
296	Having lived in an area that local events negatively affected my ability to do day-to-day tasks because when I returned, there was nowhere for me to park. I fully support the permit system.	5/20/2015 7:33 PM
297	I prefer the Ohlone trail and do not mind the couple dollar fee to park on the weekend in the college parking lot. If I were in the habit of using the Stanford trailhead, it would not bother me if there were a permit parking program or day use fee. Probably though I would not want to have to wait for a shuttle to get to the trailhead.	5/20/2015 7:29 PM
298	Drug use and teens in lot is a problem near sunset and after hours. It's a nice area but advanced trail. Would like to see some environmental thought for life around it if u increase the foot traffic and lot to 300. It's worn as it is. And more people prove to have that % that don't respect what earth provides which is why I say charge even tho I don't like that. It's native land. I say ask the ohlone Indians :)	5/20/2015 6:57 PM
299	I'm tired of fees, permits,etc to use land that is already in the public domain. Enough. What possible purpose does a fee serve other than to support an already bloated bureaucracy?	5/20/2015 6:42 PM
300	There should be no permit parking.this is open space belonging to the public. Homeowners knew where they bought their home that it was adjacent to a public park!! However, I fully support a shuttle service even if a nominal fee would be imposed from the Ohlone Parking lot. Makes sense to have this in place instead hunting for parking. Personally I prefer the route OhloneCollege to the peak-more scenic, less crowded!	5/20/2015 6:23 PM
301	If permit parking is put in place, then it should be accompanied by the shuttle and/or expanded parking lots	5/20/2015 6:19 PM
302	I think its unfair because people pay taxes to use county grounds, not to appeal to a few home owners. I support removing the pole because it does drive people to the site like a tourist attraction. I use Mission Peak as a training ground. 3 miles to climb 2500 ft is important to my training, not because I want to climb a pole. I have climbed Mission Peak as much as 4 times in a single day to prepare for Mt. Whitney. I know MP has become a tourist trap, but many like myself find MP as the best training ground in Alameda County for hikers.	5/20/2015 5:59 PM
303	Park needs to stay open longer.	5/20/2015 4:53 PM
304	The residents are entitled to their parking space and it would not be fair for hikers to clog up their space, but hikers need a place to park. I think if you add the permit requirement, the expanded parking lot must also be added.	5/20/2015 4:49 PM
305	fully support if it keeps peace in the neighborhood.	5/20/2015 10:56 AM
306	Security patrol to help prevent car break in.	5/19/2015 8:53 AM
307	Again, just allow people to be more easily busted for littering and cutting the trail. The crowds at the summit don't affect me much-- I run up and down the summit numerous times, not a big deal. A shuttle would be cool-- would allow my family to do a different descent than the ascent for more variety.	5/17/2015 7:50 PM
308	I do not like permit parking. I think visitors should be charged a fee to visit Mission Peak via Stanford Ave. This would automatically reduce the crowd. It should be part of the county parks pass.	5/17/2015 10:57 AM
309	Parking at all public parks should be free of hindrances of any kind.	5/17/2015 9:05 AM

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310	The Ohlone parking should be the only parking area and it should be free.	5/17/2015 8:04 AM
311	I probably would always park at Ohlone.	5/16/2015 5:50 PM
312	I believe the Mission Peak trail was there long before the homes and community was built around it. It doesn't seem right to limit and enforce parking programs to hikers who have been going to Mission Peak for several decades.	5/16/2015 4:20 PM
313	It is difficult for me to say since I am no longer physically able to commit myself to such a climb.	5/16/2015 2:02 PM
314	The affluent people that bought houses next to the trailhead knew where they were buying property. The Mission Peak didn't just appear out of nowhere. Mission Peak is one of the best publicly accessible recreation spots. Introducing the fee or permits will hurt the lower income residents/visitors most. Strongly opposed to any kind of permits or fees.	5/16/2015 12:56 PM
315	I only returned to the city of Fremont after having been gone for almost 19 years and I have had so many things to this last year I have not thought about going up there since I returned from Europe and living in Spain all these years.	5/16/2015 11:23 AM
316	Most of the residents on Stanford ave. moved to the area long before Mission peak parking lot was established. first come first served. Why do we care. They should leave the area	5/15/2015 8:17 PM
317	Permit parking program is not a good idea. Please revert the park opening hours on Stanford Ave ASAP.	5/15/2015 7:49 PM
318	Bad idea	5/15/2015 6:29 PM
319	Don't expand parking, Charge per hiker...but would the park district have an employee to monitor and enforce the new regulations?	5/15/2015 4:48 PM
320	ridiculous program	5/15/2015 4:45 PM
321	A parking permit program would benefit the neighborhood near Mission Peak.	5/15/2015 4:31 PM
322	do not charge!	5/15/2015 3:35 PM
323	The nearby residents should not have to give up parking.I would pay \$5 to park in its own 300 space lot AND \$5 to hike trail-no res.permits.	5/15/2015 12:02 PM
324	Why parking permit? It will limit the number of visitors.	5/15/2015 11:22 AM
325	There should be paid parking added at the Stanford Trailhead with permit parking on the residential streets. Eastbay Regional Parks Annual Parking Pass should be accepted at this new parking lot.	5/14/2015 11:47 PM
326	This is really ridicules for charging tail fee per person and parking permit fee. The nature belongs to all the people, not to the small group of people or city. Maybe you can also make survey on the suggestion of charging people of California fresh air and sunlight. No matter what, healthy life should not be privilege to those wealthy residents living near the mission peak.	5/14/2015 9:32 PM
327	prefer no permit parking	5/14/2015 8:49 PM
328	n/a	5/14/2015 4:56 PM
329	If the people that live in the neighborhood don't like the crowds that visit the free regional park they should move. That is like saying you don't like all the kids around your home though you live next door to a school.	5/14/2015 1:43 PM

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### Q30 Do you have any comments you would like to make about Mission Peak?

Answered: 298 Skipped: 1,054

#	Responses	Date
1	I live 2 miles from the Stanford Ave trailhead. I have frequented mission peak for the last 4 years, and I love it. I am not opposed to the increased use of the park that I've seen over the last few years. Mission peak is a wonder everyone should experience. Complaints from residents on Stanford Ave and the immediate surrounding streets should not be considered a priority. Mission Peak existed long before any current residents, and had long been a popular destination. They could have chosen to move elsewhere. Park hours at Stanford ave also need to be restored to pre-restriction hours. The shorter hours put the same number of people on the trails over a shorter period adding to congestion. The shorter hours also make it difficult to go to mission peak on weekdays, as works schedule are not compatible with the shorter hours. If shorter hours are here to stay, they should only apply on weekends.	6/7/2015 10:27 PM
2	By definition this is a park, and an open space.	5/27/2015 2:34 PM
3	I think it would be nice to prioritize parking at the smaller lot for people with small children. I would not want to take my toddler on the shuttle. For people without kids, I think it would be wonderful to provide a shuttle from Fremont BART.	5/27/2015 9:13 AM
4	Leave the pole at the top, it's a land mark that first-timers really appreciate for photos and such.	5/27/2015 9:13 AM
5	There should not be a district tax measure for missiin peak. Parking and visits should be free. Residents need to deal with it.	5/27/2015 1:11 AM
6	charge fees for parking on weekends	5/26/2015 10:49 PM
7	Mission Peak is a park that has succeeded in getting people enjoying the outdoors and exercising. Locals are getting out into nature, having a good time and keeping healthy at the same time. They are doing so by the thousands. Most park systems would be jealous of these successes of Mission peak. It seems with the hours changes and the proposals in this survey (access fees, parking permits) the park is doing everything it can to try to keep people away and reverse that success. Those I've talked to who hike the trail feel like these changes are being made to bolster the multi-million dollar property values for a handful of nearby residents at the expense of the broader east bay community. In fact, the recent hours changes appeared to be timed to the appearance of a EBRPD board challenger who just built a brand new home along the parking-impacted Vineyard Ave. While nobody wants to disturb neighborhood peace and quiet, the best options on the table are those that expand parking options off of surface streets rather than those that restrict access. The proposal to expand the parking area in the park was supported by the Fremont City Council and would be overwhelmingly supported by park visitors if polled. The only opposition is from the small number of local homeowners who oppose any type of increased access to the park. Despite claims otherwise, trail restoration programs have been working. Satellite imagery shows clearly that despite the traffic to the park, erosion is getting better, not worse. The trail is busier than many in the bay area, but is far from "crowded" even on the most popular weekend days. The only area of congestion is the parking lot. Despite the popularity, the trail is nearly spotless: trash and graffiti are cleaned up regularly and the trail always looks great. If you want to reduce the load on the park during late hours, I also recommend speaking with other popular parks in the bay area which close early in the day. A great example of a popular park that hikers would enjoy in the late evenings if opened would be Rancho San Antonio in the Midpen OSD.	5/26/2015 10:12 PM
8	Wonderful hike and view from the top. People should be encouraged to enjoy the summit- they worked hard to get up there! I think removing the pole simply to reduce photography is misguided. People will still want to spend some time resting and taking in the view before descending anyway. The pole is such an interesting piece- it's part of what I look forward to when hiking up the trail.	5/26/2015 9:57 PM
9	Let's keep costs down by minimizing restroom facilities at parks like this. I go hiking for the open spaces and trees. I don't need a parking lot and running water.	5/26/2015 4:41 PM
10	The gate should open around 5.30, because 6.30 is too late, while returning it becomes too hot.	5/26/2015 2:40 PM
11	no	5/26/2015 1:12 PM
12	I grew up in Fremont and have hiked Mission Peak more times than I can remember. Over the past 5 years, my visits have decreased more and more because of the crowds, and especially the ignorant crowds that walk off trail, litter, and climb the pole at the top. I think the regional parks should do more to keep this people away, and restore Mission Peak to the beautiful space it once was.	5/26/2015 12:11 PM
13	I hate short-cutters. I sometimes try to stop them which is unpleasant. I hope they have to pay(fine) for what they are doing. I understand the need of fencing to stop them. But it is not want I want to see on the trail.	5/26/2015 11:48 AM

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14	This park is an excellent training ground for advanced hikers. It is also a popular hiking spot for people of all ages. Unfortunately social media invited too many people who just wanted to show off to the peak. Regular hikers want to preserve the parks, not destroy them.	5/26/2015 11:01 AM
15	It's such a boring hike. No scenery except for that pole. Plant some drought-resistant shrubbery! Rotate volunteers to take care of them.	5/26/2015 10:36 AM
16	As previously mentioned, EB Parks are supposed to encourage and support the enjoyment of the outdoors by EB residents. Limiting or decreasing access to this trail should not be the goal. I believe charging \$5 to park here is a great idea (with expanded parking spaces) and using that money to maintain the trail or other trails, or to pay for the free shuttle. If people take the shuttle they should be charged \$1 per person, or \$2 per person to enter the trail, maybe less for kids. This will not make the trail any less accessible to people. This is a very popular trail b/c it is easily accessible, and a very strenuous hike! People get a great workout on this trail! Then there are amazing views, and a pole to take a photo of at the top to commemorate your visit. The pole should not be removed. It is part of the experience, and it encourages people to get outside. That is the point, increase physical activity! Inspire others to be outdoors! To see the other trails in the EB system! There should be more advertisements for other trails to increase access.	5/26/2015 10:31 AM
17	Keep it safe and leave the POLE	5/26/2015 8:05 AM
18	I think it's a horrible idea to remove the iconic "pole" from the top of Mission Peaks. That's like removing the characteristic defining trait of the park; the reward to encourage people to challenging themselves to complete one of the bay area's most strenuous hikes. I think the city of Fremont needs start paying more attention to this issue. If this park is a more popular park, then more funding should be allocated towards its preservation. Parking permits is a bad idea, as this will just push the drivers to park even further and walk farther to the trailhead; now you will begin to disturb even more residential areas of Fremont further away from the trail head. I agree with the parking lot size increase attached with a cost of parking per car. This will help generate funding for park's maintenance. Charging a per person entry fee would not work and only cause people to trespass onto resident's properties as they sneak into the park from surrounding areas causing more erosion.	5/26/2015 5:58 AM
19	I love the hike and wish the hours were extended back so it is open later. It used to be so nice to hike under a full moon, once it was so bright from the moon, I could see my own shadow!	5/25/2015 10:47 PM
20	Mission Peak has been enjoyed by hikers of all ages and from all walks of life for decades. This free outdoor experience must be maintained for current and future generations. Go to Europe, where cities and towns pride themselves in providing and maintaining walking trails for the enjoyment of all. America is a great country but it needs to figure out that providing and maintaining free access to hiking and biking trails is good for the community and good for the citizens.	5/25/2015 8:23 PM
21	Equestrian access/parking is needed.	5/25/2015 6:36 PM
22	Make more mtn bike trails!	5/25/2015 3:34 PM
23	mission peak is way too crowded.	5/25/2015 10:27 AM
24	It's great to see so many people making the trek.	5/25/2015 7:09 AM
25	I was very disappointed and upset by the new Stanford parking lot open hours. I think this change and others that have been considered were only results of some small portion of rich neighborhood of MP, not the majority of people who live in Fremont and Bay Area. I truly believe the public lands should keep free and open to all people regardless the poor or the rich. It will benefit people's life and health. We should encourage more people to go out and utilize these beautiful public lands and enjoy the mother nature. To show my disappointment for the change of public access to MP (mainly Stanford parking lot), I have decided not to renew the membership of Regional Parks Foundation this year and make no donation to as I used to do. I will contribute this fund to Yosemite Conservancy, National Park and State Parks instead.	5/25/2015 6:55 AM
26	Anything that is free to the public will be abused and ruined because people don't appreciate and care for things that are free, generally speaking.	5/24/2015 6:00 PM
27	Education programs	5/24/2015 3:14 PM
28	Item 27: Please allocate additional funds (if such materialize) to ranger support of existing parks. More staff on hand means less likelihood that special events will be denied permits or canceled. (selfish interest)	5/24/2015 11:52 AM
29	Mission Peak is the great place to visit, and presents unique opportunity for residents of Fremont and surrounding cities to get out and get a good exercise. It would be a shame to spoil this because of residents' complaints due to temporary spike in popularity of the peak. There is no reason to remove pole or do anything drastic. More signs need to be added to prevent people from taking shortcuts which help erosion of the soil.	5/24/2015 11:11 AM

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30	can wait to visit it...after my ankle heals	5/24/2015 9:43 AM
31	`more bathrooms	5/24/2015 1:58 AM
32	Perhaps several sun shades with benches for older climbers.	5/23/2015 10:13 PM
33	i feel so grateful to live near Mission Peak. I love hiking there. Sometimes I go all the way to the top and sometimes I just go for 1 hour round trip. I really enjoy seeing cows, especially when there are baby calves. I like the coyotes and the birds.	5/23/2015 8:08 PM
34	A jewel	5/23/2015 5:33 PM
35	A great park!	5/23/2015 5:05 PM
36	Thanks for the efforts to remove the short-cut trails; the Peak is much happier! Please continue to encourage people to park at Ohlone College and not at Stanford Ave.	5/23/2015 4:11 PM
37	I would like there to be more shady areas.	5/23/2015 1:09 PM
38	No, but I regularly use the great parklands in the EBRPD.	5/23/2015 12:12 PM
39	I have been hiking MP every Saturday,for over 11 years,being part of a group that hikes sun or rain, hail or snow. We have never considered the pole 'iconic'-it has become so recently with young kids standing on it, taking pictures and posting it on Social Media. True we have taken pictures on the peak, but never on top of the pole. For us, hiking MP is a ritual,not a fun thing, done one week and forgotten the next.	5/23/2015 9:35 AM
40	Love the park, views and hike.	5/23/2015 9:24 AM
41	Increase the size of the parking lot. No shuttle. No street parking restrictions. Thanks!	5/23/2015 9:04 AM
42	No	5/23/2015 8:27 AM
43	add benches along trails. guided tour would be nice.	5/23/2015 8:25 AM
44	No	5/23/2015 12:25 AM
45	Though I have never visited, my daughter has recently climbed the peak and the photo with the pole was key to the sense of accomplishment after a grueling hike. It is definitely on my bucket list of things to do this coming year, and I hope that appropriate funds are used to protect it.	5/23/2015 12:07 AM
46	more parking	5/22/2015 10:42 PM
47	It is wonderful to have this to trek through	5/22/2015 10:34 PM
48	Mission Peak is obscene.	5/22/2015 9:52 PM
49	Expand the hour , so we can enjoy the sun rise and sun set, the best part of the hike	5/22/2015 8:39 PM
50	DONT raise additional fusing through taxation. USE the funds you already have!	5/22/2015 8:02 PM
51	As I have mentioned before, please try to reduce the number of idiots visiting the park, either by fees, or by limiting parking.	5/22/2015 7:53 PM
52	I enjoyed moonlight hikes on Mission Peak, the new curfew enforcement measures seemed heavy handed. Early morning hikes are unappealing due to crowds.	5/22/2015 7:44 PM
53	It's become a crazy crowded hike! I hiked it for the first time in 2007 and there was no one up there! That is one of the reasons I don't go there. Even if there weren't parking issues at the Stanford trail head, I'd still go via Sunol Regional as it's closer to me and a nicer hike.	5/22/2015 7:37 PM
54	I think signage with estimate time of arrive for people at the both parking lots would help.	5/22/2015 7:19 PM
55	I use to visit the peak once a year but no longer go because of the crowds. There are plenty of other beautiful areas to visit and enjoy the outdoors.	5/22/2015 6:07 PM
56	Do Not Raise Taxes	5/22/2015 5:54 PM
57	The crowds make visiting the park and peak unpleasant.	5/22/2015 5:51 PM
58	There needs to be parking. Not everyone can walk up to the summit. As I've aged, it's becoming a challenge and I need to park closer.	5/22/2015 4:56 PM
59	no additional comments	5/22/2015 2:25 PM
60	Our group Mission Peak Striders has been running the peak for over 25 years. It's nice to see the added interest I people hiking the peak but the in pack to the area has been significant.	5/22/2015 1:31 PM

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61	beautiful to look at. no new taxes	5/22/2015 1:17 PM
62	It has become very crowded at the top. I remember times where I was the only one up there.	5/22/2015 12:54 PM
63	Mission Peak is an iconic landmark in Bay area. It should be developed to encourage for more people to use. Proper facilities need to be provided for the benefit of people keeping the needs of local residents too. The new 300 parking lot can have \$2 parking fees, rather gouging \$5.	5/22/2015 12:38 PM
64	yay thanks for doing this!	5/22/2015 11:54 AM
65	I would support increasing parking and not charging a fee. Fees to inhibit others I know from going to certain parks.	5/22/2015 11:40 AM
66	I love hiking the trails in and around Mission peak I just wish the peak wasn't so crowded on the weekends.	5/22/2015 10:35 AM
67	The people who live in the neighborhood around the staging area deserve respect. The only reason this is an issue is because MP is so popular. If you are out for a hike anyway, a staging area a little afield should not be an issue. We (taxpayers) should not invest in a bus program - more fixed costs and maintenance costs - the bus will become a boondoggle and the small number of people who use the bus will have a tightly vested interest in this free service and thus these people will be future victims if it is decided to cut the bus program.	5/22/2015 9:28 AM
68	Plant trees along trails	5/22/2015 8:41 AM
69	I would very much like to continue hiking Mission Peak. I hope that any changes that are made will not prevent me from enjoying this iconic hike.	5/22/2015 8:15 AM
70	I've hiked Mission Peak once or twice a week for the last 15 years with 2 girlfriends. We begin at 5:00 a.m. It has been our training ground for bigger hikes and we have loved it being in our "backyard". We have been respectful when we arrive early not to talk too loud or slam doors, but not every person is aware of the home surrounding. We hated giving up hiking the Peak when the hours changed to opening at 6:00 a.m. We have seen so much graffiti on the pole that is so disturbing. We are hiking now at Garin Park in Hayward and want to keep that a secret, but we miss the Peak.	5/22/2015 7:53 AM
71	I love that hike, however I can see the devastating effect that humans have on nature and it is frustrating. We should have more education programs to educate us people to start really taking care of our nature, so that we can enjoy it without destroying it.	5/22/2015 3:02 AM
72	I used to be a regular user of this park and it is just too crowded and too many people underestimate how difficult that hike is. It is sad to see it completely overrun every day with people who don't know or understand what they are doing. These people are also just tearing up the surface of the front of the peak with off trail hiking and it is just sad what has become of the trails. I think fees are needed to support maintenance and just lower the amount of people using it every day. I love the east bay parks and it is sad to see one of them just going down such a bad path	5/22/2015 1:39 AM
73	City of Fremont should work more cooperatively in lands adjacent to regional parks	5/21/2015 11:38 PM
74	I stopped going because it's crowded and loud. Some people even blast music without headphones. There are many other trail options in the Bay Area with users with trail etiquette.	5/21/2015 11:32 PM
75	All of the above sounds good for #27, really. In general, expanding the lot for 300 more spaces sounds VERY invasive and expensive -- I prefer the shuttle idea for peak times. (I don't know how many spaces there are currently, but far less, right?)	5/21/2015 11:29 PM
76	The hours on the stanford entrance are too early now to make it useful for after work evening hikes, if it was returned to 10pm, that would be more reasonable.	5/21/2015 11:27 PM
77	Keep the park free!!	5/21/2015 11:01 PM
78	Remove the gravel on the road leading to the peak.	5/21/2015 10:43 PM
79	Mission Peak is an amazing Park to visit, hike, and run. The pole is iconic and would be a shame to remove it. That said, I usually visit midweek for a workout, so I don't contend with a lot of crowds... Parking is still rough at Stanford and increasing parking would definitely help. I wouldn't mind paying a fee, but know that deters many from visiting parks...	5/21/2015 10:21 PM
80	I feel bad for the residents nearby who have to deal with crowds and mess from people going to mission peak.	5/21/2015 9:54 PM
81	funnel people to Ohlone. It's a more satisfying route. Maybe advertise other parks more heavily. There's much more to EBRPD than Mission Peak. People sure love that pole. People will go for the recognition regardless of the pole. It's not even the actual summit! Don't do anything to deter people from being active unless it harms the environment. Those people who live there knew there was a park. MP didn't appear overnight. The residence need to get over themselves and the park patrons need to be more respectful of property. Thanks!	5/21/2015 9:42 PM
82	Don't take down the pole. That would be horrible.	5/21/2015 9:35 PM

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83	Too much trash at the top!	5/21/2015 9:17 PM
84	setup a couple water fountains along the trail ... some people go to the park totally dumb not bringing any water...	5/21/2015 9:08 PM
85	1) Having hiked there years ago, then again after a gap of 10 years or so, I was shocked at the damage. As a nature lover, the condition of the most popular trails is an effective deterrent to my visiting those trails, though I still enjoy hiking the back side and Horse Heaven Trail. 2) I'm in favor of the \$5 charge IF it does NOT apply to those with annual EBRPD passes. 3) Geocaching was the reason I returned to Mission Peak after a long absence. It drove my hikes for better than a year, taking me from a sedentary couch-potato barely able to climb 1/10 mile to someone able to do the "Trifecta" (Mission Peak, Mt Allison, Monument Peak) in one hike. I have continued this activity level, for the same reasons, in other parks (EBRPs are my cool-season favs). I hope to see EBRPs remain open to geocaching.	5/21/2015 8:50 PM
86	Love love love Mission Peak. So unfortunate that it becomes a zoo on the weekends. Would be great to discourage hikers who don't respect the trails (entrance fees, fines/penalty for going off trail or littering). Is there anyway to make it less dangerous going down? My husband slipped on the loose pebbles & sprained ankle - twice.	5/21/2015 8:47 PM
87	Too many people, take down the pole!	5/21/2015 7:50 PM
88	Mission Peak is one of the most beautiful natural landmarks in the East Bay. Let us please continue to enjoy it while also maintaining and protecting the environment and habits of wildlife that make this their home.	5/21/2015 7:39 PM
89	There seems to be more trash than at some of the other parks, sad to see. Maybe have more volunteers to help keep it clean, educational programs to encourage people to carry it out, more cans along the trails. I plan on taking a garbage bag next time so I can do my part;)	5/21/2015 7:11 PM
90	Mission Peak its a beautiful hope stay like that. Also I have never park at Ohlone College and the reason is I do not know were it's the entrance to the trail maybe better signal will make more people park at that location	5/21/2015 6:44 PM
91	have visitors turn off the music to not to interfere nearby residents and other visitors. Also would suggest extend park hours., If it charges fee, I prefer do it annually.	5/21/2015 6:42 PM
92	I want people to appreciate this local but special peak and its nature. I also want the money to be used to take awareness of illegal trails, by putting signs or other notices of obvious restriction to the illegal trails.	5/21/2015 6:38 PM
93	It was a good hike over 20 years ago with the Boy Scouts.	5/21/2015 6:19 PM
94	Keep the pole, but hire dancers for it. I would likely be up there more often.	5/21/2015 6:18 PM
95	?	5/21/2015 6:16 PM
96	What would be required to get rid of the cows? They need to go.	5/21/2015 6:05 PM
97	I love Mission Peak! It has charms in all seasons and at all times of day. It is a robust enough system to handle all the increased visitors. Please consider adding mile markers on the trail - how far you've gone, how far remaining. That would help new hikers know where they are vs. their expectations and help keep some from getting into distress (heat, dehydration) on the trail.	5/21/2015 5:14 PM
98	As a visitor to Mission Peak, I would not like residential permits near Stanford, which would constrain my parking possibilities. On the other hand, I totally understand why the nearby residences would like to have restricted parking. One solution is to create additional parking in nearby areas, and develop trails to merge to the very popular (too popular?) main trail at Stanford.	5/21/2015 5:11 PM
99	I love Mission Peak and respect all the resident around it. I support whatever you do to improve the curent situation. Thank you for the hard work -- a would-be EBRPD ambassador.	5/21/2015 5:07 PM
100	no	5/21/2015 4:41 PM
101	Have been advised by hiking friends to avoid this hike; over crowded conditions.	5/21/2015 4:35 PM
102	The crowds decrease our ability to enjoy spending time at Mission Peak.	5/21/2015 4:15 PM
103	I will not support nor pay for a tax measure. I am taxed enough as a home owner.	5/21/2015 3:32 PM
104	Port a potties should be put every mile or so up the trail	5/21/2015 3:24 PM
105	There are many many people who enjoy the hike in this park. I think it would take quite a bit of money to Maintenance the Park. It would be best to apply a fee to park the car at the entrance. This income can help maintain the park for all the people that hikes there.	5/21/2015 3:21 PM
106	I have no objection to the District raising additional funding through a tax measure, assuming there's good reason to do so, but I don't know enough about the District's existing parkland, programming, facilities, and long-term goals to know whether there is good reason to raise additional funds or not. I visit the EBRPD parks closest to my house frequently, and have generally been satisfied with their condition.	5/21/2015 3:16 PM

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107	I almost exclusively visit Mission Peak for the Ohlone 50K run. I park at the start to leave early and have trouble parking. Limiting parking would not be very good for me unless the lot were expanded. I don't mind paying to park for the day.	5/21/2015 3:13 PM
108	It's a big problem and a deterrent for people to visit. You need to limit the amount of visitors to protect this resource for generations to come.	5/21/2015 3:06 PM
109	Great trail, but I recall during my visit having a hard time figuring out how long it would take to get to the summit and back. Do any interpretive signs at Stanford mention that? I also didn't realize there was the Ohlone option.	5/21/2015 2:56 PM
110	Mission Peak is very useful for running training. The restrictions on time make it difficult to use during week day mornings. I would pay for a permit to allow me to run there	5/21/2015 2:45 PM
111	I was really surprised at the crowds on Mission Peak, but I think it's a great thing to have a well-used park. A day use fee of \$2-3 seems fair - a nominal fee for upkeep doesn't raise red flags for me. I wouldn't remove the pole - if people want to wait in line, fine, the rest of us will skip it and be just as happy. It's iconic and probably has some interesting history, removing it would likely upset people.	5/21/2015 2:22 PM
112	More bathrooms are needed! I waited over 30 minutes to use the chem toilet at the Stanford Ave. parking lot. That is way to long.	5/21/2015 2:21 PM
113	I currently live in Patterson, so I don't get over to Mission Peak as much as I used to. When I do go (on a weekend), I use the Ohlone College trail head. I haven't used Stanford Lane in about 20 years due to lack of parking and the crowds.	5/21/2015 1:52 PM
114	RESTORATION! Signage! NO NEW RECREATION! DO NOT PAVE OVER THE PARK!!!! The existing residential areas provide PLENTY of parking!	5/21/2015 1:10 PM
115	The hike up on the Ohlone side is actually really nice--far prettier than the Stanford Ave side. I suspect few people are aware of it.	5/21/2015 1:03 PM
116	People who do not use the trail responsibly should not be allowed to use it at all.	5/21/2015 1:02 PM
117	Great park, love being able to bring my dog. awesome hike	5/21/2015 12:55 PM
118	It is my sanctuary. Please do not make it prohibitive for me to visit the park. Again, the fees that are being suggested would equal about \$20 per week for me. I cannot afford that. An optional and reasonable monthly or annual fee in conjunction with a daily fee would allow people who love MP to visit often. Casual hikers who want to visit the pole would probably gladly pay \$4 or \$5 once or twice or perhaps even a handful of times, but they probably wouldn't want to pay a \$100 lump sum annual fee. Again, removing the pole would go a long way to reducing congestion and should be the first step taken. Thank you for your consideration.	5/21/2015 12:54 PM
119	The pole is the number one reason people do that very long, strenuous hike. So if you got rid of the pole, you might as well get rid of the trail because not many people will be going after that	5/21/2015 12:45 PM
120	I haven't been there, but only because I hadn't noticed the place; I live pretty far away. But now I am interested. I usually visit places like Mission Peak on weekdays rather than the busy weekends and holidays.	5/21/2015 12:27 PM
121	Given that there is very little open space in Fremont, and that hiking is good for people of all ages, the Park District and City should try to avail themselves of existing parking options rather than obscuring the beauty of parks with large parking facilities. Another possibility to encourage people to park remotely from the Stanford staging area is to cooperate with the Alameda transit bus system.	5/21/2015 11:51 AM
122	I like all the Mission Peak trails.	5/21/2015 11:51 AM
123	Money from such a proposal should not be used for those items spelled out in the current tax levy for EBRPD...i.e. land acquisition	5/21/2015 11:46 AM
124	The Pole should stay it truly is part of the Peak and a goal to see and see thru	5/21/2015 11:28 AM
125	Don't remove the stupid pole at the top. So what if teenagers take selfies there. What else are they supposed to do? At least they are hiking and getting outdoors.	5/21/2015 11:23 AM
126	I would support Mountain bike single track trails and pump tracks for kids and areas for kids to ride their bikes with out getting bitten or barked at by dog owners.	5/21/2015 11:19 AM
127	Hiking Mission Peak is not a peaceful pleasant experience because of the crowd, noise, dust and eroded trails. The park has deteriorated in its beauty. Stanford staging area is behind a residential area. Building a large parking lot at the end of Stanford Ave would make Stanford Ave extremely busy and not consistent with residential zoning.	5/21/2015 11:09 AM
128	Make sure it endures as a public resource, and not just a little hiking trail for the wealthy residents who are lucky enough to live next door to it.	5/21/2015 11:06 AM

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129	It is a great trail. Please do not stop the public from hiking.	5/21/2015 10:56 AM
130	I grew up in Fremont and was mountain biking up Mission Peak regularly starting around 1985 when there was still gliders buzzing the peak. I no longer live in Fremont but still live in the east bay. I don't get to mission peak that often and did not know it was such a popular destination until my teenage daughter showed me social media postings of her friends on the pole...who would have thought! I still like to get to mission peak once or twice a year to ride it...it is very nostalgic for me. I attended Ohlone college, so that is always where I think of parking. I have rode up the ohlone side, over the peak and down the south side to the stanford staging area before. I think coming up from the Ohlone side is so much nicer and it seems that if there was just a communication campaign that got people to realize that the Ohlone side is an option, that could solve the problem. The communication campaign would need to include social media since I think most people that come to MP the first time in order to get their selfie on the pole get their info on how to get there from other social media postings. Maybe all it takes is to have some one from EBRP stationed at stanford during peak times and turning people away when the area is full and directing them down the street to Ohlone. I hesitate to suggest this since I like (selfishly) that there are no crowds going up from the ohlone side and would like to keep it that way for the times I am there. Maybe think about something that can be "special" about the trail from Ohlone that would prompt more people to go up from that side. It would need to be something that would be desirable for someone to post on social media. Maybe a observation platform or animal grazing (I think something more exotic then cows like lamas).	5/21/2015 10:55 AM
131	Its beautiful! Dont mess with it. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THAT ICONIC POLE.	5/21/2015 10:41 AM
132	I have backpacked in Ohlone Wilderness, accessing my car at the trailhead is actually pretty important, so the shuttle would be an ineffective solution and adds pollution to the area.	5/21/2015 10:40 AM
133	Since hiking is a good habit and all are getting benefited to maintain their health, District should not CHARGE any fee for hiking Mission peak.	5/21/2015 10:33 AM
134	It's beautiful!	5/21/2015 10:32 AM
135	It is a good way-point on the Sunol Wilderness Trail to Del Valle. It is close enough to the backpack camp to practice for an extended hike as well.	5/21/2015 10:14 AM
136	The park is lovely and a delight to traverse especially when the moon is full. Please restore park hours so that we can see the sun rise and hike with a full moon.	5/21/2015 10:02 AM
137	don't pander to a local vocal neighborhood without taknig into consideration all the other users of the park	5/21/2015 10:00 AM
138	Beautiful area	5/21/2015 9:59 AM
139	I am planning on having my Scout Troop pursue the Rim Rover award in the next 18 months. One of the peaks is Mission Peak, so we will likely visit (and camp) there at least once with 10-20 Scouts	5/21/2015 9:59 AM
140	the parking permit idea is a bummer for the residents just build more parking	5/21/2015 9:47 AM
141	"27. Thinking more broadly about ... " If you thinking too broadly... just generic bla-bla-bla-bla. as you know "devil in details". To make "smart and intelligent decision" on the subject (on Any subject!), people need specific data/information. So, maybe, step #1: Provide as much Real Info to the people, and AFTER ... ask people, what they think about this.	5/21/2015 9:34 AM
142	The crowd to Mission peak has increased out of bounds over last couple of years, do not know the reason, but it should be controlled.	5/21/2015 9:29 AM
143	It is really too crowded & the trail is too exposed to have it be an enjoyable hike.	5/21/2015 9:25 AM
144	I have been on the three main trails to the top. Only one of those trails is crowded. Some people like to hike with a lot of other people. If someone wants more solitude, they can choose one of the other trails. The Ohlone side trail has good diversity.	5/21/2015 9:15 AM
145	It's a great park on so many levels. While the crowds can be an inconvenience to residents, it's not fair to make a public park inaccessible to all. I really believe education of park visitors is key to solving issues with noise, bootleg trails, graffiti etc. The challenges the park faces can be overcome.	5/21/2015 9:08 AM
146	Don't take the poles down!	5/21/2015 8:54 AM
147	Mission Peak has 3 other entrance points other than Stanford. I'm not sure why people are so set on the Stanford entrance, and from there why they all insist on taking the main trail is beyond crazy. Maybe educating people about the other ways up would help spread out the crowds. Although, I really like how empty the Sunol trail is and I'd be super sad if they crowded that up too. lol. I'm glad people are getting out, but there needs to be education about not TRASHING the trails. People are still tromping off trails, leaving trash everywhere, its just awful for any open space. Put rangers on that trail to start monitoring and educating. Heck, get volunteers out there to just walk up and down and educate people! I <3 you ebarks... i'm sorry people have trashed your mission peak... :(	5/21/2015 8:49 AM

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148	I'd like to plan a visit when it's a little easier to park.	5/21/2015 8:25 AM
149	We should never do things to limit access to parks like this. Mission Peak is a very popular destination for park users and it is great to see so many people out on the trail enjoying the outdoors.	5/21/2015 8:23 AM
150	I love going to Mission Peak and don't think any changes a	5/21/2015 8:21 AM
151	I grew up in Fremont. The Stanford staging area was always the easiest and quickest way to get to the trails. If its too crowded now; I would support a 5 dollars parking fee and residential parking permit.	5/21/2015 8:16 AM
152	Everyone loves it	5/21/2015 8:13 AM
153	I rather enjoy the hike from Sunol Wilderness over to Mission Peak-not that much farther and very lovely. I wish that the crowds who flock to Mission Peak would turn their attention to some of the other 64 regional parks in the East Bay!	5/21/2015 8:09 AM
154	Restore the old hours and remove the pole at the top that would solve about 60% of the traffic up. People go up there for the sole reason of taking a picture of them self with the pole.	5/21/2015 7:55 AM
155	East Bay Parks shouldn't bear all cost of Mission Peak maintenance, it is owned by City of Fremont and they should bear some cost.	5/21/2015 7:39 AM
156	Just want to reiterate that I'm happy the yahoos only go there. I can't imagine what they would do to my favorite places.	5/21/2015 7:30 AM
157	Needs trail restoration from restroom to summit. Trash cans near summit would help alleviate the mess. Might want to consider a permit system to limit the number of hikers on the trail/at the summit at any given time - it's really horribly overcrowded on weekends.	5/21/2015 7:28 AM
158	I did not know about Mission Peak before receiving the email to take this survey. I plan on making a trip soon! It sounds nice!	5/21/2015 7:27 AM
159	it would be great to add more parking so one does not have to park on streets and walk such a long way to trail heads	5/21/2015 7:22 AM
160	Been hiking it for 50 years - EBRPD needs to protect the trails and surrounding resources from over use, trail erosion and overcrowding has made it not worth the hike. Need to work with the City, locals, and community groups to enhance the experience with re-vegetation, removal of invasive species and protection of cultural resources.	5/21/2015 7:09 AM
161	charge a fee to access the park from the Stanford Stagig Area. So many people are wearing out the nature lands.	5/21/2015 7:04 AM
162	The growing popularity of this park shows that changes are needed to keep it from being ruined. Take down the pole and charge more money for parking. That will send some people elsewhere. Plenty of space for hikers in the fabulous EBRPD!	5/21/2015 7:02 AM
163	It seems to be way too crowded. The trails are being destroyed because of the excessive hikers. I support a fee and the shuttle to control the crowds.	5/21/2015 6:54 AM
164	Love it. If state park dog restrictions were enforced I'd be out of here.	5/21/2015 6:53 AM
165	ENFORCE THE RULES and HEAVILY FINE those who: abuse animals, park illegally, litter, and most of all hike off-trail. Do not encourage more abuse of this park by providing more parking and shuttle buses. Do you want this to turn into Disney World? Just shut down the street parking at Stanford and limit the number of parking spaces at Ohlone. ENFORCE THESE RULES. All of your problems will be solved. You are servants of that mountain. NOT of the hordes who come to abuse it. The mountain can't vote and it can't fill out a survey. Take care of your mountain first.	5/21/2015 6:46 AM
166	No more taxes!	5/21/2015 6:46 AM
167	None	5/21/2015 6:35 AM
168	I never park at Stanford. I prefer to hike from Ohlone. I would like to see the Ohlone trailhead improved instead of a shuttle. I don't mind the fee but I only hike there occasionally. Would it be possible for people to use their foundation permit or some alternative for regular hikers? I'm in favor of removing the pole. If nothing else it should prevent the large crowd/line at the summit.	5/21/2015 6:29 AM
169	No	5/21/2015 6:23 AM
170	Beautiful area, wonderful trail, I'm glad it attracts so many different kinds of people. But greater education and enforcement of environmental awareness would help cut down on degradation of the land. The shuttle from Ohlone college combined with a fee for hiking and/or parking would help to raise money for the park, ease impacts on the neighborhood and ensure that people coming to the park are coming to hike and enjoy the outdoors.	5/21/2015 6:13 AM
171	Nada	5/21/2015 5:42 AM
172	The District's mission should be the preservation of the land for the plants and animals of the area second is getting people to visit the parks not by creating a bus to a trailhead.	5/21/2015 4:58 AM

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173	mission peak is overused and the district should explore fees, parking restrictions on standford ave and fines for littering and damaging the terrain to prevent overuse	5/21/2015 4:58 AM
174	I miss the days (4-5 years ago) where the trails we less over run by hikers. At least I get the trails to myself on "rainy" days.	5/21/2015 2:28 AM
175	Too crowded these days with people jumping on social media band wagon. Some day I will find the hidden hot springs when the crowds are low.	5/21/2015 1:36 AM
176	The corporations that benefit from Bay Area parks need to pay a lot more taxes. User fees are a dead end.	5/21/2015 1:04 AM
177	It was a great experience!	5/21/2015 12:08 AM
178	Please focus on educating new park users on how to treat this beautiful park. Next, please remember that many people who use the park have few resources and thus cannot pay for \$2.75m houses and then complain about the lack of parking. EBRPD has a mission to support those less fortunate than those living in gated communities.	5/20/2015 11:57 PM
179	Good luck you guys! Can't wait to hear about the results. Go EB RPD. P.S please continue to allow dogs, that's why I love EB parks so much.	5/20/2015 11:57 PM
180	Please don't take down the pole on mission peak. I don't believe that it is the sole reason people flock to the top, it's the view that gets me up there. Even if the pole is the reason for getting people up there, great! We should be encouraging people to climb up there, get exercise, get outdoors and enjoy our parks! Charge people for the visit, but don't take down "attractions."	5/20/2015 11:51 PM
181	I grew up hiking the trails and it is very dear to me. I would like to see the space well maintained and available to all.	5/20/2015 11:48 PM
182	Signs to get people to leave no trace	5/20/2015 11:43 PM
183	if at all practical, I would like to see more enforcement of the park rules, especially regarding shortcutting and park hours, since it seems to me that people just disregard those	5/20/2015 11:40 PM
184	make ohlone parking free during weekend	5/20/2015 11:37 PM
185	I believe the pole should be left in place. I was disappointed to see people not using the proper trails and therefore hurting the hillside. Cattle grazing is an excellent means of fire prevention and should be used as part of an education program to teach people the importance of our parks and the animals that live within them.	5/20/2015 11:28 PM
186	No pit bulls	5/20/2015 11:25 PM
187	The park is in excellent condition given the number of visitors coupled with the lack of maintenance. For example, the first ½ mile on the Peak Trail above Ohlone College is in deplorable condition. The Hidden Valley Trail has significant ruts that need to be filled on the lower section. Overall, the park is in amazing condition and EBRPD should be congratulated for its conservatorship. Build the parking lot inside the park as quickly as you can, please.	5/20/2015 11:17 PM
188	Lease space to 2 eco friendly outlets this will help recover costs more restrooms on the way	5/20/2015 11:14 PM
189	I love Mission Peak, but the crowds lessen the experience for me. I typically run up Mission Peak on my way to exploring Sunol and Ohlone Parks. I think it is a shame that most visitors can barely make it up MP and never venture into the beautiful surrounding parks. I think making people pay for parking is a good solution to the crowd problems.	5/20/2015 11:14 PM
190	It badly needs habitat restoration. It's boring.	5/20/2015 11:12 PM
191	I am really upset and concern about the news that the East Bay Regional Park District together with the major of Oakland, want to decimate the forest of the Oakland and Berkeley Hills and I have already sent a letter to Mrs. Shaaf about the catastrophes consequences of this horrendous plan, killing not only thousand of trees but with them millions of wild life that depend on them for shelter and food, besides the use of Round Up and Dow is absolutely absurd since they are mere chemicals and poison affecting us, and Nature! Therefore, I am suggesting to reconsider these bad plan, and looks for alternatives, besides the Hills are a paradise not only for residents but for many hikers, and Nature lovers that love to enjoy of the beauty of the area, and reducing everything to shrubs will be like taking the lungs from the city, since you well know, trees help to clean the pollution from the air! Please keep the balance and not destroy Nature and Wild Life! And keep the wonderful reputation for green forest areas and wild life in the Hills of Oakland and Berkeley, CA.!	5/20/2015 11:05 PM
192	I have heard about the crowd issue but not experienced it first hand. Given so much concern about people of all ages getting physical activity and being outdoors instead of in front of screens, I sure hope a solution can be found and people can continue to experience Mission Peak in a variety of styles :)	5/20/2015 11:03 PM
193	Haven't climbed yet but would love to!	5/20/2015 10:56 PM
194	It's a beautiful open space. We are fortunate to have EBRPD providing residents with a wilderness in our back yard.	5/20/2015 10:54 PM

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195	Mission Peak is iconic to the East Bay for whatever reason. Decreasing the supply does not decrease demand as any budding Economist will tell you. It merely creates distortions. We do not know what the distortions are yet and may end up in a whack a mole situation. We already see that we are in the midst of such a situation with the recent open/close hour changes at the Stanford exit. It did not shift the park goers to the Ohlone College or reduce demand as intended. Instead more people squeeze into less hours creating an even more crowded, dangerous and erosion prone trail. Careful consideration must be placed before implementing solutions especially solutions that will cause the opposite of intended effects and those that require a outlay of taxpayer dollars.	5/20/2015 10:51 PM
196	Please include mountain biking trails like the flow trails in Crockett Hills Regional Park.	5/20/2015 10:37 PM
197	I really like the park, despite being super hot in some days during summer. This is one of my favorite park and I always come back for some training. Thank you everyone whoever help on maintaining the park. Also I really don't like seeing ppl taking shortcuts and I would tell ppl not to when I see that, however it doesn't work sometimes. So maybe we can have a better way to prohibit ppl from cutting shortcuts - like making it clear that there is big \$\$\$ penalty, etc.	5/20/2015 10:36 PM
198	Daily use fees and parking permits for Mission Peak are sound ideas and the EBRPD should stand firm against any opposition to implementing such policies.	5/20/2015 10:30 PM
199	That damn pole aint necessary...	5/20/2015 10:25 PM
200	Protection of the open space and habitat at Mission Peak needs to be a priority. Adding more parking to the stanford lot does not support that priority. Starting a residential parking program year round does support habitat protection as it limits the amount of trail users on the face of the peak.	5/20/2015 10:20 PM
201	I hope to be there soon	5/20/2015 10:18 PM
202	Nice, would love to see a few more native shade trees planted on it :) perhaps a couple more benches. A little more restroom capacity. Volunteer trail restoration optys. Parking fee reduction for ohlone hiker parking to \$2-3, perhaps via fastrak. It's nice to see more ppl outdoors via social media effects. Hoping to see ppl become more eco conscious and keeping it clean, litter free. Maybe post about garin and del valle etc at the Stanford trailhead.. as long as ppl don't litter these other places too :)	5/20/2015 10:16 PM
203	Words can't express it. I am continually drawn to back to "the peak".	5/20/2015 10:15 PM
204	It's a park I've intended on visiting and have four wonderful parks very close to me (Shadow Cliffs, Del Valle, Sunol and Brushy Peak) that I just haven't made it that way yet...	5/20/2015 10:15 PM
205	Facebook has made mission peak popular as people take selfies at the top & post them. Regular hikers don't take pics at the top. Also focus on educating the public who make their own trails instead of staying on the marked trail.	5/20/2015 10:13 PM
206	Please do not remove pole	5/20/2015 10:12 PM
207	No. The East Bay Regional Park System is the best !	5/20/2015 10:12 PM
208	The main drawback of Mission Peak, that I see, is the incredible number of people that visit the park. This makes the park not very desirable to visit, as these young college students ruin the natural ambiance.	5/20/2015 10:08 PM
209	I love Mission Peak and hopefully the direct, city and visitors all contribute to keeping this park safe, clean and accessible for everyone's enjoyment	5/20/2015 10:05 PM
210	N/A	5/20/2015 10:05 PM
211	It is too bad this place has become so overloved. The rude behavior at the top is astonishing. I have not encountered anything like it at any other park.	5/20/2015 10:04 PM
212	Money should be spent on maintenance of park bathrooms (everywhere, not just at Mission Peak)!	5/20/2015 10:02 PM
213	Now I want to go visit and see why it's so popular!	5/20/2015 10:00 PM
214	Does there need to be a permit system to use the park with a limit on the number of visitors?	5/20/2015 9:58 PM
215	It's a great park and I sympathize with the point of view of the residence but unfortunately they are where they are and I'm sure knowingly of these issues, just like I enjoy living near lake Chabot I see hikers all the time(granted lake Chabot has a lot more parking space and entrances), but it's quite annoying to have bus loads of tourist all the time at all times of the day specially in weekends and having many of these visitors not in shape to hike mission peak, it's not your typical hike or park as others. So an educational visitor center to warn and educate hikers would be a great idea to not so much to prevent visitors but to encourage safe ediquatte and proper hiking preparedness and awareness.	5/20/2015 9:57 PM
216	it is not one of our favorite EBRPs because it does not have that many trees on the main trails and the steepness of the trails. also, more access points might relieve the congestion.	5/20/2015 9:57 PM

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217	Banning plastic bottles usage / encouraging reusable bottles / encouraging using trash bins. I remember clearing more than a dozen bottles around iconic pole and trashing them in bins. promote other nearby parks	5/20/2015 9:55 PM
218	I had never heard of it and will definitely go this year!	5/20/2015 9:51 PM
219	No	5/20/2015 9:49 PM
220	I fell in love with Mission Peak 12 years ago but it is so out of control. Trash, graffiti, crowds and the worst thing is people using tree above third bench for toilet, the shortcuts and the very worst is the impact on nature no more King snakes, people feed the squirrels and kill the snakes! No worst thing I am taxed Alameda resident but majority of people at Mission Peak are residents of Santa Clara/SF/San Mateo counties! Make em pay at gate! No more money should be spent on MP. Garrin, Black Diamond, Coyote Hills, Vargas Ridge, Pleasanton Ridge ect need improvements!! Good things about crowds and 630am parking opening has forced me to check out the other great EBRPD parks! But Mission Peak is only rivaled by Brushy Peak, such amazingly beautiful and sacred places!!!	5/20/2015 9:46 PM
221	Maybe add an iconic pole to other parks to spread the wealth of visitors. There are so many great parks in the system that I prefer to visit ones where I can enjoy quiet and solitude. So, please don't add poles to the other parks!	5/20/2015 9:46 PM
222	Mission Peak is an East Bay staple and should be maintained appropriately!	5/20/2015 9:46 PM
223	Outhouse about half way up hill would be appreciated.	5/20/2015 9:35 PM
224	Do not remove the peak post. Mission Peak is one of the most strenuous trails in the Bay Area. The post provides destination and a break for rest for hikers.	5/20/2015 9:33 PM
225	no restrictions or no fee leads to behaviors that are detrimental to ecosystem	5/20/2015 9:33 PM
226	I don't think the park service should remove the iconic pole at Mission Peak.	5/20/2015 9:31 PM
227	Am I correct that the proposed Daily Use fee for Mission Peak would be covered by my annual membership as the use fees for the other parks	5/20/2015 9:25 PM
228	leave the pole -- it is not THE reason climb; rather it is because MP gives hikers a challenge and a bay view-- the pole is a nice tradition. It is not the cause of excess hikers. Rather see Stanford expanded over shuttle busses.	5/20/2015 9:18 PM
229	it doesn't matter how many parking spots there are it's always going to be filled. It's better to have a longer-term alternative proposal like the shuttle program. Think Rancho San Antonio park--parking lot always filled from sunrise to sunset year round. The peak-season parking permit is not going to solve any problems it may increase ticket violation and add income to the city but that's not how we want to encourage/discourage to visit nature! If we don't protect our land, who will? My bottom line is nature protection.	5/20/2015 9:15 PM
230	the hiking experience is so much more tranquil and more satisfying when starting from the ohlone college parking lot. less crowds!	5/20/2015 9:15 PM
231	Please remove the pole - it may result in significant reduction of photo-op first crowd. Should give a try. And should charge for parking/implement permit system.	5/20/2015 9:14 PM
232	I think Mission Peak is a little overrated. There are many other hiking trails in the East Bay that exist and I don't think extra effort is required to make Mission Peak more accessible to the public as it is already an over crowded trail. People can explore other trails if Mission Peak is congested.	5/20/2015 9:11 PM
233	I don't mind higher charges for a high use area. The park district should be able to fund maintenance and rangers for such highly impacted parks. Really, it's too crazy to go there now with the crowds. There's so many other parks I'd rather hike for a more peaceful experience outside.	5/20/2015 9:09 PM
234	Fun hike!	5/20/2015 9:07 PM
235	It is a great asset. Other park assets should be promoted to help reduce congestion at Mission Peak.	5/20/2015 9:05 PM
236	Too many crowds. No parking. It's everything I go to open spaces to avoid.	5/20/2015 9:01 PM
237	I hope that changes that are made are the most conducive to habitat maintenance/restoration.	5/20/2015 9:01 PM
238	It is a dangerous and overcrowded trail that is not supervised. There is no crowd control and I feel bad for the residents that have to deal with all of the riff raff that goes on. Make people pay to use that trail. It will weed out those that are only there to crowd around the pole, disrespect the trail and others that are truly there to enjoy nature and a hike.	5/20/2015 8:53 PM
239	Bathrooms please	5/20/2015 8:52 PM
240	Yes where is it?	5/20/2015 8:48 PM

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241	This was the last Park house I lived in (started at Ohlone, to Sunol, Coyote Hills for 3 months, Ardenwood for 5 years and then Mission Peak for 3 years until I married. I loved this park and loved hiking it. At the time I was often the only, or one of just a handful of people I would see the entire hike (taking into consideration that I hiked more M-F than I did Sat or Sun). I must say that I am sad to read about the hordes of people, as I know it must be doing some damage to the park itself. EBRPD has been an awesome District though, and am so pleased to see that you are trying to figure out how to address this issue. Robin Lewton Reynolds	5/20/2015 8:46 PM
242	I think it's fine as is. When we hike the trail, it's usually a family affair, it's an amazing way to get the kids outside exercising and enjoying the out doors, one of the few things in life that is still free. I would hate for their to be a fee tagged on to it. Honestly, I do not mind the high amount of traffic/people hiking the trail, it makes me feel safe. If something was to ever happen (God forbid) there's plenty of people around to help.	5/20/2015 8:41 PM
243	I like that is' undeveloped and the cows roam but it can be very crowded	5/20/2015 8:41 PM
244	Please make the parking lot bigger. There should be more spaces for cars	5/20/2015 8:37 PM
245	No	5/20/2015 8:35 PM
246	I've only been there once because there are so many other great parks closer to my home. I think land acquisition is most important for long term open space.	5/20/2015 8:29 PM
247	Other than fewer cows ? Add some trails designed for people, and not just vehicles. ( Yes, I realize that the cattle provide a valuable service, but I like the parks such as Almedan Quicksilver without cattle and lots of wildflowers and deer and other critters more that I like cows and their shit )	5/20/2015 8:29 PM
248	None at this point	5/20/2015 8:17 PM
249	It feels like our own half-dome or Mt. Everest in Fremont. Too many people visiting for the wrong reasons. I fully support people getting out and hiking, but I have friends who hike the Peak on a regular basis and have to pick up other people's trash, etc. Please don't expand visitorship by increasing parking. If you do, there needs to be greater monitoring of the trail and consequences for littering and negatively impacting the environment. Please also focus on educating the visitors.	5/20/2015 8:15 PM
250	The park definitely attracts a lot of disruptive and destructive hordes. I like the idea of implementing a \$5 day use fee whether through parking or per person at the gate, but only is an option to buy an annual/long term pass ~ \$30 to allow for people who routinely visit to be much less hindered. I personally dislike crowds, and am one of the few who actually knows about taking a right at the fork in the beginning to take the secluded path to the top.	5/20/2015 8:15 PM
251	question 27 didn't ask if more bike friendly trails could be used with additional funding, and that is my number one request that funding go towards in EBRPD, thank you. Crockett Hills is a wonderful addition to the scene.	5/20/2015 8:13 PM
252	In my opinion, introducing \$5 fee for Mission peak/park is a very good idea to limit the number of visitors. At the same time, the local residents should be exempt from the fee and they should be admitted for free.	5/20/2015 8:07 PM
253	Add trails for mountain bicycles to help the over crowing few legal bicycle trains.	5/20/2015 8:06 PM
254	Thank you for maintaining such a wonderful park!	5/20/2015 8:04 PM
255	Thank you for the work on trail rehabilitation and redesign. It's a beautiful walk from Sunol Park to Mission Pk. (much nicer than the traditional routes from Fremont).	5/20/2015 8:03 PM
256	I think that we should be excited so many people are enjoying mission peak. The city of Fremont provides emergency services to mission peak and the park district should help pay for a off road ambulance that could be used for medical calls and rescues on the peak.	5/20/2015 8:02 PM
257	It' too freaking crowded	5/20/2015 8:00 PM
258	No	5/20/2015 7:55 PM
259	I will never hike to the peak until the crowds are limited. I'd prefer to only see a few people if I were to visit the peak, which I don't think is reasonable given the current state of things.	5/20/2015 7:52 PM
260	Love Mission Peak and many other parts and programs of the east bay regional park system- thanks for all you do!	5/20/2015 7:34 PM
261	Your intro paragraphs are in error. The Stanford entrance leads to only one trail up the hill. Also, you omit the Sunol entrance. Perhaps you should divert the crowds to Sunol and other places.	5/20/2015 7:11 PM
262	Fuck taxes. You can't effectively manage what you already have and now you want more of my money? Forget it.	5/20/2015 6:46 PM
263	Please leave the pole! It motivates a lot of people to get outside and hiking which is the main purpose of these parks! Let people have their fun! Party poopers can hike elsewhere :)	5/20/2015 6:23 PM

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264	Many people climb mission peak because its a challenge but they don't do it safely. Many of my friends hike MP on a weekly basis because it is a great training ground. I would gladly pay an annual permit of \$20.00-\$40.00 to hike MP at any given time. I think a \$20.00 annual pass would limit usage enough to allow people who like to hike MP to do so and remove the "selfies" crowd. I understand the \$5.00 daily use permit and think its a great idea as long as there is an annual pass for those who hike MP weekly or daily as regular training. \$5.00 a day for some daily hikers is way too excessive.	5/20/2015 6:02 PM
265	It is a great hike. I do it weekly, usually from Ohlone. I don't mind the crowds.	5/20/2015 5:04 PM
266	Park hours need to be longer. It's sad that a few inconsiderate people ruin it for everybody. It's also sad that nearby residents are trying to prevent people from visiting the park.	5/20/2015 4:55 PM
267	It needs more tree coverage along the trail. And please remove the pole. People taking selfies at the top is getting ridiculous.	5/20/2015 4:51 PM
268	City of Fremont should supplement EBRP. When we visit we typically buy sandwiches at the deli there and eat on our hike. Once we stopped for dinner after. Local merchants benefit from out of area visitors	5/20/2015 10:59 AM
269	to lessen automobile parking, encourage bicycling to the park and install secure and quality bicycle parking racks at the staging area	5/20/2015 2:54 AM
270	This is a beautiful park with amazing views. I hope it continues to be so.	5/19/2015 1:38 PM
271	Good hiking trail	5/19/2015 8:56 AM
272	Security or patrol the parking areas. Bad people visit and new comers are so naïve the vicious thieves! They do not belong in that neighborhood!	5/18/2015 11:33 AM
273	It is a great place to visit...and see from the flatland. Keep up the good work. Thanks.	5/17/2015 9:22 PM
274	So funny how it has recently got so trendy to summit.	5/17/2015 7:52 PM
275	Please restore the mission peak environment. Acquire more open space. Do not allow expensive homes to be built so close to the nature parks. Common folks have the right to visit the nature preserves without worrying about rich people's homes. This sounds like the case with California coast where rich simply can afford to build homes deny others to enjoy nature. Thank you.	5/17/2015 3:59 PM
276	Visitors of Mission Peak should be charged a fee. Mission peak should be part of the county park pass. This will help reduce crowd on Mission Peak.	5/17/2015 11:01 AM
277	Mission Peak is a great challenge and it offers beautiful views. People should take that challenge but be respectful of those living nearby and the environment. If they enjoy visiting, another 2.5 miles should not stop them from visiting as long as the parking is free.	5/17/2015 8:09 AM
278	I think the trail is well maintained compared to so many others!	5/16/2015 5:53 PM
279	Mission Peak trail does need some areas of shade. In addition, closer to the summit the trail should be made easier so that it would be available to some of us older residents.	5/16/2015 2:29 PM
280	Same as # 13.	5/16/2015 2:03 PM
281	The open space is disappearing fast in the city of Fremont. Keeping access to places Mission Peak is vital to keeping our cities livable. Mission Peak is a very nice place and I would visit more once my little kids are a bit bigger.	5/16/2015 1:00 PM
282	none	5/16/2015 11:26 AM
283	I almost always park at Ohlone College parking lot and hike from that side. Many of the issues surrounding Stanford parking lot and trail do not concern me. Some of the questions asked seemed to have missed this scenario.	5/16/2015 10:19 AM
284	lovely ! please preserve it the way it is, NATURAL	5/16/2015 6:25 AM
285	We park at Ohlone. We enjoy all the trails there but have only gone to the summit once due to the length and steepness. It was awesome! Don't take away the ability to hike here due to the homes. They knew they were building next to Mission Peak.	5/15/2015 10:40 PM
286	Mission Peak curfew hours should be 10PM - 4AM	5/15/2015 8:20 PM
287	Mission Peak is a great attraction in Fremont. Please revert the park hours so that the crowd is spread over the whole day.	5/15/2015 7:51 PM
288	would like to see some pavement on some level areas on trail	5/15/2015 4:54 PM
289	Used to be a nice quiet hike	5/15/2015 4:50 PM
290	It is a beautiful site that I see from my home daily.	5/15/2015 4:35 PM

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291	Beautiful!	5/15/2015 3:37 PM
292	As a long time nearby resident please keep the greedy developers OUT !	5/15/2015 12:07 PM
293	N/A	5/15/2015 11:25 AM
294	no	5/15/2015 11:10 AM
295	I love the EBRPD. I understand the necessity to limit human traffic, both for ecological reasons and for maximum enjoyment of the park. However, since it makes sense to get as many people outdoors as possible, I believe that acquiring new park lands and open space is the best way to relieve the human congestion on Mission Peak	5/15/2015 8:10 AM
296	People living in the Bay Area already suffer from high rent high living cost. Don't try to make more tax more money from these people. Let them enjoy more California nature resources with least of their living expense. Thanks god. Help us save our cost and tax.	5/14/2015 9:40 PM
297	Awesome place to hike but usually quite crowded	5/14/2015 8:50 PM
298	I have lived in Fremont for close to 50 years and have enjoyed visiting the park all of my life and I hope that there is no charge to access the resource.	5/14/2015 1:45 PM