

# 5 quick takes on rec

**Local cities rack up hefty surpluses** — A Post analysis of annual financial reports of eight mid-Peninsula cities shows they accumulated surpluses ranging from \$7.2 million in Los Altos to \$103 million in Mountain View. The money has been rolling in because of property tax revenue increases and one-time developer fees.

If these cities were smart, they'd put the money in reserve to pay off their growing pension and retiree health care liabilities.



**Dave Price**

An exception would be East Palo Alto, with a \$14.8 million surplus. A startling 1,150 of the 2,800 children in the city's Ravenswood school district are

homeless — they're sharing homes with other families, or they're living in RVs or makeshift shelters. With that kind of crisis, the city shouldn't be sitting on this money.

I know there's a reluctance amongst city officials to put money in the Ravenswood district, given its reputation for not spending money wisely. But maybe the city can act independently of the school district to help these kids and their families.

## CITY BUDGET SURPLUSES

	Revenue	Surplus
Palo Alto	\$490 million	\$36 million
Los Altos	\$48.7 million	\$7.2 million
Mtn. View	\$336 million	\$103 million
Menlo Park	\$79.6 million	\$12.1 million
Redwood City	\$232.7 million	\$26 million
Belmont	\$64.9 million	\$16.6 million
San Carlos	\$65.9 million	\$15 million
East Palo Alto	\$39.5 million	\$14.8 million

For the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017. Figures combine a city's general fund and all business-type activities, such as city-provided services like sewer service, trash, and in the case of Palo Alto, gas, electric, water and other utilities.



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