SEPT 2019 BRCAC minutes, corrections and typos:
P3, para2 [in +Joe Kirchofer’s section]. Word in last sentence should be “increased”.
P3 para4. Mark Dreger’s name is misspelled.
P3, para6. “280” should be “I-280 freeway” or Interstate 280 freeway”.
P4, toward bottom. Mark Dreger’s name is misspelled twice.
P5, in Ryan Haagsman’s comment, Whole Foods should be spelled out.
P6. Westwood Park should be capitalized.
P6. These names of commenters should be corrected:
  • Aaron Grosman
  • Kate Favetti
  • Stephen Martin-Pinto
  • Christine Hanson
  • Francine LoFrano

JUNE 2019 BRCAC minutes, corrections and typos:
P4. Correct spelling of commenter’s names:
  • Chris Hanson
  • Chris Pederson
P7. Correct spelling of commenters names:
  • Chris Hanson
  • Edward Hanson
P8. Correct spelling of commenters names:
  • Madeline Mueller
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  • Irene Kaufman
  • Brian Marabello
BRCAC 2/10/20 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

1. Is the City College track and football field within 500 feet of the 280 freeway? If so, was that location or the soccer field next to it checked for APEZ or excessive air pollution?

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