



February 16, 2022

Katie Maynard, Chair
City of Goleta Planning Commission
130 Cremona Dr., Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117

Sent via email to kdominguez@cityofgoleta.org

Re: Request for Continuance of 2/28 Hearing on Heritage Ridge Residential Development Project

Dear Commissioner Maynard:

I write to you today to request a postponement or continuance of the Planning Commission's hearing on the Heritage Ridge Residential Development Project ("Project"), currently scheduled for February 28, 2022. The Environmental Defense Center ("EDC") represents the Citizens Planning Association, The Goodland Coalition, Santa Barbara Audubon Society, the Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council, and the Sierra Club, by and through the Los Padres Chapter, in this matter.

Our clients support additional affordable housing units within the City of Goleta, while also striving to ensure that development proposals such as the Project are compatible with City policies and legal requirements regarding protection of the environment. To that end, we submitted comments to the City on the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report ("RDEIR") on the Project. We have also met with the applicant on several occasions with the goal of reaching an agreement that would reduce the Project's impacts, particularly on the Stream Protection Area ("SPA") and mapped Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area ("ESHA").

The Final EIR for the Project was released just yesterday, February 15. The EIR is 585 pages, plus hundreds of additional pages in appendices. The City's Staff Report has yet to be released. Up for your consideration on February 28th are several weighty decisions, including whether to recommend the approval of an amendment to the City's General Plan to remove an ESHA designation, a Vesting Tentative Map subdivision, and a Development Plan, as well as the acceptance of various rights of way and easements and a dedication of a public park. Given the weighty decision before the Planning Commission and the short period of time between now and the 28th, we request that the Commission consider postponing the hearing or continuing the

matter to a later date. As it stands now, we and our clients, as well as the public at large, have insufficient time to thoroughly review the recently released and forthcoming documents prior to the hearing.

We hope the Commission and you, as Chair, will agree that this matter is deserving of informed participation by the public. Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Kondor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rachel Kondor
Staff Attorney

cc:

Catherine Mullin, Los Padres Chapter, Sierra Club
Eddie Harris, Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council
George Relles, The Goodland Coalition
Mary O’Gorman, Citizens Planning Association
Scott Cooper, Santa Barbara Audubon Society

From: [Karthik Perumalsamy](#)
To: [Kim Dominguez](#)
Subject: Oppose Heritage Ridge 332 Rental Unit Project
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 12:00:30 PM

Dear Goleta,

I have been a resident of Goleta for the last 19 years. I want to vigorously oppose the Heritage Ridge 332 Residential Rental Unit Project.

I strongly oppose the project and believe that it does not serve the public interest due to the following reasons:

1. Destruction of the environmentally sensitive habitat.
2. Flooding risk, proven by flooding of the adjacent Willow Springs apartments in the past.
3. Insufficient park area, and number of parking spaces.
4. Very less number of affordable housing for what the city and public lose - even if the majority of the new apartments were affordable housing, I would hesitate to support this due to the environmental impact.
5. Towbes group are one of the key leaders and offenders in continuously increasing the rents by a huge amount annually for their rental complexes, thereby increasing rent in non-towbes properties too. Granting them another set of apartments to increase their market share and power does not serve the public interest for residents of Goleta.

This project does not serve the public interest. I oppose approval of this project.

Thanks,
Karthik Perumalsamy

PS: please let me know if there's anything else that I need to place my opposition on record.

From: Jay Collins <jfcollins@raytheon.com>

Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 7:27 AM

To: Mary Chang <mchang@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Heritage Ridge and Los carneros way

Hi Mary, I commute daily by the proposed site.. I support more housing in general. I'm a little concerned about traffic at the intersection with Los Carneros way as at commute time now it can get busy. I'm hoping some form of traffic control will be added?

Even better to reroute Los carneros way? Add traffic light?

Thanks for your help,

Jay Collins

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