

Wendy Winkler

From: Jim Cutting <jimcutting@verizon.net>**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 2:17 PM**To:** Robert Miller (external forward) <rkmiller2014@gmail.com>; Wendy Winkler <wwinkler@cityofgoleta.org>; Ed Fuller <efuller@cityofgoleta.org>; Robert Miller <rkmiller@cityofgoleta.org>; Jennifer Smith <jsmith@cityofgoleta.org>; Katie Maynard <kmaynard@cityofgoleta.org>; Anne Linn <alinn@cityofgoleta.org>; innlin12@yahoo.com; stevejolley2@gmail.com; iankaminsky@gmail.com; Laura Bridley <lbridley@cityofgoleta.org>; kenpearlman@comcast.net**Subject:** Fire Station 10 Comments

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Jim Cutting and I represent 7 of the Hideaway residents whose home borders the proposed new fire station 10 on the east. When we originally bought into The Hideaway we were aware of the plans to build a fire station, but we never thought it would be so large. As a matter of fact, we were looking forward to our grandchildren seeing the fire engines go by our back yards.

Thank you for considering all our previous Hideaway comments on the preliminary EIR.

- The storm water drainage on the eastern side has now been addressed and is a big improvement. Please ensure that the drainage along our common fence goes all the way to the street during construction.
- The driveway was lowered next to us. Thank you.
- The large New Zealand trees have now been replaced with smaller trees in the green zone on the eastern side, which we like very much. Thank you.

We do have additional comments on the eastern perimeter fence and gate.

- We had previously questioned the drawings as to not being clear if a new fence was to be built beside our current fence. The answer in section 7, page 7-51 states that no new fence or gate was to be built.
- However, in our meeting with Laura Bridley on Oct 5th, she stated that a perimeter fence is a security requirement. It will be a solid block wall fence 6 ft. high, which will be 8 ft. to 10 ft. on our side.
- Note that our current wrought iron and solid wall fence is already 7 to 8 ft high on our side. It offers us southerly views over the new driveway and parking lot. We would like no additional solid fence to be built that would further limit our views and our open feeling.
- If a wrought iron gate is installed on the driveway, then our existing fence already offers similar security. and a solid block wall does not further increase the security.
- Noise from the fire engines is not a concern to us, compared to the restriction of our views and limiting our openness.
- As a comparison, Fire Station 11 has a smaller wrought iron fence bordering a hotel to the south. Fire station 14 has no security fence. Fire station 12 has an incomplete perimeter fence. None of these 3 have existing driveway gates.

If security along the eastern side needs to be increased, we offer a couple of suggestions:

1. Increase the height of our existing Hideaway wrought iron fence.
2. Move the gate and security fence to the rear of the building.

Thank you for considering our thoughts to make the entrance to Goleta a more beautiful and open place. We are hopeful that we will be apprised of the planned construction schedule once it starts, particularly the demolition of the trees and the grading process. Please do your best to put yourselves in our shoes as we are retired, live here 24 hours a day, and we are looking forward to being good neighbors with our important firemen.

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