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From: valerie aroyan <aloha247@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 9:12 AM
To: sbcob; Supervisor Das Williams
Subject: Miramar Hotel Appeal 12/10/24

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Dear Supervisors,

In reference to Miramar Mixed Use 24RVP-00050, 24RVP-00051, 24AMD-00008, & 24CDP-00077

OVERFLOW PARKING FROM THE UNDER PARKED RESORT IS FLOODING THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD.

Last night, December 8, was a prime example of what we had been explaining to the county planning commission. The All Saints church had a Christmas event from 4 to 6 PM concurrent with a holiday event at the Rosewood Miramar resort.

All Saints had plenty of parking for their event which ended promptly at 6 PM. At 6:30pm the surrounding streets – including Humphrey Rd., Miramar Avenue and the beach parking lot at Miramar - were completely full with guests of the resort.

Despite the Resorts best efforts - which included signage and roaming security - the surrounding neighborhoods were chocked full with guests for their event.

Aside from this particular event, evidence of the overflow parking from the Resort was presented to the County Planning Commission but was completely ignored. The surrounding neighborhood provides Public Coastal Access which is being utilized by Rosewood Hotel guests.

The Resort does not have enough guest parking and that is our greatest concern. What happens when a full time construction crew is added to the mix while the Resort is operating at full capacity?

We ask that you please take measures to resolve these issues before proceeding with approval of this project.

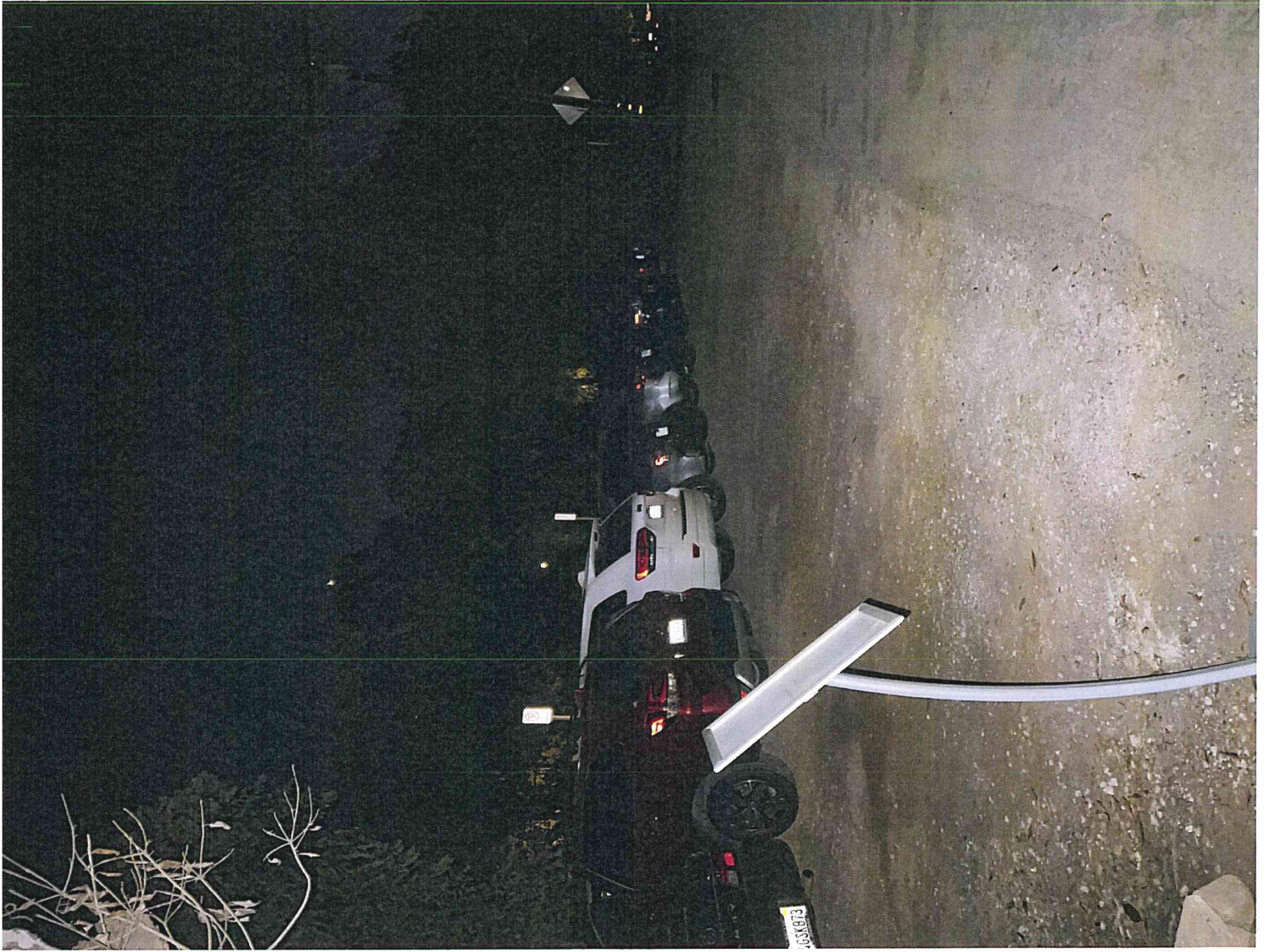
Sincerely,

Valerie Aroyan
Humphrey Road Resident

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MIRAMAR

Complimentary Valet Parking
Required

ROSEWOOD
MIRAMAR BEACH
FLORIDA









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From: CB <cbuergey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:36 AM
To: sbcob
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Good morning Chair Lavagnino & Members of the Board Of Supervisors:

We are voicing our objection to the approval of the expansion of the Rosewood Miramar Hotel/Mall at this time. The is a huge project with a lot of negatives that need to be addressed, reviewed and resolved before moving forward.

Enlarging the Hotel and putting a retail mall in the middle of a residential area would demish safety, parking, traffic and water.

The employee housing could be built on this site using State Funds which will satisfy your own state requirements for employee housing.

Viewing the present Hotel architectural design from the freeway - it is a large box with shutters and will be quickly finished, thus eliminating this supposed wish for 22 retail stores in a RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.

We live on the mountain side of the freeway on Miramar Ave. Parking on our street and in the surrounding neighborhood has been an on going issue because the Hotel was under parked when it was built. During the Hotel construction we had problems with construction workers that wouldn't park in the designated off site parking area. Instead they would park on our street and other surrounding streets and return to their vehicle for lunch and a few beers. We have always phoned in violations to the Hotel which were never shared with the County.

Montecito has only two beach access points, Biltmore Hotel, and Miramar Beach from Eucalyptus Lane. Miramar Beach is a well loved destination for beach goers, walkers and surfers. People drive, ride bikes or walk with their children with beach gear in toe. The increased traffic and parking in this area has become a negative impact for safety, traffic and emergency vehicles. Eucalyptus Lane is a narrow lane that dead ends at Miramar beach with very little turn around space. I've seen traffic back up onto the Rail Road tracks at Eucalyptus Lane. As we all know Amtrak, Union Pacific and oil trains pass on these tracks every day. Montecito's small rural streets weren't designed to accommodate parking for a large Hotel Mall, huge trucks and deliveries, and definitely can't accommodate emergency vehicles with so many cars narrowing the width of the small streets.

It's a nightmare waiting to happen and will happen soon - people will die.

PRESENT USE OF STREET PARKING:

1. Miramar Hotel large events require extra temporary day employee's which park on the streets.
2. Limos, Charter Wine buses, and Uber don't have a designated staging areas at the Hotel so they park on the neighboring streets waiting for pick up call.
3. Many tourist going to Hotel events, weddings, etc. stay at other hotels because of the room cost at The Rosewood Miramar Hotel start at \$1,800.00 per night. Visitors also park on the street to avoid paying \$45.00 valet parking fees.
4. Posilipo Lane on the east side of the Hotel is designated "COASTAL BEACH ACCESS" from the Coastal Commission but the street is lined with "No Parking" signs so it bars the public from parking and beach access.
5. Presently designated "Beach Parking" in front of Hotel is absorbed by Hotel guest.

6. Miramar Ave - back side of Hotel is used for truck deliveries and staging.

It is very unfortunate that The Montecito Association, and Montecito Water, M.P.C and Mr. Caruso are not interested in a design that would project and preserve the safety of our beautiful semi rural community and fragile water resources - by not standing up for "The Montecito Community Plan"

Thank you.

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Send e-mail to: sbcob@countyofsb.org BEFORE 5 PM MONDAY 10/9
Thank you!