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Subject: FW: Miramar Hotel Appeal Hearing. Seaside Association's opinion. (Humphrey Road residents.

From: Harry Rabin <onthewave@me.com>
Date: March 19, 2015 at 9:17:41 AM PDT
To: Salud Carbajal <SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org>, "Carbajal, Salud" <scarbaja@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
Cc: Jen Lilienstein <jen.lili@kidzmet.com>, CHRIS HORNER <chorner630@aol.com>
Subject: **Miramar Hotel Appeal Hearing. Seaside Association's opinion. (Humphrey Road residents.**

Salud,

I am writing to you regarding the hearing in April for the Miramar Hotel. As you know I have lived and raised a family here on both Miramar Beach / Humphrey Road since 1991 and am fully aware of what it's like to live with the Miramar hotel in full operation all the way through it's present demised state today! I have participated in hearings for Schrager, Warner and several more for Caruso Affiliates two plans. As past President of our Seaside Association I continue to represent our neighborhood along with fellow Humphrey Road residents Chris Horner and Jen Lillienstein.

Last week the three of us met with Rick Caruso, Rick Lemmo and Evan Krenzien. We and many of our immediate neighbors are frankly still nervous about the adequacy of the Miramar parking plan as well as mixing hotel and public parking on Miramar Ave., which is becoming a cul-de-sac under the 2014 Miramar plan. Our goal was to try to convince team Caruso to entertain the adding of a 2nd level above their proposed East Parking Lot, which would accommodate well over 100 additional cars and address our primary concerns. It would also allow us to fully support the 2014 plan without the restrictions placed on the project by the MPC at the January 2015 hearing. Rick C told us politely but with no uncertainty that while he will consider a 2nd level at a later time should such be needed, his current position is:

- he will make no further changes to the current 2014 plan
- if the current 2014 plan isn't approved at the upcoming April 2015 Supervisor's hearing without the additional restrictions levied by the MPC at its January hearing, he will proceed with the larger 2011 plan, for which he has approval. He restated the project's need for 200 initial beachclub memberships and 400 for the event facility in order for the project's financial viability.

He also said, in no uncertain terms, that he is dedicated to being a “good neighbor” and that should any problems become apparent once hotel operations begin, he will solve them.

Our Humphrey Road group has no way to analyze the Miramar’s economic viability under the various conditions being reviewed, nor whether Caruso has either the legal ability or the real intention to proceed with the 2011 plan should he fail in his appeal to the County Supervisors in April. **That said, IF he is in fact able and desiring to proceed with 2011 should he lose his current appeal, the majority opinion in our neighborhood is that we far prefer the 2014 plan and will support it without the MPC’s January 15 added restrictions. Additionally, we will trust him to do what he said should any subsequent remedies be needed after operations begin. Should that turn out to be the case, we wish to be clear that we will hold him to his word, including what he stated regarding adding a 2nd level to the East Lot...and we will look to you and the other Supervisors to help us do so.**

Respectfully, and with thanks for your careful consideration,

Harry Rabin
Jen Lillienstein
Christopher Horner

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From: Doralee Jacobson <doraleej@bagelnet.com>
Date: March 13, 2015 at 3:55:00 PM PDT
To: Salud Carbajal <supervisorcarbajal@sbcbos1.org>
Cc: 'Doralee Jacobson' <doraleej@bagelnet.com>
Subject: Miramar

Hi Salud,

Thank you for taking the time to hold a meeting to listen to the positive position of the peripheral neighbors of the Miramar property at the offices of the Building and Safety department March 5, 2015. The people at the meeting were in favor of approving the 200 memberships of the beach club at initial occupancy and with an event attendance cap of 400 at initial occupancy. The plan not approved by the Montecito planning commission.

At the end of the meeting a comment was made about the Miramar people giving set back allowances to accommodate the possible round about at the San Ysidro off ramps. This concept was new news to me and my husband..

I was able to look at the November 19,2014 meeting at the planning commission where this concept was reported on.

After looking at the information provided at the meeting via the video, my comments would be that construction of two round abouts at the San Ysidro off ramps would change the beautiful semi rural ambiance of the surrounding neighborhood as well as negatively impact the charm of a "Boutique hotel". The signage and imposing amber lights along with yards of "industrial concrete" would be an eye sore not only to the surrounding homes as well as guests seeking out secluded destination properties.

The most effective and reasonable comment was by a woman attending the November 19,2014 meeting was to have the school times staggered. I live next to the Miramar so we are intimately aware of the backup times when the kids are dropped off and picked up. The inconvenience lasts for 30-40 minutes. I can see that as the traffic extends into the oncoming traffic, similarly as the approach on the 101 where it meets the 405. This is a dangerous scenario and could be eliminated by staggering the drop off and pick up times of the school children. If I heard the information correctly we are taking about a 40 second savings by constructing two round- abouts with tons of concrete, lots of lit up signage, and imposing amber lights distorting star gazing in the evening. Millions of dollars that could b spent on more productive projects that don't have alternatives.

I know you always try to do the right thing for your beautiful district and will look at the building of the Miramar in the most timely manner possible. Each day the project is not built a dangerous toxic eye sore with a potential sanitation problem to the community exists. When we met at the beautiful ADL Gala I know your comments supported the building of the Miramar. The sooner the hotel is built the faster the revenue will come into the county. A realistic "win win" situation for all concerned.

Best regards,

Doralee



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From: Board Letters
Subject: FW: Miramar Parking

From: Marilyn Tam <marilyn@marilyntam.com>
Date: March 13, 2015 at 10:01:46 AM PDT
To: <SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org>
Subject: **Miramar Parking**

Dear Supervisor Carbajal,

We are long time residents of Montecito and frequent visitors to Miramar Beach. Miramar beach is one of the reasons many of us live in the area; it is accessible, neighborly and family friendly. The new construction plans for the Miramar Beach Hotel show an insufficient number of parking spaces for the guests and workers who will be using the Hotel. This means that our street parking for residents to use the beach will be severely impacted. Would you please work with the owner of of Miramar Beach Hotel to ensure that they build in sufficient parking for their needs?

The negative consequences of poor planning now will become a long term problem for our neighborhood. This would become a sore reminder and lasting challenge to what has been now a lovely public service in our neighborhood. Thank you for your diligence in taking care of our community.

with thanks and warm regards,

Marilyn Tam and family
Bolero Drive, Montecito

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March 5, 2015

Mr. Salud Carbajal
Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
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Re: Miramar Project

Dear Salud:

I think Caruso and the team he has on the Miramar project have been beaten and squeezed to death over a number of years. The latest plan he has on appeal to the Board of Supervisors should be approved (without the conditions imposed by the Montecito Planning Commission at their January 21 meeting).

The Miramar project will be a benefit to all of Santa Barbara. Caruso is a solid developer who has hung in there with one plan change after another to accommodate primarily a small group of nearby Montecito residents. His current plan (without the MPC's conditions) accommodates all reasonable objections of the past and will be a challenge to make it a financial success.

I hope you stand up for Caruso, Salud, and talk your fellow supervisors to approve his plan without the MPC's latest conditions.

Sincerely,

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RE: MIRAMAR HOTEL PROJECT

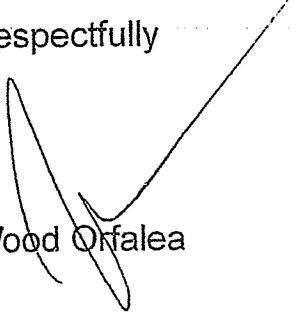
Dear Mr. Carbajal

I am writing you to request that the Board of Supervisors let Caruso move forward immediately with the Miramar project with no further restrictions. Over the course of the Miramar saga, a few (very vocal) members of our community have impeded this project for their own personal gain and interest with complete disregard to the needs and wants of the rest of the community. The most recent parking restrictions and membership limitations to only 100 people are completely ludicrous.

will have much bigger problems to worry about than how many friends can park on our street. If we continue to impede creative business people from investing in Montecito, we will be looking at a lot more 'for lease signs' and abandoned construction sites similar to Miramar and Peabodys.

Most Respectfully

Jane Wood Orfalea

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by 'ane Wood Orfalea'. The signature is written over the printed name and extends upwards towards the closing 'Most Respectfully'.