

From: Patrick D. McDermott [<mailto:pdmcpa@ma-cpas.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 12:40 PM
To: Office of Supervisor Peter Adam
Subject: 220 S First Street comments

Hello Peter

my primary concern regarding this property being converted to providing permanent housing for homeless Vets is that there are no other services available to them out in Old Orcutt

they will have a roof over their heads, but in order to receive any of the other services they need, it will require transportation back into the City of Santa Maria

it would seem to make more sense to acquire property in the City under those circumstances

it is not clear to me, but I believe the prior approved use was for senior housing
we both understand that seniors would spend most of their time inside the facility - probably due to limited mobility issues

put younger ambulatory Vets in the same facility and they will be looking for activities and services in the surrounding community
they will find virtually none that can meet their needs

it is not clear to me, but if the use were further changed to provide housing for drug/alcohol treatment and mental health patients, this is not a consistent or desirable use for that residential location

senior living appears to be a good use for that property
these other uses do not

my CPA firm is within 3 blocks of the property, and I live in Deerfield which is just a couple of miles away

I would ask that you consider the potential negative impact on our community and work with your fellow supervisors to reject the sale of the property

thank you for your time and consideration

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The finest compliment we can receive is an introduction to friends or colleagues from an appreciative client. Feel free to share our name with your friends.

From: Kelly Fairbrother [<mailto:fkellann@aol.com>]

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 8:05 AM

To: Office of Supervisor Peter Adam

Subject: Good Sam shelter at 220 S. First St

This is a written response to a letter we received last week about the possibility of a homeless shelter at 220 S. First St. We own the property next door, 230 S. First St. and definitely DO NOT the shelter next door! 230 S. First is a rental with a single mother and 3 teens. We have owned the house for over 20 years with no neighbor issues. The lots are small and the houses are close to each other. I think it is ridiculous that the county of Santa Barbara would even consider such a venture! I am sympathetic to the needs of the homeless but Old Orcutt is not the right fit. There are no services close by and jobs are scarce in this area. We ask that you vote NO on this proposal!

Sincerely,

Byron and Kelly Fairbrother.

From: Steve Wisz [<mailto:wiszrealestate@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 10:22 AM

To: Office of Supervisor Peter Adam

Subject: Response to 220 S. 1st St. in Orcutt

Hello Peter-my name is Steven Wisz and my wife and I own the commercial building at 200 Union Ave. in old Orcutt. A neighbor of ours sent us the letter in regards to the good Samaritan purchasing 220 First St. and using it as a homeless shelter. We oppose this greatly. Though we thank our veterans for their service, we must take into consideration what their livelihood will be like in Orcutt. Orcutt is a small, closely knit community who already has their share of homeless transients. We certainly would not like to see more in the area. Our concerns with the tenants who will be living at 220 First St would be of their mental state. What types of medications will they be on? What will their activities be during the day? Night? Will they be panhandling on the street corners? Will they be coming into businesses looking for handouts? Are they mentally stable? My grandkids attend the pre-School called creative beginnings which is just around the corner from the referenced property. Hope you have the grade school at Orcutt academy in the area. We don't feel that Bring homeless people into the area is a wise idea. We hope that the county does not approve the sale of that home to the good Samaritan. Thank you for your time.

From: Danny Farley [<mailto:dannyjfarley@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 7:43 AM
To: Office of Supervisor Peter Adam
Subject: 220 S.First Street. Proposed Homeless shelter.

Recently I wrote and had no issue on the home at 220 S. First St, becoming a homeless shelter for Veterans. As I'm a Air Force retiree. But I have changed my mind. For one, Old Town Orcutt doesn't have a homeless problem now. Good Sam can not guarantee that only homeless vets will be housed there. Plus living in Stonegate new housing we have a small park at First Steet and Soares, I really don't want it see it full of homeless camping out in it. Old Town Orcutt is a thriving business community with wine tasting rooms, and many places to purchase Alcohol. Sorry I don't think a homeless shelter is a good fit for here. I will be over at the open house today at 5 p.m. I hope your there too. Danny, Pam Farley.

From: Rich's Performance Diesel Rich Drake [<mailto:raddrake3@msn.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 10:28 AM

To: Office of Supervisor Peter Adam

Subject: Good Sam 220 S first street orcutt

I do not support this! Its poor planning there is at least 10 drinking spots in Orcutt & an elementary school close by

I just moved to orcutt to get away from this stuff, these people should not be in our neighborhood & you should not have the wright to do this with out our consent .

From: Sheila Allen [<mailto:sallen@towbes.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 9:34 AM
To: Office of Supervisor Peter Adam
Subject: 220 S. First Street Life Steps Fdn to Good Samaritan

It was most distressing to receive your letter about the proposed sale and plans for the property at 220 S. First Street.

I wholeheartedly object to this proposal and stress that this is not in the best interest of Old Town Orcutt and our community.

I purchased my first house in downtown Santa Maria in 2002 just south of the mall and close to the college. It was a cute charming neighborhood of little homes built in the early 50's.

The neighbors were immediately welcoming and friendly. It was a middle working class neighborhood of mixed demographics compiled of longtime residents of Santa Maria and people who took pride in their homes and their yards. We also looked out for each other when anything suspicious occurred. There were quite a few elderly people that were the original homeowner's from the original construction of the homes.

We had many barbeques with each other and yard sales and overall it was a great place to live for a couple years.

I spent 12 years fixing up the house to where I can honestly say it was the cutest on the street. Unfortunately during that time I also watched the disintegration of my neighborhood with renters coming in, illegals overcrowding houses and no supervision of their children and dirty disgusting vehicles parked everywhere. Other people were moving RV's into their driveways for their loser drug addicted family members to live in. My boyfriend had a little 10 year old boy pull a knife on him as he was coming home from work. Yep give him a few more years and he'll be a wonderful gang affiliated addition to that neighborhood.

Most of the productive people moved away including my next door neighbor a Santa Maria City police officer. Only a few of the elderly remained but as they each passed away those houses too became ugly trashed shells of what they once were.

Sadly this neighborhood was still considered "good" compared to the third world, gang and crime infested cesspool of the north part of Santa Maria. We had some type of halfway house on the next street over from my street and one time my neighbor a couple houses down the street was awoken to people trespassing in her backyard so they could access the house behind her and steal the marijuana that

was being grown there. Were they from the halfway house? Can't prove it but we all knew they were. I no longer felt safe walking around my neighborhood especially after dark so I didn't.

I was determined to leave the neighborhood so I pressed on fixing up my house until late 2014 when I was finally able to sell it for a tiny profit. I scraped that together with the savings it took me 12 years to build and bought a tiny **brand** new house in the cute up and coming area of Old Orcutt on First Street. It has been a goal to move there for some time but just a little out of my reach for a long time. I felt that the people out there were making an effort to improve the area and make it a quaint little spot for locals and tourists to visit and spend time. More restaurants, cute shops and tasting rooms going in. An actual destination place to attract people. Unlike Santa Maria where all they **are** doing is building more ugly strip malls, big box stores, and standing by and watching cute neighborhoods crumble before their eyes. I hated to leave my little house but was sure glad to get out of that neighborhood. Now I live in a neighborhood where people get riled up about the height of someone's shed or what plants they planted in their yard. Ridiculous? maybe...put it is a very pretty neighborhood. Where people are actively searching to buy a home and where property values are going up.

So two months after I moved **into** my new house in March of 2015 it was broken into by three drug addicts from the Central Valley. They were seen and fled from the police and led both the Sheriff's department and the Santa Maria police on wild high speed chase through Orcutt and Santa Maria. Finally crashing into three cars and fleeing on foot destroying my property during the chase by throwing it all out the window. It was not a good experience and now you want to bring those kind of people to my street and neighborhood permanently? Are you serious? I can tell you exactly what happens when these places are brought in to an area. Houses get broken into, cars get broken into, property is vandalized and people are harassed or worse assaulted. Please don't try to guilt trip us into thinking it's for veterans. It's for drug addicts who are not going to stop their addiction or their behavior and this house is right around the corner from Elmer's and the Orcutt Liquor store. I have had first-hand experience with someone who goes into a house such as this and it's just a revolving door when they are not in jail. They do not take any personal responsibility for themselves just continuing the cycle and using the system.

Can none of us in North County have anywhere nice to live? There really are no decent neighborhoods left in Santa Maria except maybe a few towards the south end and it appears those in power are determined to make those bad as well.

It would be nice to have the people with the power in the community actually have some respect and consideration for the people in this community who do contribute something positive to the community. I am being choked to death by property taxes and supplemental property taxes. What a great way to bring down the value of our homes in the only area in the Santa Maria valley that is improving and heading in the right direction. I am the one with the decent job that spends money and if you want to keep my money and my vote in this county and this district then please stop catering to the takers, the lazy, and the criminals because the middle class is leaving in record numbers and what are you left with?

I apologize for the length of this email but as you can see I feel very passionate about keeping Old Town Orcutt a nice place to live.

Sheila Allen