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From: Eady, Dana
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 10:55 AM
To: Board Letters
Subject: FW: Hearing on Golden Inn & Village, 3/20/18

Hello,

I received the email below as public comment re: Item #4 (Brooks/Stewart Appeal) Thank you, Dana Eady

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Emerson [mailto:fnemerson@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2018 9:31 PM
To: Hartmann, Joan <jHartmann@countyofsb.org>; Williams, Das <DWilliams@countyofsb.org>; Eady, Dana <dcarmich@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
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March 17, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Nancy Emerson, Chairperson, Save Our Stars Committee, WE Watch
RE: March 20, 2018 Agenda, Item 4 Appeal, Golden Inn and Village

I cannot be present at your hearing on this item, so I am writing to you with my final suggestion regarding the Golden Inn and Village outdoor lighting. Representing the Save Our Stars Committee (SOS) of WE Watch, a Santa Ynez Valley environmental organization, I have been involved with this project since June 2016, when homeowners on Lucky Lane contacted our organization about its outdoor lighting. After construction, light pollution, especially glare that mimicked daylight, was very disturbing to the neighbors on Lucky Lane, who initially supported this project, one very much needed in our Valley.

I have visited the site several times and revisited the site tonight. As a result of mitigations by the Housing Authority, it seems to me there is much less light trespass and glare from the rear driveway fixtures along the senior residents' building than was present right after installation of the light fixtures, when there were major light pollution problems. It is even better when fixtures are dimmed about 9 p.m.

There is one 20' light fixture on the playground very near the rear fence and two of the neighbors' back yards where proximity to the fence and its height mean that mitigations are not able to resolve its light pollution problems. Earlier, both the County planner and I recommended removing this playground fixture. In our Valley, playgrounds are not generally lit at night though, in addition to the tall fixture, this one does have fully shielded, non invasive bollard lighting.

I suggest that you make a Solomon like decision by requiring that this 20' light fixture be removed while allowing the next phase of the Golden Inn and Village to proceed.

Nancy Emerson
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