

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Allen, Michael (COB)
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 8:17 AM
To: Lenzi, Chelsea
Subject: FW: 1154 Channel Drive, Comments from the Orfalea Family
Attachments: MBRA Olsten pdf.pdf; ATT00001.htm

From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 9:05 PM
To: Allen, Michael (COB)
Subject: Fwd: 1154 Channel Drive, Comments from the Orfalea Family

For board distribution re this issue.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Thiep Cung <Thiep@wgarch.com>
Date: July 18, 2016 at 8:38:33 PM PDT
To: Salud Carbajal <supervisorcarbajal@sbcbos1.org>, Jeremy Tittle <jtittle@sbcbos1.org>
Subject: Fwd: 1154 Channel Drive, Comments from the Orfalea Family

Unsolicited email from neighbor on Channel Drive
Thank you
Thiep

From: Jane Walker Wood Orfalea <janeorfalea@gmail.com>
Date: July 18, 2016 at 1:38:55 PM PDT
To: "Carbajal, Salud" <scarbaja@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
Cc: Thiep Cung <Thiep@wgarch.com>, Cheryl Olsten <colsten@rocketmail.com>
Subject: 1154 Channel Drive, Comments from the Orfalea Family

Dear Mr. Carbajal

Please find attached the copy of a letter my husband, Paul Orfalea, and I wrote some time ago on behalf of the proposed project at 1154 Channel Drive, 'Olsten Property'. We understand that this issue still hasn't been settled and will be discussed tomorrow at the BOS meeting. Unfortunately we can't attend due to previous commitments, which is why we are sending this email. Everything we wrote in the attached letter remains our current view.

The reason we felt it necessary to add this additional correspondence, is because over the last few days some, or one, of the neighbors have hired a lady to have a

stand on Channel Drive with a display against the project, encouraging people to attend tomorrow's meeting and '*Protect Historic Channel Drive*'.

Paul and I live on Channel Drive full-time and we have now driven by this stand on multiple occasions. One time, I stopped to hear the 'pitch'. I must commend the young lady for being a very accomplished spokesperson. I have no doubt she will do well in her future legal career. However, the posters and handouts were *extremely* misleading. The handout photograph makes it look like the proposed Olsten house is a giant mammoth of a building compared to a teeny little house just to the west of it. This is not the case when you look at the actual plans of the two houses side by side **or** the existing house versus the proposed house.

I'm also writing this email because of a comment the young lady made that I thought was a bit offensive. She said: "The owners have only attended 2 out of 15 meetings." I informed her that the owners live in New Jersey full-time and have busy lives and careers to which she responded "I just thought you should know."

The implication is that because the Olsten family has not *personally* flown across the country 30 times to attend meetings (they've always sent a paid representative) that they are somehow not committed to the project or to the Montecito community.

I have been in touch with Cheryl Olsten, since our first lunch, and we've become 'email' buddies and I can promise you that they do care about our community and their future home and they will care even more once we get them here full time - which my husband and I hope is very soon.

Historically, this family has contributed fantastic things to their New Jersey community and, as a bonus, they are a fun, intelligent and delightful couple. We should be dropping off pies for them, not trying to scare them away. Most people in Montecito - including myself - came here from somewhere else and I felt this young lady's comment, while perhaps not intentional, struck me as very judgmental about 'outsiders' - people moving into this community from other places.

My husband and I remain confused as to why some neighbors find this project so objectionable.

Thank you for your time.

Jane & Paul Orfalea

October 5, 2015

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Re: Case #14BAR-00000-00082 1154 Channel Drive

To MBAR Members:

My husband, Paul Orfalea, and I are writing this letter in support of the proposed project at 1154 Channel Drive. We ask that the Montecito Board of Architectural Review expedite the approval of this project exactly as it is and we hope that the MBAR will let the Olsten family move ahead to the building phase as quickly as possible.

Paul and I are both long term members of the Montecito community and we currently own a home at 1130 Channel Drive, just a few doors down from the Olsten project. Although we've chosen to stay as a one-story residence, we have no objection to any one on Channel Drive building a two-story home; as long as it's within the current height and size restrictions as set out by Santa Barbara County and the MBAR. The Olsten project is well within the rules and codes. In fact, the existing dilapidated house, on this almost 1/2 acre site, is already two stories.

My husband and I have reviewed the plans for the proposed residence and found them to be beautiful, tasteful and moderate. They offer an enormous improvement over what is currently on this site. The Olsten home will be a wonderful addition to an already beautiful street. We would like to point out that improving homes on Channel Drive is not just beneficial to local property owners, but it also adds value to the entire community, especially due to the importance of attracting quality tourism on Butterfly Beach.

We, as a community, are very fortunate that the Olstens have chosen to make Channel Drive their home. Another owner might decide to keep this house in it's current run-down condition and create a short-term vacation rental. We have enough problems on Channel Drive with litter, late-night parties and homeless people without adding more vacation rentals. Montecito residents who are involved in our local community and care about their properties make Butterfly Beach a safer and better quality area for our entire community to enjoy. Clearly, by looking at the high end designs of the Olsten project, this family plans to cherish their dream home.

On a more personal note, Paul and I had the opportunity to meet Cheryl Olsten and her husband Steve Grabowski when they were last in town. They are a delightful couple with grown children and they are anxious to make Montecito their home. They are from the East coast where they created a wonderful year-round fresh farmer's market in their community, published

a local magazine for many years and are still very active as animal rights activist. Paul and I will be thrilled to have them as new neighbors.

Paul is, unfortunately, out of town on October 12th, but I will attend the MBRA review meeting and speak on behalf of this project. It is very unfortunate that approval for this project is taking so long as it is not in our community's best interest to hold up high-quality building projects such as this one.

Sincerely

Jane Wood Orfalea

Paul Orfalea