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Lenzi, Chelsea

Subject: FW: CASA DORINDA EIR

On Jan 28, 2016, at 2:26 PM, "Kayemw59@aol.com" <Kayemw59@aol.com> wrote:

Salud:

I am writing as one of your longtime supporters, and also recipient of outstanding response from you and your staff with prior requests

This time I am asking for your vote to overturn the decision of the Montecito Planning Commission to require yet another Environmental Impact Review on the bridge involved in the Casa Dorinda expansion plan. Quite frankly, this whole thing has gone far enough -- too far, in fact -- and the current plan is the best design solution available. This expansion is a much-needed addition to a facility that provides top-notch service to a key segment of our community. David and I, along with a large number of our friends, have joined the wait list, anticipating the day that we no longer wish to maintain a large home. We can only hope that the expansion will have been completed by that time. With the continued delaying tactics by a small minority -- sadly, the norm for every proposal in this community -- we may be waiting long past our ideal time for that move.

Please vote to override the MPC request at your February meeting.

Kaye Willette

Kaye Willette

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From: Roger C. Dunham <dunham.rc@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 11:46 AM
To: supervisorcarbajal@sbcbsosl.org
Cc: kayars@cox.net; sbcob; Wolf, Janet; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Medical concerns re elderly patients

Dear Supervisor Carbajal-

As a recently-retired physician with 40 years medical service to the community of Santa Barbara and as a member of the Casa Dorinda Board of Directors, I am writing to express my concerns about the recent actions by the 3 members of the Montecito Planning Commission to reject the replacement of our retirement community's ancient exit bridge spanning a river bed near our south entrance. The old bridge not only may be unable to sustain the weight of emergency vehicles during evacuation efforts associated with medical emergencies during a future El Niño inundation, but the potential loss of the bridge by such a collapse would prevent paramedics from being able to transport gravely ill residents to the emergency room in a timely manner. Replacement of the bridge has been requested by the fire department, and in consideration of potential storm-related risks of blocked paramedic evacuations, it is urgent from a medical standpoint that the bridge be replaced as soon as possible. The proposed replacement will use many of the existing stones on the current bridge, and in spite of a very similar appearance, the new bridge will be stronger, wider, and more capable of handling emergency traffic. Also, it will allow larger storm-surges to flow under the bridge rather than overflowing the bridge and flooding into streets and nearby homes as has been the case in the past.

The members of the Montecito Planning Commission have blocked our efforts to replace the bridge promptly and have demanded an EIR report for the construction of the new bridge—the above information (that should be compellingly persuasive) has been communicated to these three individuals and yet they have rejected it for no definable reason; there is simply no understandable rationale for a delay of 1+ years with additional expenses likely to exceed \$500,000 and increased risk to our elderly residents. The public supports this project and there has been no adverse comments at any public forum in Montecito or Santa Barbara.

I urge you to lead the Board of Supervisors to bring an element of common sense to this project which, if not completed in a timely manner, threatens the lives and safety of the aged residents of our facility. If you have any questions, I would be happy to speak with you at any time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roger C. Dunham, M.D.
Cell: 805 680-0627
Home: 805 964-4949

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From: Chuck Sheldon <cwsnhri@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 2:45 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: kayars@cox.net; sbcob@santa-barbara.ca.us
Subject: Casa Dorinda Appeal

Supervisor,

Having been Mayor of my former home city and a Planning Commissioner for eight years I would like to implore you to grant this appeal based on the thoughtful and detailed work done by Casa on their plant upgrades.

The reasons are many but the main one is fairness. Requiring more hoops and more fees and more time the Montecito PC callously delayed approval for clearly spurious reasons and without any rational.

The Casa application has been vetted by many groups but most importantly the neighbors. They are enthusiastic supporters and appreciate the tedious detail Casa provided.

Please help Casa provide the extended care your seniors in Santa Barbara need.

Thank you

Chuck Sheldon
Casa waiting list
Sent From My iPhone

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: John E. Parkerson <parkgall@att.net>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 8:51 AM
To: supervisorcarbajal@sbcboal.org
Cc: kayars@cox.net; sbcob
Subject: Case Dorinda proposed bridge project

This is to support the plan proposed for bridge repair by Casa Dorinda without further EIR action.

Thank you,

John Parkerson

Lenzi, Chelsea

Subject: FW: The Casa Dorinda Development Project

From: Candace White <cwbueno@gmail.com>

Date: January 29, 2016 at 8:13:29 AM PST

To: supervisorcarbajal@sbcbos1.org

Subject: **The Casa Dorinda Development Project**

Dear Salud,

Working with you in the past has been very productive and I wish you the best in your campaign for Congress.

Now I am hoping you will give your attention to making sure the Plans for Casa Dorinda are approved. The plan addresses the needs of Casa Dorinda residents, the neighbor's and the larger community.

Dissenters of plan seemed to have two concerns: the entrance and the old historical bridge. The entrance need be less confusing and safer which will be accomplished with a four way stop. The bridge replacement is not an aesthetic choice but rather one of made for safety concerns.

Although you appointed the members of the Montecito Planning commission. I question the professionalism of two of them. They were not able to make a decision in the first two sessions and then turned it down at the third, 3 to 2, for what seemed to be personal preferences.

In the 30 plus years that I have lived in Montecito and the 20 years or so more in Santa Barbara, I have never attended a hearing that had such full approval from the neighbor's and agencies involved and yet had the project denied.

As you know delays are expensive. This project not financed by a large corporation; it is resident financed and it needs to be completed as soon as possible.

Yours truly, Candace

Sent from my iPad

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Michael and Ruth Deeley <deeley2@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 2:24 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Kirsten Ayars; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Casa Dorinda Master Plan

CASA DORINDA MASTER PLAN

Supervisor Salud Carbajal,

Please help us. This wonderful project endorsed by all, has hit a road block. 3 Members of the Montecito Planning Commission who cannot or don't choose to understand why the Southern bridge on the property has to be rebuilt, are requesting an EIR on this. There is no justification for this as you can see by all the recommendations from the Experts. We need a new bridge (built to look like the old one) to cope with life in the 21st Century and for the safety of Casa Dorinda Residents and Staff.

We want to proceed with this project as soon as possible to bring the Medical Facilities up to date for the needs of an increasing older population in Montecito and to provide more independent living accommodation for the Waiting list of Residents.

Please help us make this happen.

Ruth Deeley GR402

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Dwight Coffin <dwrightcc@sover.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 10:41 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal@scbbos1.org; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen;
"peter,adam"@countyofsb.org; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: sbcob; Kirsten Ayars
Subject: Casa Dorinda Master Plan

February 4, 2016

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I write you to support Casa Dorinda's request that the Board of Supervisors overturn the request of 3 members of the Montecito Planning Commission (MPC) for an EIR on Casa's proposed bridge replacement because:

- the MPC decision is based on the personal design preferences of a few Commissioners and not the California Environmental Quality Act
- the alternatives have been studied, and only the proposed project is feasible and safe -Casa's project has broad community support including: Casa residents, neighbors, Montecito Association, American Heart Association, Music Academy of the West, Santa Barbara Symphony, Boys and Girls Club -additional study means excess time (1 year delay) and money (\$500,000)

The proposed bridge replacement will prevent environmental damage. There is no evidence that this project or any of its aspects could result in significant adverse impacts.

Casa's new bridge is supported by County Staff, Departments and Local Experts who agree that additional study will not provide a better alternative.

Thank you for your consideration of Casa Dorinda's request.

Sincerely,
Dwight C. Coffin

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Antoinette (Toni) Gump Amorteguy <toniga@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 2:50 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbosl.org
Cc: Kirsten Ayars; sbcob
Subject: Casa Dorinda

Dear Supervisor Carbajal,

I am joining others in requesting the Board of Supervisors overturn the Planning Commission's EIR request and bridge replacement change.

I live at Casa Dorinda and have been supportive of their building project (where I wasn't, they eventually agreed and changed the plan). I know neighbors who were upset about the project before but all their concerns were also addressed and changed and are now supportive.

It is highly unusual to have a project this size so fully supported. SO it was shocking to see a few of the Commissioners question the project where several other agencies had passed it with flying colors.

Every day we wait for approval or are asked for expensive studies the project is slowed and adds to our costs. Many of us here are not with deep pockets, though that is the impression. We are a non-profit and must be wise with our finances, especially to protect those who are on fixed incomes.

In hoping you can help,

Antoinette Amorteguy

(Please see the New Bridge details Csa Dorinda provided for more information)

Clerk, Can you please make sure that all supervisors receive this e-mail. thank you

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From: Michael Deeley <michaeldeeley32@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 2:33 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Wolf, Janet; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: CASA DORINDA MASTER PLAN

Supervisor Salud Carjabal

I am writing to ask you and the Board of Supervisors to overturn the request from 3 Members of the Montecito Planning Commission for an EIR on Casa Dorinda's proposed bridge replacement.

Please note that all the County Staff, Departments and Local Experts have supported the proposed replacement which firmly suggests that it does not need an EIR which would mean further delay and costs. We have gone to great lengths to design a bridge that does not have significant environmental impacts.

The 3 MPC Members' hostility to the bridge replacement seems to be based on no valid objections.

We need to get going on this project for the sake of the Montecito Community and Casa's Residents and Staff.

Please help us.

Michael Deeley GR402

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Maryan Schall <schall.ms.rl@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 5:18 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal
Cc: kayars@cox.net; sbcob
Subject: Casa Dorinda's Appeal

I so hope you will uphold Casa Dorinda's appeal of the Montecito Planning Commission's request for an environmental impact report on the bridge issue that is included in Casa's master plan to enhance living and medical conditions on the property. The bridge replacement has been thoroughly reviewed and approved by all concerned parties, including the Montecito Fire Department. All have agreed that the proposed project is the most feasible and safest.

This unnecessary EIR would mean another year-long delay to Casa's vital master plan project and would incur another \$500,000 in cost.

That being the case, please uphold Casa's appeal! The Casa master plan will benefit seniors in our community and has been delayed too long already.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would forward this email to the other supervisors. Thank you, Maryan Schall

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: beuretp@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2016 5:54 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; sbcob; sbcob; Farr, Doreen; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; kayars@cox.net
Subject: Help Casa Dorinda and seniors in our community

We strongly support the Casa Dorinda Master Plan project as presented. The whole idea of increased quality housing and health care for seniors in Montecito is a good one. We are in the process of moving there.

We strongly approve of the plan for the bridge at the entrance. For safety's sake something has to be done about that bridge which has come to the end of its useful life and is no longer reliable. We don't want a disaster there. The plan to keep the old stone cladding, remake the bridge to current standards, and then re-clad with the original stone is the perfect solution that combines aesthetics, tradition and safety.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Peter and Linda Beuret
Casa Dorinda, Montecito
and 1547 La Coronilla
Santa Barbara

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: sbcob
Subject: FW: Casa Dorinda Master Plan

From: julia allen <gjallen2@me.com>
Date: February 5, 2016 at 7:51:19 PM PST
To: <supervisorcarbajal@sbcbos1.org>
Cc: <kayers@cox.net>, <sbcob@santabarbara.ca.us>
Subject: Casa Dorinda Master Plan

As a Casa Dorinda resident,I urge you to overturn the 3. Members of the Montecito Planning Commission's recommendation for an EIR on the bridge replacement.
Julia Allen

Sent from my iPad

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: sbcob
Subject: FW: Help Casa Dorinda and seniors in our community

From: beuretp@aol.com
Date: February 7, 2016 at 5:54:19 PM PST
To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org, sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us, sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us,
dfarr@countyofsb.org, peter.adam@countyofsb.org, steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org, kayars@cox.net
Subject: **Help Casa Dorinda and seniors in our community**

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Santa Barbara

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From: sbcob
Subject: FW: Tues. 2/16/16 Casa Dorinda Master Plan Appeal

From: "John Bruch" <susjoh3@gmail.com>
Date: February 9, 2016 at 4:15:47 PM PST
To: <SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org>
Cc: <jwolf@sbcbos2.org>, <dfarr@countyofsb.org>, <peter.adam@countyofsb.org>, <steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org>
Subject: RE: Tues. 2/16/16 Casa Dorinda Master Plan Appeal

Re: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 Casa Dorinda Master Plan Appeal

Dear Supervisor Carbajal and Fellow Board Members,

As a homeowner in Montecito of 49 years, it has been interesting to observe the necessary journey of many building/improvement projects seeking approval from the appropriate "Powers-That-Be". Some proposals, as we all know, have been more meritorious than others.

One that is currently noteworthy is Casa Dorinda's Master Plan seeking to bring their greatly out-dated campus up to the high standards worthy of our Community as well as worthy of their residents, many of whom for years previously lived in their own Montecito homes. The approval process of this project has been arduous for all concerned and the end result has the unusual support of many respectable parties, most important of which, are the adjacent neighbors and the venerable Montecito Association – a tribute to the cooperative "Spirit" of Montecito that is so choice.

In light of this, it is of great concern that 3 Montecito Planning Commissioners have now delayed the moving forward of the Master Plan due to design preferences concerning the Stone Bridge that they deem worthy of an Environmental Impact Report. While "legally" it is in their power to do so, I question the excessiveness of this request and its dire consequences to the forward momentum of Casa Dorinda's carefully planned project.

It is at this point that I would like to share an observation that is not intended to be taken personally by the 3 Commissioners: There almost seems to be a "ritual of delay" that projects are doomed to experience when seeking approval. It is as if it would be "against the rules" for one such as Casa Dorinda's, that has sought and satisfied the concerns of all parties, to be allowed to move forward in a timely fashion. Often minor details are utilized to prevent such a sacrilege and, as we all know, if looking for a means to implement this "ritual", details for delay can always be found.

If my words seem too harsh, please forgive me. Regardless, I would like to heartily suggest that the Board of Supervisors consider the appeal of Casa Dorinda with the bigger picture in mind. It is a project that has earned both coveted and significant supporters of its goal to enhance a

treasured “Jewel” of Montecito’s past... a “Jewel” that has become quite rough around the edges in regards to the plant itself as well as in regards to its ability to adequately provide critical services for its residents.

With greatest respect for your thoughtful considerations,

Professor John C. Bruch, Jr.

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Board Letters
Subject: FW: Casa Dorinda Master Plan

From: Harriet Callier <hacallier@sbcglobal.net>
Date: February 1, 2016 at 2:04:12 PM PST
To: "supervisorcarbajal@sbcbos1.org" <supervisorcarbajal@sbcbos1.org>
Cc: "kayars@cox.net" <kayars@cox.net>, "sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us" <sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
Subject: Casa Dorinda Master Plan
Reply-To: Harriet Callier <hacallier@sbcglobal.net>

Dear Supervisor Carbajal,

My request is simple. I am encouraging you to move forward with the Casa Dorinda project and overturn a vote by three members of the Montecito Planning Commission for an EIR on the proposed bridge replacement..

The plan will benefit both the residents and the community. It has been approved by the neighbors and all the county agencies. I am on the wait list and look forward to moving to Casa Dorinda once the project is complete.

Please act swiftly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harriet Callier
1240 Bonita Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91107
626-793-1019

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Board Letters
Subject: FW: Casa Dorinda Appeal

From: Ted Stern <tsstern32@gmail.com>
Date: February 1, 2016 at 5:27:46 PM PST
To: Salud Carbajal <SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org>
Subject: Casa Dorinda Appeal

Supervisor Salud Carbajal
County Board of Supervisors
Santa Barbara, CA

Re: Casa Dorinda Appeal

Dear Salud:

There is a strong rationale for you to lead your fellow Supervisors in granting the appeal of Casa Dorinda to overturn the 3/2 request of the MPC for a "focused" EIR on the proposed bridge replacement. Under CEQA guidelines a Negative or Mitigated Negative Declaration should have been the outcome of the over 20 hours of MPC hearings, as recommended by County staff.

Candidly Salud, as a witness to these hearings their length and the outcome are an embarrassment to the MPC process and a disservice to the community and to Casa. Early on there arose concerns that the substitution of personal lay opinion might trump the informed analysis and recommendations of professionals including County staff and engineers, Fire District management, a biologist, an arborist and two architectural historians. The bridge in question is visible from a short northbound stretch of Olive Mill Rd if one looks away from the roadway about 100 yards off to the right. I doubt that 99% of Montecitans are aware of its existence. That the hearing process with its time and cost to all parties has come down to this matter is truly an embarrassment.

Casa Dorinda, working with the Montecito Association, met with neighbors, resolved issues, modified plans and has produced a plan to which there is no opposition. It deserves the granting of its appeal. I hope that you will support this request. I have a few more comments on this process and will call to request a brief personal meeting with you during the week of Feb. 8.

Regards,

Ted Stern
(18yr. resident of School House Rd and off-campus member of Casa Dorinda)

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Daniel Creasey <dcreasey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2016 11:49 PM
To: supervisorcarbajal@sbcboal.org
Cc: kayars@cox.net; sbcob
Subject: Casa Dornda

Sir:

We are writing to urge you to support the immediate approval of the Casa Dorinda development plan.

Respectfully, Dan & Carolyn Creasey

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Jean Keely <jbkeely805@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2016 10:18 AM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: kayars@cox.net; sbcob
Subject: Casa Dorinda Master Plan

Dear Supervisor Carbajal,

As a resident of Casa Dorinda I am writing this request to overturn the request by three members of the Montecito Planning Commission (MPC) for an IER on Casa's proposed bridge replacement because:

1. The MPC decision is based on the personal design preferences of a few Commissioners and not the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. The Alternatives have been looked at, and only the proposed project is feasible and safe.
3. Casa's project has broad based community support - Casa residents, neighbors, Montecito Association, American Heart Association, Music Academy of the West, Santa Barbara Symphony, Boys and Girls Club
4. Additional study means excess time (1year delay) and money (\$500,000 +).

I hope that the Board of Supervisors can resolve this matter in a way that benefits the entire community of Montecito and the residents of Casa Dorinda.

Thank you