

Ramirez, Angelica

Public Comment- Group 2

From: Alison Grube <aligrube@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:47 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Harmon, Nereyda
Subject: Request you deny the Nesbitt Appeal for personal heliport ref. Case 19 APL-00000-00029



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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I request you please deny the Nesbitt application (**Case No:** 19 APL-00000-00029) on July 7th to fly personal use helicopters to and from his Summerland home. The County Planning Commission has already found reasons to deny this and our community has spoken loudly and with strong words against this. I live one mile from the proposed helipad and Nesbitt property and can tell you I hear helicopters from many miles away coming in and we already have too much traffic in the area. I find it terribly inconsiderate of Mr. Nesbitt to appeal the decision when the community and the Planning Commission has already spoken loudly against this. In addition to this being unsafe, disturbing the character of our neighborhoods, being loud and disruptive, and will open the door for the 11 other properties that Mr. Nesbitt has stated (he stated this on public record to the PC) are also currently still landing illegally on their properties in the area to request permits....The community does not want this! I do not want this. We want enforcement on the problem that exists, not the allowing of one. No one is an exception. These private landings cannot be allowed. We need enforcement on the problem and your support to deny the appeal and address the problem we are having. I beg you to uphold what the community is asking for and not the wish of one private landowner to have this convenience. I find his appeal to be rude and disconnected with the neighborhood and community and please consider the following in your decision to please deny the request.

- Private helicopters are disruptive to our neighborhoods: We do not want personal use helicopters flying in and out of our neighborhoods because they are loud, intrusive, rattle windows, disrupt peace and privacy, etc. I have many videos and records and complaints I have sent about loud helicopters, low helicopters, watching helicopters tour the Polo Fields and area and landing close to my home. These are loud disruptive, unsafe and especially now that I work from a home office I am negatively impacted on most days.

Here is an example of one day... the day I finally was able to get enforcement on a property behind the Polo Fields. This was at 3340 Foothill/Klentner Ranch which is also about a mile as the crow flies from my home. I have seen helicopters landing on this property many times, but it was only on June 3rd that I was able to get enforcement on it because a road worker was able to catch the video of the helicopter landing direct on the property.

Note how the private helicopter came in over my home and then did a tour of the neighborhood and the polo field before coming back to land. Please review all files in the link.

Here is the link to the dropbox folder I created of all the videos of the Helicopter approach which came in over my house, then went along the back of Serena Park, then did a fly over view of the Polo Fields, went out and turned around over the ocean and made its approach back to the property. I also have videos and a report I made on this property I will find from a while back. Please add to this report that this appears to be part of Polo Season and that since Polo Horses started showing up, so have the helicopters. There has been a huge uptick in helicopters in the past few weeks.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cw9nv91tp5utgw6/AABsj6oMg4mRx2o_42KuEXyGa?dl=0

- There will be many more after this request and it is not ok: This would be the first permit issued on the South Coast to fly personal use helicopters to and from private property. This will set bad precedent because once the County opens the door to 1 person, it will be very difficult to deny another a similar request. And, there are 20+ properties in the immediate area that could make similar requests, which if granted will destroy the nature of our community. We are in neighborhoods and want to keep the quality of our neighborhoods free of private helicopters. As I have stated above, this will open the door for the 11 other properties that Mr. Nesbitt has stated (in his comment as a past PC hearing) are also currently still landing illegally on their properties in the area to request permits....The community does not want this! I do not want this. We want enforcement on the problem that exists, not the allowing of one. No one is an exception. These private landings cannot be allowed. We need enforcement on the problem and your support to deny the appeal and address the problem we are having.

- This is an unenforceable request: the proposed routing and use limitations are unenforceable! The FAA does not regulate helicopter routing and the County has no way to either, so the routes proposed by the applicant cannot and will not be enforceable, which makes the proposed routing a useless condition of approval.

The request also states that flights will be limited to 2 round trips per week, by a copter no louder than a Roberts R44 with landings in the middle of the polo field on his property. There is absolutely no way for the County to enforce any of those proposed limitations. I have been trying to get enforcement of properties near me that I have witnessed landing for years now, but it is near impossible. After years of reports and sighting of private landings I finally was able to provide the evidence requested which was from a worker on the street below the helicopter as it landed. Please review the files at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cw9nv91tp5utgw6/AABsj6oMg4mRx2o_42KuEXyGa?dl=0 and see that by the time it takes me to drive to the property to get proof of the helicopter landing, it is already on the ground AND that this is a large gated property, so I am unable to trespass and get the proof that is being asked for.

For the Nesbitt property, I have seen many helicopters use his property and it is near impossible to catch. A typical day... I would see the helicopter come in, but in the time it also takes me to get to his property (get in the car, start the car drive to the street, park, pull out my camera) the helicopter has already landed since he is only one mile from my home.

Note: For over 20 years Mr. Nesbitt has been illegally flying helicopters into his property. He has only been caught once. So neither trip nor sound limitations are enforceable. And Mr. Nesbitt has built (by his own marketing admissions) a million-dollar Hermes-styled helicopter hanger at the corner of Lambert Road and Via Real. He also has this property listed as for sale which is dangerous! A new owner could have as many flights an different aircraft as he or she wanted. Mt Nesbitt also uses his property for large events and gatherings and if he had a helipad would potentially use it to shuttle guests. After dropping off passengers near the home, the copter will of course be flown to that hanger for storage. Just as the County has been unable to stop over 20 years of illegal flights, it will be unable to enforce these conditions of approval, so the community will not be protected from future violations if the permit is issued.

And of course...

- There is an Airport nearby that should be used: Santa Barbara's airport is a 15-minute drive from the Nesbitt property. The airport exists to service air travel. Our neighborhoods should not be converted into helicopter communities. Currently there is already too much traffic going over our heads and heading to Santa Maria coming in off the ocean to the North County. I live one mile from the proposed helipad and Nesbitt property and can tell you I hear helicopters from many miles away coming in and we already have too much traffic in the area that takes a short cut up to Santa Maria & North County or uses the land over our homes when the coastal fog is dense. We are already impacted by too much traffic in our area and other offenders flying too low. It is a full-time job to try and prove what is happening. I am finally working with the FAA as a result of a congressional request. You will have more from the FAA as they collect more information from me.

I beg you to please deny this appeal and protect our neighborhoods and to please uphold the original decision of the PC.

(note: the links below are from the Dropbox link shared above, but of specific videos to point out)

I beg you to please stop this kind of activity

at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cw9nv91tp5utgw6/AABsj6oMq4mRx2o_42KuEXyGa?dl=0

Which leads to this...

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And let me know if you want to see more proof of how private helipads cannot be approved in our area. I have lots of it.

Thank you.

Signed,

Alison Grube

Serena Park Homeowner

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Alison Grube <aligrube@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:15 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve
Subject: Fwd: Helicopter heading to Nesbitt property Friday afternoon 300 pm - ref towards Carpinteria Valley Farms Helistop Appeal at 7/7/20 BOS
Attachments: IMG_9558.MOV; ATT00001.htm

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This is in reference to **Carpinteria Valley Farms Helistop Appeal at 7/7/20 BOS**.

Please note this report and I will have more for you in one email after at the end of the weekend. I have indeed witnessed this black helicopter landing on the Nesbitt property. I will combine all my reports for you to view in one email to lay out what is happening.

Please do NOT let this appeal go through.

Begin forwarded message:

From: [aligrube <aligrube@cox.net>](mailto:aligrube@cox.net)
Subject: Helicopter heading to Nesbitt property Friday afternoon 300 pm
Date: June 5, 2020 at 3:08:19 PM PDT
To: Nereyda Harmon <nmontano@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
Cc: Das Williams <DWilliams@countyofsb.org>, Christopher Schmuckal <cschmuckal@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>

This helicopter is so loud and flies low and is the black helicopter that has been landing at the Nesbett property. Please find a way to enforce on this. This is from my backyard and I can't get to the property in time to witness at Landing. I have seen a black helicopter landing on the property THIS helicopter is often in the area. Since polo season has started and the Miramar hotel is also open we have had such an uptick and helicopters that the landing of these private helicopters or tours or whatever they are doing on private property must stop.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: DEBORAH Loeb <debloeb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 12:34 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: DEBORAH Loeb
Subject: Nesbitt Appeal

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To: Board of Supervisors At: sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us Re: Nesbitt Appeal Case No: 19 APL-00000-00029

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to you to strongly request that you deny the use of private helicopter landings in Montecito, and Santa Barbara. The beauty, quiet and peace of the community will be severely impacted in a negative way. This should be an easy denial for the good of the community.

Kindest regards,
Tom and Deborah Loeb
1417 East Mountain Drive
Montecito, CA 94920

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Ben Wiener <brw565@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 3:39 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Harmon, Nereyda
Subject: Nesbitt / Carpinteria Farms Helispot Application Case No. 19CUP-00000-00004
Attachments: BW Let to BOS 7-1-20.docx

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Please present to the Board of Supervisors prior to the July 7, 2020 hearing.

Please read the body of the letter and the highlighted in yellow portion of the marketing info into the record at the hearing.

Ben Wiener

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July 1, 2020

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
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Via E-Mail to: sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
nharmon@countyofsb.org

Re: Nesbitt / Carpinteria Farms Helispot Application
Case No. 19CUP-00000-00004

Dear Board Members:

We request your Board take the following actions for the following reasons:

- a. Deny the Nesbitt application** because the uses proposed:
1. will be detrimental to the health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare of most within surrounding neighborhoods;
 2. are incompatible with the surrounding areas;
 3. threaten the health and safety and welfare of the public using trails surrounding applicant's property;
 4. will open Pandora's Helistop Box, creating unavoidable, significant and foreseeable impacts from cumulative effects triggered by additional permits issued for similar uses with similar conditions on over 20 properties within 1 mile of the subject property sufficient to convert our neighborhoods into helicopter commuter communities, which most of us are adamantly opposed to;
 5. will result in a significant, adverse increase in the cumulative impacts on the environment which cannot be mitigated (by any conditions of approval) below a level of significance;
 6. will impair the peace and enjoyment of our neighborhoods;
 7. are inferior to the environmentally superior alternative, which is using the Santa Barbara Airport, a 15-minute drive away; and

8. will impinge upon local property owner's privacy rights.

b. Amend applicable codes to significantly increase the penalties to property owners who, without appropriate permits, allow private (non-emergency responder) helicopters to use their properties;

c. Amend applicable codes to ban all personal use helicopter landings on private properties from Carpinteria thru Goleta; and

d. Work with the Santa Barbara Airport Authority and the FAA to require all copter traffic between LA and Santa Barbara to travel 2 miles off shore from the SB County line with Ventura County to Santa Barbara's airport. This is exactly the same type of routing request that communities near airports have successfully made to reduce noise impacts from airport take-offs and landings.

A few supporting points:

1. **Pandora's Helistop Box will be opened if approved.** The 3 properties bordering Applicants have exactly the same submittal criteria, meaning they will receive similar Land Use Permits if this permit application is granted. The result?

a. Impacts increase to 624 flights / year (12 / week x 52), a significant and foreseeable adverse impact that can neither be mitigated nor prevented once you open the door to this use.

b. And, there are over 20 properties within 1 mile of applicant's property which can apply for similar land use entitlements under similar conditions. That won't happen all at once, but in short order, there will be a beehive of helicopters buzzing overhead. Our peaceful community will be forever changed into a helicopter commuter community. 99.9% of us do not want this to happen.

2. The **proposed conditions of approval** limiting the number of flights, the sound levels, and routing are **unenforceable**, and hence useless conditions.

a. Once airborne; only the FAA can control routing.

b. You have no way to monitor the # of flights / week.

c. You have no way to monitor the decibel levels.

d. You have not way to limit / monitor where landings take place.

The only way to monitor landings is to limit them to the airport. The county has proven incapable of limiting illegal use (on this property for over 20 years), so how does it expect to be able to monitor conditions of a legalized use?

The following is a copy of marketing data for Applicants for sale property. You will note that Mr. Nesbitt built a “Hermes-themed Helicopter Hanger” which is not permitted for that use. It is our understanding that the building was permitted as an ‘agricultural accessory building’ to house equipment, not helicopters. How will the county prevent applicant and future owners from landing copters near their home and then low flying it to the hanger? It can’t.

Because the County cannot make the findings necessary to approve this permit application, the appeal requesting a conditional use permit for a private helistop should be denied.

Respectfully submitted.

Ben & Mary Wiener

Cc: Nereyda Harmon, Planner @ nmontano@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

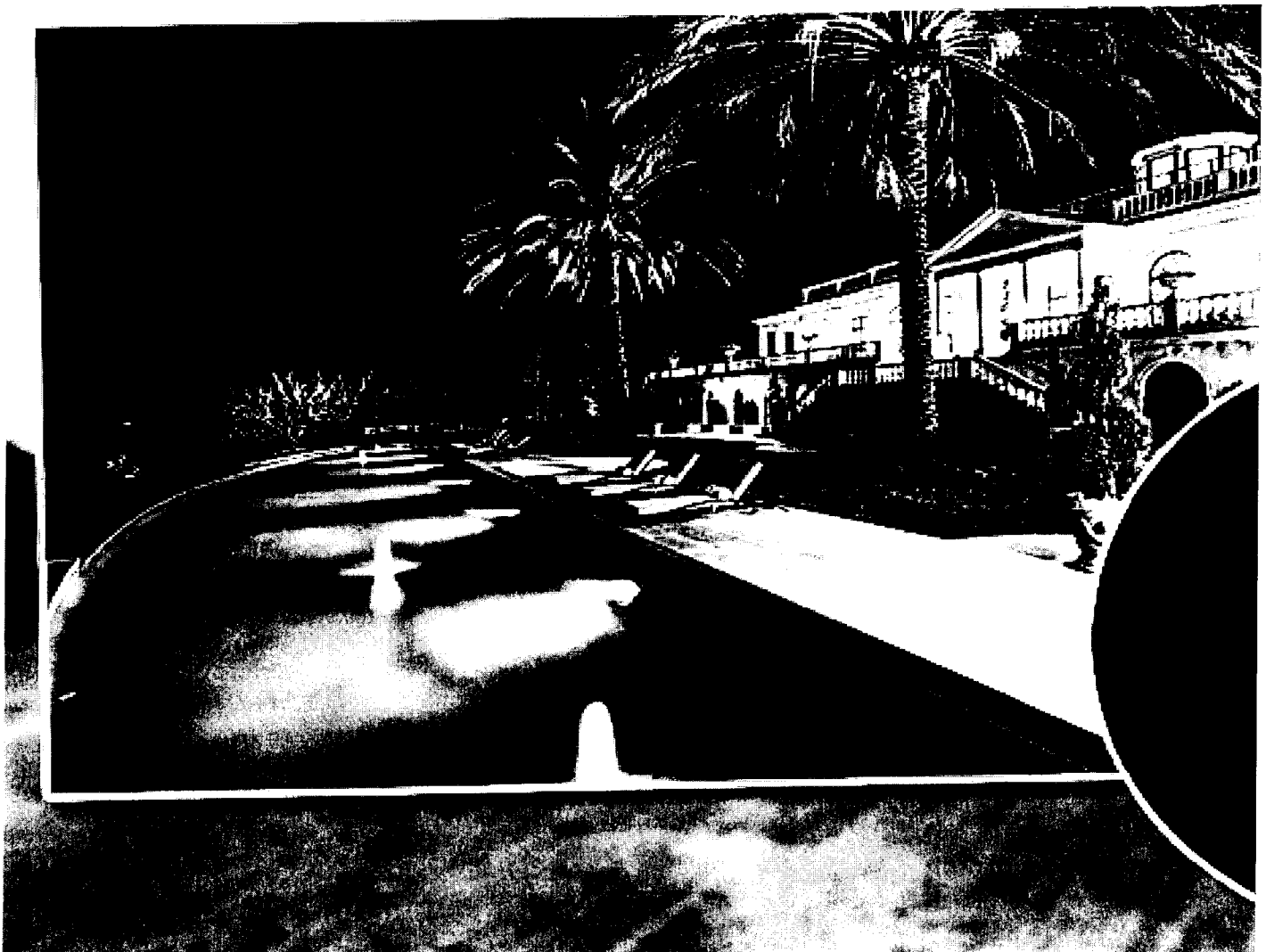
Hermes-themed helipad included: Hotelier Patrick Nesbitt lists Montecito mansion

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June 3, 2019



Patrick Nesbitt is downsizing from his 43K-sf home, which includes a 5K-bottle wine cellar and butterfly reserve

The CEO of Embassy Suites' parent company is selling his 43,000-square-foot oceanfront home in Montecito, where celebrities like Oprah Winfrey and Ellen DeGeneres also own homes, *The Real Deal* has learned.

Patrick Nesbitt, who founded and is head of Windsor Capital Group, wants \$65 million for his Montecito mansion on 20 acres. **It includes a helipad in Hermes colors**, a horse stable and a monumental wine cellar. The move comes amid a general luxury market slowdown in the region, with properties lingering or selling at sharp discounts. In January, DeGeneres paid **\$27 million** for her Bali-inspired Montecito mansion, which was down from the \$40 million price tag it started at.

Nesbitt's property, dubbed the Secret Wine Garden Estate, has four different structures with 11 bedrooms and 22 bathrooms. There is a 20-horse stable, full-size polo field and a 5,000-bottle wine cellar with attached tasting room. And there's more: Other amenities include a nightclub, "man cave" with a sports bar, a protected butterfly reserve, horse trail, Japanese garden, putting green, and a 128-foot swimming pool.

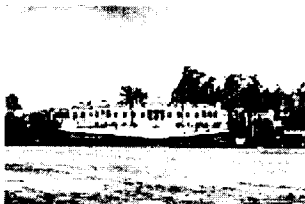
He is chairman and CEO of Santa Monica-based Windsor Capital. The company is the largest private owner and operator of Embassy Suites by Hilton hotels, and manages other hospitality assets under Marriott brand.

Listing broker Shawn Elliott of Nestseekers said Nesbitt is selling his expansive estate because he and his wife are looking to downsize. Though it's not clear by how much. Nesbitt is building nine homes on a 45-acre spread nearby, Elliott added. He plans to hold onto one of the homes for his personal use.

To attract a wide range of buyers, Nesbitt recently spent "millions" to add a "Hermes Helicopter Hangar" to the property, according to marketing materials. Elliott said the hangar is accented with Hermes colors, and spans about 5,000 square feet.

Nesbitt built and has owned the home for the last two decades, Elliott added. It's unclear how much he paid for the land at the time.

For years, celebrities and other ultra-wealthy individuals have been turning to Montecito. That includes DeGeneres, a serious investor of high-end homes investor. In addition to the \$27 million property she bought, DeGeneres sold another home in the area to Tinder co-founder Sean Rad, who last month put it on the market for **\$12.7 million**.



Montecito Oceanfront Polo Estate
\$65,000,000

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Nick Weber <nweber@weberlogistics.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 4:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: PATRICK NESBITT CASE #19APL-0000-00029

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From: Nick Weber
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 4:33 PM
To: 'barbara.ca.us' <sbcob@co.santa>
Subject: PATRICK NESBITT CASE #19APL-0000-00029

County supervisors,

NO – Mr. Nesbitt should NOT be granted a permit to operate helicopters on his property east of Summerland.

1. Emergency helipads are not needed in this area. During the mud slides emergency helicopters found temporary landing pads a Birnam Wood Golf Club which is walking distance from the Nesbitt property.
2. He has already be operating illegally. You would be rewarding him for his offensive and illegal activity.
3. The surrounding community does not want to hear the noise that helicopters make. Mr. Nesbitt should be a better neighbor.
4. Mr. Nesbitt puts his pants on one leg at a time like the rest of us. He should use the airport like the rest of us.

Keep our County special. NO PERMIT.

Nick and Patty Weber
529 Las Fuentes Dr
Montecito, California

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Amelia Carleton <ameliacarleton@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 5:34 PM
To: sbcob; Villalobos, David; Harmon, Nereyda
Subject: Nesbitt / Carpinteria Farms Helispot Appeal Case No. 19CUP-00000-00004

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Dear Board Members:

We request your Board take the following actions:

- a.) Deny the Nesbitt application
- b.) Amend codes to significantly increase penalties to property owners who allow unpermitted private (non-emergency responder) helicopters to use their properties;
- c.) Amend codes to ban all personal use helicopter landings on private properties from Carpinteria thru Goleta; and
- d.) Work with the Santa Barbara Airport Authority and the FAA to require all copter traffic between LA and Santa Barbara to travel 2 miles off shore from the westerly Ventura County boundary to Santa Barbara Airport.

This is exactly the same type of routing request that communities near airports have successfully made to reduce noise impacts from airport take-offs and landings.

Thank you for your help and time. Together we can Stop the Chop.

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From: Margaret Baker <mbaker1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:02 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Nesbitt

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I have a counted 15 helicopters go over my house. It's noisy and and annoying. It's more than annoying and I believe they land at Nesbitt!!

Margaret Baker
Sent from my iPhone

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Amanda McIntyre <anmcin2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:31 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: The Heliport on Via Real proposed by Nesbitt

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PLEASE, PLEASE - i beg of you astute board members...many of us moved here in Carpinteria for its serene nature, peace and quiet - to escape from the chaos of a big city.....
...we volunteer in the town and treasure its small population and friendly nature - BUT installing a heliport will shatter the silence we treasure...

Mr. Nesbitt has pushed many times 1- his sod farm(lower taxes as an agriculture farm-where polo can be played) 2- trying to use Padaro Lane as an address when he lives on Via Real 3 -and now a heliport !

Padaro Lane residents pay taxes to the County of Santa Barbara - - let us enjoy our remaining years of this serene life in solitude and silence of the pounding beat of any helicopters - the airport is just 20 minutes away....

with respect for your final judgement - i pray for PEACE, please.....Amanda McIntyre - 3345 Padaro Lane - 805-684-5075
- a resident of over 50 years.....

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Millie K. Matz <mmatz@sbhotels.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 9:49 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Nesbitt Helistop Appeal Case No: 19

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July 2, 2020

To: Board of Supervisors
sbcob@co.santabarbara.ca.us
Re: Nesbitt Appeal Case No: 19
APL-00000-00029

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I am respectfully requesting that you deny the Nesbitt application to fly their personal use helicopter to and from his Summerland home and use it as a permanent landing pad. I am adamantly opposed to this appeal.

I live on Via Real and the low flying helicopters that fly overhead has continued to increase exponentially over the years. What was 2 times to now over 4 times a day. One time a day is already too much for our neighborhood. Not only is it flying very low, it is very loud and has changed the environment of our neighborhood. It feels that we are moving towards being a metropolitan city versus that town that we are and the quality of life we aspire to. Private helicopter landing permits are uses incompatible in our neighborhoods. Allowing this for one homeowner will certainly open the doors for others too. Please preserve the beauty and the quality of life for our community.

Thank you,
Millie Matz
3115 Via Real
Carpinteria, CA 93013
(805) 895-7520

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Ted Rhodes <rhodes.ted@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 12:29 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Williams, Das; Harmon, Nereyda
Subject: Nesbitt Appeal Case No: 19 APL-00000-00029 – Ted Rhodes Comments
Attachments: Letter Opposing Nesbitt Helistop Appeal.docx

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[Attached and embedded in this email are my public comments for the Board of Supervisors regarding Applicant Appeal of the Carpinteria Valley Farms Helistop Case No. 19APL-00000-00029. Thank you.]

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors & Planning Staff

RE: Applicant Appeal of the Carpinteria Valley Farms Helistop
Case No. 19APL-00000-00029
Denial of Helistop – Carpinteria Valley Farms Helistop Project
(Case Nos. 19CUP-00000-00004 & 19CDP-00000-00055)
by the County Planning Commission on Nov. 7, 2019

DATE: July 2, 2020

I support the Planning & Development staff's conclusion that the applicant's proposed project is meritless and its recommendation that the County Board of Supervisors deny the appeal of the applicant in his attempt to seek retroactive approval of a "helisotop" heliport on his Summerland property.

In addition, I encourage the Board of Supervisors to follow the common sense suggestions from the community for the County to:

- Amend current codes to significantly increase penalties to property owners who allow unpermitted private helicopters to use their properties
- Amend codes to ban all personal use helicopter landings on private properties from Carpinteria thru Goleta
- Work with the Santa Barbara Airport Authority and the FAA to require all copter traffic between LA and Santa Barbara to travel 2 miles off shore from the westerly Ventura County boundary to Santa Barbara Airport.

Regarding the denied Carpinteria Valley Farms Helistop project, the County Planning Commission wisely denied this project earlier and for good reason. We don't need one heliport in our neighborhood, let alone two. Heliports and so-called helistops are not compatible with the quiet, residential, semi-rural character of our neighborhood. The County Planning Commission agreed with that assessment, but here we go again in the western end of the Carpinteria Valley, with the applicant trying. After unpermitted and disturbing use of flying helicopters over our neighborhood for a number of years, the applicant tried to "beg forgiveness" from the County, acquire a permit for this, and convince us all, including County Planning staff, that none of us will hear a helicopter flying over our houses, yards, and streets over the ambient noise of the US 101 to the south of us.

Where we live, the sudden sounds of a helicopter overhead or flying over the freeway is not “masked” by the freeway noise no matter what claims are made by the applicant. Many of us who live near the freeway have long grown accustomed to its white noise. What we have never gotten used to, however, is the whirling and thumping of a helicopter landing and taking off from the applicant’s nearby property or flying past our neighborhood, overhead.

We don’t need one heliport in our neighborhood, let alone two of them. Should another emergency arrive such as a major fire or massive debris flow or other natural disaster, there are plenty of temporary sites in our surrounding neighborhoods such as the Santa Barbara Polo Fields to accommodate emergency landings and take offs of first responder and law enforcement helicopters.

In addition, under section 4.1 aesthetics/visual resources, it is a bit of a misnomer to say there is no impact in the obstruction of any scenic vista or change to the visual character of the area, as the original site had an amazing view through it from Via Real and Padaro Lane all the way to the Santa Ynez mountains, a view now totally blocked by the artificially created 30-foot-high berm of the applicant’s polo field.

A look into the history of this project will show that the applicant called himself a sod farmer rather than a polo player to take advantage of certain agricultural waivers to avoid the restrictions he would have had to face under the County’s local coastal act as well as more oversight by the California Coastal Commission. He wasn’t really planning a sod farm. Everyone knew that this was going to be a polo field. Yet, the applicant and his quasi-sod farm polo field never underwent the proper environmental hearing it should have, as its massive cut and fill project was tacked onto a tree trimming permit over the counter. What had been an amazing view corridor encompassing a view from Via Real and Padaro Lane of the Santa Ynez Mountains through the rolling hills of the property became suddenly and totally blocked by the artificially constructed 30-foot-high berm created for the applicant’s polo field.

A promise was also made publically at the time to the County and our neighborhood by the applicant that he would add nothing in the future to extend the height of the edge of the 30-foot-high field. Yet, a few years later, the applicant went back on his word to the community and persuaded the County to allow him to erect five flag poles at the edge of his field prominently visible from Via Real and Padaro Lane, despite this being a violation of the earlier agreement. Now the applicant is asking the Board of Supervisors to overturn the Planning Commission’s denial of this project so that he can add two helicopter “helistop” landing pads to his ever expanding polo enterprise, a project that never came under the proper review in the first place under our Local Coastal Plan.

Again, I ask that you follow your staff’s conclusions and deny this appeal, in alignment with your Planning Commission’s earlier decision. Enough is enough for our neighborhood. I also encourage the County, in the near future, to pursue banning all personal use helicopter landings on private properties from Carpinteria thru Goleta.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Sincerely,



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Ramirez, Angelica

From: Wendy Spencer <wendyhspencer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 1:41 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Re: Nesbitt / Carpinteria Farms Helispot Appeal Case No. 19CUP-00000-00004

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I think Nesbitt should be allowed to have his helipad. With a flight path over the ocean until the copter is near.

Wendy Spencer, Carpinteria

Sent from my iPhone