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Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 9:27 AM
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Please vote NO on the Village Square subdivision (TR14,608) agreement for construction and dedication of flood control improvements. Although I am not completely against the project, I do feel that it has been an *unreasonable amount of time between the original EIR of 2005 and today's situation*. Is there not a limit of time before an EIR must be repeated?

As a resident of 35+ years I am deeply concerned about the strain on public services that such an increase in population would incur, post office resources, school size & staff ration, miles traveled on our roads, etc.

Also, with the change in climate resulting in more flooding and mudflow hazards I feel the 2005 EIR needs to be repeated to fully address this issue properly. The claim that the Project is not located near a steep slope subject to mudflows is completely erroneous, factually incorrect, and mis-characterizes the County's own

study findings. Reasonable due diligence was *not* exercised at the time the 2005 EIR was certified as complete, substantial evidence was omitted and was not examined, and significant effects of flooding and mudflow hazards are substantially more severe than shown in the 2005 Final EIR. A subsequent EIR is required.

Respectfully, Karen Gearhart-Jensen
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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Please vote NO on A-22, the Agreement for Construction and Dedication of Flood Control Improvements for Village Square Subdivision Homes.

The Legacy Homes EIR states, "The project site is not located near...**steep slopes subject to mudflows, therefore these geological phenomena would not occur.**" The **determination** in the report **contradicts** the findings of **Santa Barbara County's own Flood Control & Water Conservation District and Water Agency.**

A copy of the report was included in the EIR and stated, "Both the Solomon and Purisima Hills soil profile consists of relatively shallow, heavy texture soils with generally low permeability. The low soil permeability and steep (45-50%) slopes combine to

promote very rapid flash flooding conditions within the canyons and at the mouths of canyons where they discharge into the Los Alamos Valley...**potential flood hazard is such that it must be addressed from a public safety perspective within the urban areas of Los Alamos.**" THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE! Putting Los Alamos property and residents in danger.

The final 2005 EIR completely omits analysis of impacts and mitigation regarding mudflow hazards to the Los Alamos Valley. Suppose the County were to approve the Project before preparing an adequate Subsequent EIR to address the now-recognized increased severity of flooding and mudflow hazards. In that case, the County could be held liable to property owners and others who suffer damage from mudflows exacerbated by the approval of the Project.

Flooding is only one of the unmitigated issues identified in the 17-year-old EIR and our attorney's letter to the Board.

I know you are not the Board that initially approved the plan almost two decades ago. But **you are the Board** charged with the decision for final approval.

You are the Board now aware of a glaring omission in this EIR that threatens life and property.

You are the Board that would be responsible for flood damage and loss of life if you vote yes on A-22.

You are the Board that can call for a subsequent EIR. Again, I urge you to vote NO on A-22 and call for a subsequent EIR.

Respectfully,

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Hello,

During the most recent storm, we had significant flooding in the Los Alamos Valley that required closures of roads and highways leading into our town for many days. My own home is not considered to be in a flood zone and we still needed to sandbag our back doors due to flooding impacts. The soils in Los Alamos do not drain effectively, this project is proceeding on a nearly 20 year old premise that needs to be re-evaluated to protect the safety of existing residents. Please vote NO and require a new EIR.

Furthermore, our infrastructure is greatly lacking in Los Alamos and is a safety issue. This should be addressed before adding additional residents to an already strained system. Verizon Wireless offers one to two bars of LTE coverage or non-existent "dead spots" in town. We DO NOT have a high-speed internet provider. We DO NOT have a cable provider. Frontier is at capacity and unable to add new customers, they have also been experiencing system issues for at least two months which leaves residents without a way to contact EMS in the event of an emergency.

When I was pregnant we went two weeks without phone and internet access. The fastest way to contact EMS would have been to physically go to the fire station. The town also experiences frequent power outages, the most recent being less than 48 hours ago on Saturday, February 4th. We have real and pressing communication and safety issues that will only be exasperated by growing the town population by 15% - 20%.

Lastly, our post office is also at capacity and has been unable to effectively serve the existing residents for many months. There are frequent break-ins which have gone unanswered by USPS. Limited lobby hours make mail service inaccessible to the working portion of our community.

We need to address the safety and infrastructure concerns in Los Alamos before adding additional residents. Please require a new EIR.

Thank you,

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One of the other big issues with this project is the impact of climate change, in 2005 climate change was a debate today it is considered a scientific fact. "Recent research at the University of California, Berkeley shows that the more distant sunburns and exburbs, the average emissions per household can be two to three times, with some of the largest climate footprints in the nation."

Reported in New York Times, The Climate Impacts of Your Neighborhood Mapped, published Dec 13th, 2022

As a society we have to address climate change by having policies to reduce housing in neighborhoods where people need cars to get around.

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Respectively,

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