



City Council Meeting
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Item # Oral Communication

Subject Homeless Crisis In Escondido

Position No Position

First and Last Name Christianne

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

To allow law enforcement to frequently harass those experiencing homelessness adds to the trauma of being without shelter which should be a basic human right. It is a waste of time to target such a vulnerable population when they should be aided out of their dire situation. If San Diego county can clear up a major homeless encampment that was seated upon Magnolia Ave (outside of El Cajon) and then establish services for those experiencing homelessness at that same location, the City of Escondido can do the same. It is time for city officials to recognize that those experiencing homelessness are people too and that it is city council's responsibility to ensure that those experiencing homelessness are given their dignity.

Submitted on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - 11:30am

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Item # 20

Subject VMT Exchange Program

Position In Favor

First and Last Name John Kaye

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

As a developer, we believe the proposed VMT Exchange program provides a logical framework for VMT analysis and mitigation measures. With this program, much needed additional housing can be planned, and we support this program.

Submitted on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 - 2:24pm

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Council Meeting Date December 7, 2022

Item # PL22--0325, PL22-0326 File #: 1010-35

Subject Starbucks Coffee Drive Thru on Tanglewood Lane

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Jody Dailn

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am writing to vehemently voice my opposition to the building of a two-lane 18 car drive thru Starbucks coffee shop. Previously I submitted to the Escondido Planning commission my opposition to this project for the meeting that occurred on November 8th and am once submitting the same objections.

I purchased my condominium on Tanglewood Lane a little over two years ago. Part of the appeal was that the street is quietly tucked away from the main roadway. If this Starbucks is built that will no longer be the case. The street will become overwhelmed with cars not to mention noise pollution. Plus, what guarantee will there be that no more than 18 cars will be in the drive thru, thus spilling out onto Tanglewood Lane. Almost every drive thru coffee shop I've seen has cars that are blocking the nearby street. There is already a Starbucks location a mile away as well as several other locations including a drive thru location within a 3-mile radius. Building one on my street is unnecessary. Not to mention there are several business centers in the area where a drive thru coffee shop could be built that won't disrupt a quiet residential neighborhood.

Tanglewood Lane can only be accessed by making a U turn at the traffic light on W 9th Avenue and Auto Parkway. This intersection is already hectic between people going to the middle school to the left and others needing to make a U-turn to access the houses, condos, and the large apartment complex on this street. Plus, people frequently run the red light when turning right at the same time people are making a U-turn. Almost daily I've had to honk or stop in the intersection to avoid a collision. Adding even more cars will only exasperate the problem. Not to mention if people going to the coffee shop don't know the area, they won't be able to navigate safely and very likely will be distracted by direction applications on their cell phones.

There is only one lane in each direction on Tanglewood Lane as well as a blind curve. If people aren't paying attention there is a high probability, they won't see a car coming from the opposite direction resulting in an accident. This is especially a possibility when people are exiting the coffee shop's driveway. They will have to make a left-hand turn to get back to the main thoroughfare as Tanglewood

Lane is a dead end. The applicant mentioned at the planning commission meeting that the blind curb would be alleviated. However, a left turn will still need to be made and if someone isn't paying attention, they may not see the cars coming from the opposite direction. Plus, people may be distracted while drinking and eating the items they just purchased. Heaven forbids there is an emergency where first responders need access to the residences on Tanglewood Lane and they cannot get there or leave due to the extra traffic or cars blocking the street.

Unfortunately, there is just a stop sign exiting Tanglewood Lane, instead of a stop light. This will cause the street to become severely backed up especially during busy times of day with vehicles coming from the coffee shop and those residents trying to get to or from work or anywhere else they need to go. Not to mention that the middle school on W 9th Avenue during certain times of day create a lot of traffic on Auto Parkway. If people need to get back onto the 15 North or the 78 in either direction, they will have to get across 3 lanes of traffic which is very busy at all times. This will cause massive back up on Tanglewood Lane with people waiting for it to become clear for them to proceed. Then if it is not clear and people try to get across there is a high probability of an accident. The same will occur if people are getting onto the 15 South or just want to get back onto Auto Parkway.

Lastly, the building of a drive thru Starbucks would be an eyesore. No matter how much landscaping is done around the building there is no way to avoid seeing car after car exiting the shop as well as the building itself. My patio doors and windows will directly face the driveway entrance to the coffee shop. Not to mention the 65-foot Starbucks sign that will be constructed for freeway visibility. I sure don't want to look at the hideous Starbucks logo from every window of my condo, would you?

Once again corporate greed is threatening to ruin a quiet neighborhood. If you lived on this street, how would you feel if a Starbucks Drive Thru was built that threatens the peace and quiet of your neighborhood? Have any of you even explored the area in person and seen for yourself how unfeasible building this coffee shop is on my street? If you have or you haven't, I implore you to come and look and consider it from the perspective of those of us that currently live on Tanglewood Lane or those that will in the future. The excuse members of the planning commission brought up is that it's a commercial site so some business will be put there, and it might as well be a Starbucks is short sighted. I'm sure there is something other than, yet another Starbucks could be constructed on the site which would be more beneficial and less of a disruption to the community.

I implore you to vote "NO" on the approval of this project. Thank you.

Item # 21

Subject Master & Precise Development Plan for a Drive-Through Coffee Facility

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Judith Jones-Cone

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Re: PL22-0325, PL22-0326 / Starbucks Coffee

Dear Escondido City Council and Planning Commission Members,

Greetings. I serve as general counsel for both Luna Properties, LLC, which owns and operates the Centre, located at 1205 Auto Parkway, Escondido 92029, and Halo Motor Company, the owner of Lexus Escondido, which automobile dealership is located at the Centre. I am writing today to apprise you of and to seek to amicably resolve concerns my clients have regarding the potential impact of the proposed Starbucks drive-through coffee facility (hereinafter Project) on the public visibility of the Centre's digital screen.

The Centre's digital screen (48 feet wide and 27 feet tall) is located directly adjacent to 1525 Tanglewood Lane, the real property where the Project is located (See Planning Commission Staff Report with detailed plans and photographs (hereinafter Report); the Centre digital screen is depicted in photos 1, 2, 3 on page 22 of the Report). The Centre's digital screen promotes non-profit and community organizations as well as the many businesses establishments that are tenants of the Centre.

Significantly, the Centre's digital screen has operated as a catalyst for community outreach, conveying the positive impact that nonprofit organizations have in San Diego County. In fact, more than 50% of the images have been provided free of charge to more than one hundred community and non-profit organizations, including dozens of worthy charitable organizations, community organizations, holiday celebrations and Amber Alerts. The Centre's current businesses tenants that also advertise on the digital

screen include the Vintana restaurant, Stephen Fishwick's Fine Art Gallery, RocknHair Salon, JJ's Boutique, AARE Realty and Lexus Escondido.

Based on our review of the Project Report, my clients are concerned that the 65-foot pylon sign, the building, trees and other landscaping may partially or completely obstruct the view of the digital screen from members of the public passing by in their automobiles—both on the 1-15 and surface streets. Obstructing the digital screen could cause significant financial harm to both the businesses and non-profit organizations that benefit from its existence. Time is of the essence as I understand that the Escondido City Council hearing and vote on this Project is scheduled for next Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 5 p.m.

In conclusion, while my clients support this Project, I respectfully request on their behalf that the City Council agrees to delay its pending vote currently scheduled for December 7, 2022 until the developer, NewMark Merrill Companies, Inc. (copied with this letter) can conclusively demonstrate that the Project will not obstruct the public's visibility of the Centre's digital screen. Please address all communications regarding this matter to my email address below or by calling my office. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and your professional courtesy and cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

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cc. Luna Properties, LLC

Item 25

Mr. Morasco,

Just a quick note to express my wholehearted endorsement of an item on the agenda for this evening's City Council meeting—appropriating funds to construct dedicated Pickleball courts at Mountain View Park.

Sincerely,
William Nugent
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