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Subject: Closure of the Bayshore RV Park

Dear Mr. McAlister, Ms. Quinn and the City Council

The closure of the Bayshore RV Park is causing great hardship and disturbance to me and my family. I am a father to a 15 year old girl whom is doing excellent in school and established a strong peer group with friends that study together and challenge academic proficiency in each other. I am also a husband of a beautiful wife who suffers from secondary progressive multiple sclerosis. While there has been meetings with attorneys and hearings where people talked at us with legal terms, no one has taken the time to see us as a diverse part of the community being forced out of the City. Project proponents and lawyers that even claimed to be impartial offered us inadequate monetary compensation to be displaced and left homeless.

Offers such as "Just walk away and we will give you the appraised value of your mobile home or, take your home with you and we will give you \$2,000 dollars to leave quietly." However, in our case we would get and additional \$3,000 for my wife's disability if we just leave yet no acknowledgment or compensation for accessibility modifications made to our mobile home for her safety. The payoff offer stated that the persons being displaced could get an additional \$3,000 if they had a disability or a small child yet we were only offered one additional \$3,000.

Furthermore the "Conversion Impact Report" offered an appraisal of a similar mobile home being sold in Ohio which has a very different economic strata and does not reflect the true value of our home in the Mountain View local market. Equally disturbing is the inconsistency with which the proponents determine the value of our mobile home. In a letter dated April 16th which was stamped "Margaret Ecker Nanda" we were offered \$21,000 for our mobile home which was appraised at \$21,000; however, the Conversion Impact Report list the appraised value at \$23,800.

¹ <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06/0649670.html>

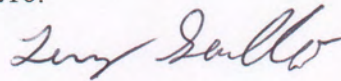
According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median value of owner-occupied housing units for the City of Mountain View in 2009-2013 was \$788,700¹. This would equate to a mortgage of roughly \$3,500 a month before property taxes with 10% down. Currently we are paying approximately \$1500 a month for our space and our mobile home which I am 2 years away from paying off. In other words we have no alternative but to take our daughter out of her school and displace my wife from a home she has become familiar with at a very fragile time of her life.

The various examples given of areas where we should move have been unduly lacking. Most of the options were outside of our current community and comparisons made did not take into consideration individual needs such as power, gas, water and sewer not to mention comparable healthcare and education. For example due to my wife's disability we require higher electrical connectivity.

There are no comparable RV Parks in the area for us to move to and the closure of the Bayshore RV Park would appear to be a trend in Santa Clara County. We note that the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park in Palo Alto is also forcing their tenants to leave their homes and the "impartial mediator" is the same proponent funded Margaret Ecker Nanda, Attorney at Law as well as the same propionate/developer, (Prometheus Real Estate Group Inc.), in fact these are the same for multiple park closures.

As your humble constituents of the City of Mountain View and Santa Clara County we ask that you please step in and put a stop to this practice of discarding families with less income without proper consultation and compensation. The proponents, both owner and developer, stand to make millions from the housing developments that will be built when we are out of the way.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to schedule a time to discuss this matter, please call me, Terry Sandlin at 713-582-6216.



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May 12, 2015

Gerry Beaudin, Zoning Administrator
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Re: Administrative Zoning Hearing, May 13, Agenda Item #4.2 –
Recommendation for Zoning Permit No. 133-14-PCZA and 134-14-TM at 133-
149 Fairchild Drive

Dear Mr. Beaudin:

The League of Women Voters supports policies that encourage government as well as the private sector to provide adequate housing for all. Because of that position, we have supported the City's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance.

We have some minor concerns regarding implementation of this ordinance with respect to the mitigation proposed for the residents at 133-149 Fairchild Drive. First, we understand that the Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance does not apply to projects with fewer than four rental units. However, because there were far more than four rental units of some type occupied during 2014, we think this exception is not applicable, particularly since the tenant who will be excluded from assistance is extremely low-income.

Secondly, we think that assistance should be offered to those who vacated after the announcement of the park closure and prior to December 31, 2014. The Closure Impact Report indicates that these households have not been offered any mitigation measures.

We also have some concerns regarding those who stayed at the motel which closed in 2014. There is nothing in the Closure Impact Report that indicates whether these were perhaps long-term residents, who might be considered renters as opposed to those who were transient motel visitors. If this were the case, perhaps they would also be entitled to assistance.

Thank you for considering our input.

Donna Yobs, Co-Chair, Housing Committee
League of Women Voters of Los Altos/Mountain View Area

Cc: Scott Plambaeck