

Written Comments for
Regular Public Comment Section
- **Consent Agenda**
- **Non Agenda Items**



June 24, 2022

VIA EMAIL

dpine@smcgov.org
cgroom@smcgov.org
dhorsley@smcgov.org
wslocum@smcgov.org
dcanepa@smcgov.org
boardfeedback@smcgov.org

Dear Supervisors:

On behalf of the ACLU North and Mid-Peninsula Chapters, we respectfully request that you exercise your legislative authority under AB 1185 to create a Civilian Oversight Board (“Oversight Board”) and Inspector General Office (“Inspector General”) for the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office. Our ACLU chapters represent more than 4,000 people in San Mateo County. As community members who seek to protect and advance the civil liberties of all residents, employees, and students in San Mateo County, we believe that independent and effective oversight of law enforcement is essential to ensure that the Sheriff’s Office is more transparent with, and accountable to, the community it serves.

The San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office needs oversight for a host of reasons, including that people in our community are not treated equally by law enforcement. In 2018 alone, law enforcement officers in San Mateo County killed three unarmed people with Tasers, all of whom were people of color who struggled with mental health issues.¹ Despite 19 use-of-force deaths since 2010, not one of the 52 law enforcement officers in San Mateo County involved in those deaths were charged with a crime.² These statistics indicate that law enforcement can kill people in our community with impunity and that people of color and people with mental health issues are not safe here. Indeed, Black people are nine times more likely to be arrested in San

¹[*Calls for video release mount after California county’s third Taser-related death, CBS News \(Feb. 7, 2019\).*](#)

²[*Fewer than 10 percent of San Mateo County police use-of-force cases end in jury trial. Here’s why, Half Moon Bay Review \(June 19, 2020\).*](#)

Mateo County than white people, and Latina/o/x people are twice as likely to be arrested as white people.³

An Oversight Board and Inspector General would provide transparency and accountability for the Sheriff's Office by, among other things, (1) conducting community outreach, (2) engaging in independent reviews/investigations, (3) subpoenaing documents and evidence as necessary to aid in reviews and investigations, (4) publicly reporting findings, (5) making disciplinary recommendations, and (6) developing policy recommendations.

We support enactment of the ordinance that Fixin' San Mateo County has provided to you.⁴ Essential, non-negotiable, elements of oversight include that it is:

- Independent: it is not associated with, or part of, the Sheriff's Office;
- Empowered: it has subpoena power to question witnesses and demand documents;
- Community-Driven: the Oversight Board must be composed of, and run by, people most impacted by policing in the community; it should not have members or former members of law enforcement;
- Proactive: it is not merely reviewing misconduct complaints, it has authority to independently investigate individual and systemic problems;
- Transparent: meetings, reports, and operations of the Oversight Board are open to the public;
- Funded: an adequate budget is provided to do the work and hire people with expertise.

You can help foster trust and confidence in our county's Sheriff's Office. Passing such an ordinance would show that the Board of Supervisors is committed to ensuring that the Sheriff's Office operates fairly and that all community members are safer in San Mateo County. We urge you to join the 25 other counties and cities in California that have passed similar ordinances and take this long overdue step to restore police-community relations in our county.

Thank you,

North Peninsula & Mid-Peninsula Chapters of the ACLU of Northern California

³[New Insights into California Arrests Trends, Disparities, and County Differences, Public Policy Institute of California \(Dec. 2018\).](#)

⁴[Proposed FxSMC Ordinance for Oversight of the SMC Sheriff's Office for the Creation of a Civilian Oversight Board and Office of the Inspector General.](#)

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Ana Pesusic <anapesusic@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2022 2:57 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: re: Z Enterprises File #PLN2014-00410 Assessor's Parcel No.038-131-110

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

Board of Supervisors,

During the public hearing on June 28, 2022 @ 9am, we implore you to deny the building on the above parcel. The SM County Planning Commission already unanimously denied this project. How many times are they going to request hearings before a no is a no. Stop wasting taxpayer money and once and for all deny the building on this site.

There are too many negative factors impacting anything being built there.

Parrot Drive narrows where the plans are for the building and then the road begins to curve. The road is not wide enough for cars to be parked on both sides of the road and cars to be able to pass in each direction. This will inevitably cause accidents.

This will also cause even more traffic on Parrott Drive, since cars will have to pull over to allow for the 1 car that will be able to pass.

Pedestrians take their daily walks along this road, and in many areas, there are no sidewalks so pedestrians are forced to walk on the street. This will also be very dangerous.

That side of Parrott Drive is a high fire risk area.

It doesn't make sense to build there when there are safer places within their parcel (the bottom of the hill) to do so.

David and Anamarie Pesusic

homeowners of 1175 Parrott Drive

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Adrian Peterson <abpeterson@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:24 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Z Enterprises File PLN2014-00410 Assessors Parcel 038-131-110

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

Please stop the expansion of the housing market in the last open space.

As a Bay Area native, I urge you to preserve the Open Space. Why? Open Space was implemented in the 1960's to STOP the spread of the housing market in order to preserve this area. Please keep with the leaders of yesteryear and keep San Mateo County as beautiful as it was intended.

Thank you.

Adrian Peterson
Hillsborough Resident
(grew up on Trousdale BEFORE 280 was built)

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Stuart Seiff <sseiff@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 6:14 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; parrottdrivecommunity@gmail.com; MLSeiff@aol.com
Subject: commenting on Board of Supervisors 6/28/22 Agenda:Z Enterprises Filee # PLN2014-00410, Assessors Parcel No 038131110

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

I am writing to express my strongest opposition to the proposed development of this parcel. I am a home owner on the Parrott/Tournament block just above this parcel. We have had substantial annual land slippage measured by the city/county every year for decades. This development has been stopped year after year because of collateral damage that we will surely suffer by building on such an unsuitable site. I am shocked that the County and developer would ever begin to assume liability for increased slippage and property damage that will likely ensue if this project goes forward. All of our concerns have been well document. I urge a unanimous vote by the Board to finally shut this silliness down.
Stuart R. Seiff, MD

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Rosemarie Thomas <rosemariethomas43@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 10:49 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: parrottdrivecommunity@gmail.com
Subject: Commenting on Board of Supervisors 6/28/2022 Agenda

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

Commenting on Board of Supervisors 6/28/2022 Agenda: Z Enterprises File #PLN2014-00410, Assessor's Parcel No: 038-131-110

Again we find ourselves having to address a project that was already denied. I am not opposed to development but it must be responsible and this is not a RESPONSIBLE PROPOSAL - You denied this application once before and it should be again denied completely.

This project is a hazard to not only the people on Parrott Drive facing the potential project but to the entire area. As stated before the area is considered a high fire hazard area; the slide potential if allowed to go forward (and slides have happened in this area and the surrounding neighborhoods) and also puts more strain on water, sewage and traffic issues. We have already had power outages due to fire and fire conditions as well as high winds etc and with the drought situation we cannot continue to build more homes that will be using more water and put more strain on the ALL Systems. There is also the impact on the road leading to this project. The risks are catastrophic if this is allowed to go forward.

We are already having to deal with the project that should not have been allowed on the hillside between Parrott Drive, Laurie, Bel Aire Road and Ascension. Please act responsibly and deny this once and for all. There is really no reason to build on this site.

Thank you again for your time.

Rosemarie Thomas
1480 Bel Aire Road
San Mateo, CA 94402

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Marilou Seiff <mlseiff@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Marilou Seiff; CMO_BoardFeedback; parrottdrivecommunity@gmail.com
Subject: commenting on Board of Supervisors 6/28/22 Agenda:Z Enterprises Filee # PLN2014-00410, Assessors Parcel No 038131110

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

I am writing to express my strongest opposition to the proposed development of this parcel. I am a home owner on the Parrott/Tournament block just above this parcel. We have had substantial annual land slippage measured by the city/county every year for decades. This development has been stopped year after year because of collateral damage that we will surely suffer by building on such an unsuitable site. I am shocked that the County and developer would ever begin to assume liability for increasd slippage and property damage that will likely ensue if this project goes forward. All of our concerns have been well document. I urge a unanimous vote by the Board to finally shut this silliness down.

Marilou Seiff
1170 Tournament Dr
Hillsborough, CA

Sukhmani Purewal

From: wendy woodard <woodard.wendy@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 10:54 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Parrott Drive Community
Subject: Agenda z 6/28/2022

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

I strongly oppose building on the site on Parrott drive known as parcel : 038-131-110

STOP THIS PROPOSAL!

--

Wendy Woodard

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Sue Barnes <sueabarnes@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 11:19 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: parrottdrivecommunity@gmail.com
Subject: Agenda on 6/28/2022

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

Please do not allow anymore building on Parrott drive. It's unsafe, we are running out of open space and we don't have any water.

Thank you,
Sue Barnes
1367 Parrott drive
--
Sue Barnes RETIRED!
sueabarnes@gmail.com
650-430-2511

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Elena Ah <elena732642@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 26, 2022 8:19 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: parrottdrivecommunity@gmail.com
Subject: comment to support agenda item - building homes

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

Commenting on Board of Supervisors 6/28/2022 Agenda: Z Enterprises File #PLN2014-00410, Assessor's Parcel No: 038-131-110

Hello,

I am a resident of Parrott drive in the area of the proposed project and I am writing to voice my support of the project.

It is annoying and an inconvenience to have construction going on around us so I understand why some neighbors are unhappy about the project. However, as we all know, there is a severe housing crisis in the bay area that makes our neighborhood unaffordable for working class folks, forces many into long commutes, increases homelessness in our community, and puts significant pressure on the young people in our neighborhoods.

I believe that we need to do our part as members of the community to support the creation of new homes. I am happy that a project like this is being discussed and I hope that we can move forward with it and create new homes for some new neighbors.

Thank you,
Elena

Sukhmani Purewal

From: brandon purcell <bcpurcell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 10:50 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: parrottdrivecommunity@gmail.com
Subject: Commenting on Board of Supervisors 6/28/22

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

Agenda: Z Enterprise File #PLN2014-00410, Assessor's Parcel No: 038-131-110

If you care at all about the citizens of this county, you should unanimously reject the proposal to develop this plat of land.

I live across from the Ascension Heights development that the Planning Commission greenlit before my wife and I moved to the area and have experienced firsthand the consequences of that catastrophic mistake. The houses and foundations around the site are cracking, several homes have experienced flooding, and our children are breathing in the dust that is constantly swirling and coating our homes, cars, and lungs. Trash constantly blows off the site onto our properties.

And I regularly find workers' cigarette butts on our property and in the street which is incredibly concerning since as you know the entire state is a tinderbox.

Don't make the same mistake twice. Show that you care about the people you're supposed to serve and deny this unsafe project.

-Brandon Purcell