

July 19th, 2023

Re: Kenwood Village Project

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to comment in OPPOSITION of this project... especially with the proposed additional High-Density units from the original plans. We live on the corner of Baker Lane and I cannot imagine having a community of this scale behind our home. There are a multitude of reasons, outside of our personal concerns, that we would vote in opposition.

- 1) There is no street parking as it is and this crowded community will be forced to park in the neighboring streets. Our street, among others in the area, is private and the lot lines go well into the street on Baker. We will not allow cars to park in front of our homes. We can barely find parking for guests as it is.
- 2) We have lived here for over 5 years now and the amount of traffic on Calle Real is already outrageous. The cars drive by at high speeds and you have to squeal out of our street to avoid oncoming traffic. There have been numerous accidents and deaths, including cars hitting cyclists on the narrow street and this would only add to the problem. In fact, there is a bicycle in memory of a woman who was stuck and killed on the road. We have also witnessed, right in front of our house, where an accident had already occurred and the police vehicle was subsequently struck, even after flares and cones were clearly all over the street. The police officer was an inch away from being struck. 284 units filled with 700+ people and cars seem unthinkable in that space. This is the worst possible street to add a High-Density community. You may as well build it on the freeway and wish everyone luck.
- 3) There is limited access other than Calle Real and with traffic on Calle Real as well as Brandon Drive during school hours, this will bring many headaches and safety concerns for our children.
- 4) There are no sidewalks from Baker to 7-11 and the additional traffic raises safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists.
- 5) The front portion of the land is deemed agricultural and although it hasn't been farmed since we have been here, it has amazing soil and foliage flourishes there. There have been decades of farming on this land, which apparently was halted due to increased agricultural rates. There are amazing walnut trees and during the rainy season, a beautiful pond develops. There is an abundance of wildlife including frogs, herrings, foxes, coyotes, gopher snakes, rodents, possums, racoons, skunks, rabbits, hawks that hunt there, etc.
- 6) We concur with Harry Rouse's comment that "It's too big, too crowded, too inaccessible, and has too many negative impacts on safety, air pollution, and water resources."
- 7) Adding a densely populated community would destroy the look of the neighborhood as well as the peace and quiet that we all love about this community. This is the ENTIRE reason we bought our home in this neighborhood.
- 8) Although we are no longer in a drought, water has been a constant issue in this city and I fear for our water and utility supplies.

- 9) We have solar panels on the side adjacent to the new property and we do not want the neighboring property to obstruct the light reaching those panels.
- 10) A community like this would negatively affect the property values of our surrounding homes.
- 11) There are multiple projects pending that posses much better access routes and do not affect agricultural land in this community. The acreage is minimal in comparison to other locations with more land and less proposed residences:

Candidate Sites



Address	Current Zoning	Proposed Zoning	# of Units with Rezone	
Vacant				
60 Colusa Ave	CI	RH	39	1.82 acres
7264 Calle Real (Kenwood Village)	RS/AG	RH	284	9.48 acres
7190 Hollister	RM	RH	59	10.72 acres
625 Dara Road	RS	RM	84	4.23 acres
35 Ellwood Station Drive	CG	RH	146	4.87 acres
Underutilized				
7020 Calle Real	CI	CC	5	
7360 Hollister Ave	CC	RH	69	2.83 acres
469 and 449 Kellogg Way	RP/BP	RH	73	3.02 acres
490 South Fairview (Yardi)	BP	RH Overlay	198	8.32 acres
7190 Hollister	CG	RH	41	
Total			612 Vacant	386 Underutilized

...Among others referenced in your documents.

- 12) To our knowledge, we were not notified of this hearing or the proposed changes to the original plans. We had to hear of it from an online Neighborhood network site and did not have sufficient time to prepare to attend this meeting. As a direct neighbor, we feel notices should have been sent to everyone.

Please consider all other options and alternative sites available and eager to add residences and bring more people into the surrounding businesses. We have a quaint; quiet community with limited access to the main roads and this project does not belong here.

Thank you for listening to and considering our concerns.

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