

From: Matthew Southern <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 1:39 PM
To: Sean Mullin <SMullin@losgatosca.gov>
Cc: Clare Southern <[REDACTED]>; Julie Southern <[REDACTED]>;
fereshteghofrani@gmail.com; Andrew Ghofrani <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Letter for the Meadows build council meeting 13 Nov 2024

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Sean -

As a resident of Wood Road, I would like to add my concerns to the project file.

In addition, I would like to read the attached statement to the attendees at the meeting if possible.

Please let me know if that is possible. I believe the statement should be under a minute.

Thank you very much,

Matthew Southern

Dear Los Gatos Planning Commission,

I am writing to you to express my concerns with the proposed development of 110 Wood Road due to the potential habitat destruction and impact it may have on the very animals our town is named after.

Originally named El Pueblo de Los Gatos (the town of the cats), the town was renamed in 1839 (10 years before United States statehood) to La Rinconada de Los Gatos - "the corner of the cats" - by brothers José Hernandez and Sebastian Peralta.

Today, Los Gatos retains its name, yet its namesake is considered "at risk" due to threats from habitat loss and urban development.

The proposed development at 110 Wood Road - suggested to be increased in size by Front Porch - will significantly infringe upon the habitat of the majestic wildcats that our town borrows its name from.

Considering the potential habitat loss to some of our town's earliest residents (the wildcats), the proposed increase in size of the structure (located on a mountain lion habitat - please see attached image of a juvenile mountain lion on Wood Road in May 2022), in addition to Los Gatos's heritage; I implore the Los Gatos Planning Commission to not only limit the size of the proposed development, but to reduce or do away with it all together.

Thank you,
Matthew Southern
35 year resident



From: Julie Southern <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 10:26 AM
To: Frank Rockwood <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED]; Christopher Ichien <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Matthew Southern <[REDACTED]>; C So <[REDACTED]>; Andrew Ghofrani <[REDACTED]>; Sean Mullin <SMullin@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: The Meadows and Wood Road residents - next steps

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Frank, David Chris, and the rest of the team from last night.

Congratulations on the approval to move your project forward.

With the approval, the commission recommended you “address the residence height issues”, even approving redistributing the units to other parts of the campus.

A first step of that is to provide visualizations suggested in the Nov 6 neighbor meeting last week:

- 1) from my front door, with **no trees** (below is the one he did real time in the meeting from my roof),
- 2) the same vantage points but with both villa F & A (back of) at 4 stories & 5 stories,
- 3) similar requests for Andy’s view (He provided views from his upper and lower decks looking at Villa "A" but the commission either did not see them or ignored them).

I was concerned that the updated visualizations were not viewed by the Commission last night.

And the verbal description was clearly confusing to members of the panel.

When can we expect these by?

I look forward to your reply.

Thank you

Julie



From: Irving MITSUNAGA <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 12:59 PM
To: Planning <Planning@losgatosca.gov>; Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>
Cc: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>; Town Manager <Manager@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Meadows Re-build

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Los Gatos Planning and Town Council:

I am unable to attend the Feb 4 Town Council meeting as I will be traveling that day. I am writing, yet again, to support the Meadows Re-build project and to ask you to approve the re-build on Wood Road. As a Broadway neighbor I have attended most of the project's 13 meetings to keep the community informed, and I feel the project has done their best to address the concerns of neighbors, especially those on Wood Road and the community along Tait Avenue.

As I recall, when my late husband and I first attended the informational meetings, the completion date was expected to be in 2025; my husband and I wanted to move there. Well, here we are in 2025, and they are still working on getting permits. I still want to move there. This is a definite housing need for the town, and I hope you can approve the project so it can proceed. Thank you for all you do.

Evelyn Mitsunaga

[REDACTED] Los Gatos.

From: Jeff Black [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 8:40 AM
To: Planning <Planning@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Approval of Los Gatos Meadows Project

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Town Council Members,

I'm writing to ask you to approve the proposed re-build of Los Gatos Meadows. The proposed project addresses three key issues that are important to me and to Los Gatos: housing, supporting older adults in our community, and wildfire safety.

This project revitalizes a dilapidated campus site and addresses the current housing and social integration needs of older adults in our community by creating a sustainable community where older adults can flourish.

The non-profit sponsor of this project has provided exemplary care to Los Gatos residents for over a half-century and this approval of their project will enable them to remain in our community, providing support to both residents of the rebuilt community as well as supporting older adults throughout Los Gatos.

A particularly critical attribute of the proposed project is the major improvement in fire safety. The rebuild proposal will replace a mostly wooden structure and compromised circulation with non-combustible buildings with greatly enhanced circulation attributes. This will vitally improve fire safety and emergency evacuation to properties well beyond the limits of the project.

The shuttered facility does not benefit the Town or neighborhood. The planning process for rebuilding has gone on long enough. I support moving this project forward now.

Jeffrey S Black
[REDACTED]

From: Cgibbons <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 5:44 PM
To: Planning <Planning@losgatosca.gov>
Cc: Susan Rockwood <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Los Gatos Meadows

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Council Members,
Many residents at Rinconada Hills, Los Gatos, have been inquiring about the status of the highly anticipated new Los Gatos Meadows. It is time to have this project move forward!
I, for one, am 79 years old and looking forward to taking advantage of the wonderful independent living and Life Care opportunity!! Please "green light," this Project at your February meeting!!
Sincerely,
Catherine Gibbons (Rivard)

From: Julie Southern [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 6:04 PM
To: Planning <Planning@losgatosca.gov>; Sean Mullin <SMullin@losgatosca.gov>
Cc: Andrew Ghofrani <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Los Gatos Meadows - Feb 4, 2025 meeting

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Sean , Town Council and Planning Commision at Los Gatos,

As a 40 year resident of Wood Road in Los Gatos, I want to comment on the Meadows rebuild (aka Front Porch) for the Feb 4 meeting.

When the story poles went up for a 4 story structure, I was not upset. I have lived with the Meadows community, see their value, and have always supported them – participating in almost all their town halls. We have invited them to our homes to take pictures; we provided a drone video for their use.

When Front Porch came back with a visual rendering of a multiple 5 and 6 story campus to accommodate town requests of bulk at the front of the campus, it was disappointing to me and several other Wood residents, considering our cooperation over these last 6 years. This arrangement not only blocks residents' views but also sets a precedent for tall buildings on that end of town where there is no parking, traffic challenges with cars coming off and going onto Highway 17, beach traffic, etc, etc.

I understand from Front Porch they will be submitting the multi 6 story recommendation but will be providing a 5 story alternative (specifically to A & F). Though this is a compromise, it is still setting a height precedent at that end of town and obstructing Wood Road residents' views.



I would like them to return to a 4 story overall plan. Bulk is unavoidable – why set a precedent for 5 and 6 story buildings downtown (ie the post office imminent redevelopment). Los Gatos is a town, not a city. Put the 5 & 6 story buildings where there is less impact to downtown precedent, residents and traffic.

Thank you

Julie Southern
[REDACTED]

From: John Richardson [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 11:00 AM
To: Planning <Planning@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Meadows construction support letter

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Attached you will find our letter of support for the Meadows construction.

John Richardson

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We are very much in support of this project and we share a property line with meadows. We are happy to see the emphasis on fire prevention built into the new project.

Sincerely,

Jean and John Richardson