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Regarding: Thursday, May 5, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting for the
OLD ARCATA ROAD REHABILITATION AND PEDESTRIAN/BIKEWAY
IMPROVEMENT COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
BAYSIDE AREA: record Number PLN-2022-17654

To Whom It May Concern at The County Planning Commission,

We have lived four houses north of the Bayside Post Office for over 30 years. During that time our three children survived to adulthood, walking to school. I say this in this manner to communicate to you the fear I lived in for years. I walked them to school for years, even though they went to Mistwood, located at the Bayside Grange, which is literally half a block away. Parents used to drop their kids off at our house, so we could make sure they safely made it to school by 9:00 am, if they had to be at work early. It wasn't until our kids were in their teens that I felt safe letting them navigate half a block on Old Arcata Road. We've lost beloved pets to Old Arcata Road and speeding drive-by reckless drivers.

My husband bikes every day on Old Arcata Road and it's actually one of the places that is the most stressful along his ride. Folks love to go faster than they should, come around the curve in the road in front of Jacoby Creek Road where there is no stop sign or any form of traffic calming, just a lonely sign saying 25 mph hour.

We have been woken up, too many times to say, by vehicles crashing into telephone poles, the post office area, and the side of the road across the street, where neighbors Jim Zoelick and Rose Gale-Zoelick recently documented the latest damage and occurrence of such.

The proposed changes are long overdue and completely necessary. NO half measures or partial solutions are supported by our family. We want all the traffic calming, bike paths and changes that are being proposed. Folks opposing this may not want the disruption that these changes will cause, but these disruptions are temporary. If I get lucky enough to have grandchildren, I sure would like to feel that they are safe to walk in our neighborhood.

Thank you,

Nicole and Kevin Frank