

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
November 24, 2015

"For all items NOT on the agenda"

(Each Speaker Limited to 3 Minutes)

Voluntary Sign-In Sheet
(Public Appearances – 9:00 am)

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11/24/15
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With Thanksgiving upon us, normally it's time to reflect on family, on our grandchildren and the world around us. It's time to refresh our gratitude for what we have together, our friends, family, and neighbors that all together create community.

What we share at the dinner table when we join hands and give thanks is about where it ends.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak up here.... But I have to shout out this first...shame, shame, shame on you!!!

When our family steps out the door we now have to look straight into the opposite nice feeling that unfortunately has nothing to do with polite, ^{ness}honesty, code of ethics, neighborly respect, concern for others property. We walk into the face of rude and dishonest social behavior.

How can we talk about smart growth and sensitive community infill when timber conversion projects are permitted to strip the lot bare in a greenbelt zone where neighboring property owners have purchased as stewards of healthy forest practices; to encourage the forest life on greenbelt properties?

- I live in the City and you have intruded my back yard with a rude and aggressive County development.

- If I weren't an expert in the construction field and project planning, I wouldn't have known where to search and who to question as intensely as I did by inviting the various agencies to the site days prior to this violation. All in vein as it turns out, with the "fox in the hen house". It's already a "done deal" and "the train has left the station, Bill. Sorry we can't help you." How rude!

- Why wasn't there a protocol for public opinion when this project steps in the face of our property values? Really? We the public don't have rights to protect our assets in place of a greedy developer who violates space? And then all my research shows that the supervisors hand-hold these projects through the planning process.

- The impacts of going from forested single-family property to seven, 3-story buildings with 28 units on a clear-cut property don't seem like an adverse impact? No wonder this County suffers from a lack of a sensible General Planning. You're allowing backroom deals selectively made, like a bully on a playground. What about the neighbors? "Shameful", my mom would have said.

- I specifically asked Supervisor Bohn to request the "property owner/soils engineer/developer" to postpone falling the trees edging the creek bank as a buffer zone until we could grieve the issue. Next day...clearcut. Thanks for your support...NOT!

- The way it stands now, the planners recognize this as aggressive infill, the logger hired to cut the trees doesn't disagree about leaving a buffer, the State Engineering Geologist, CalFire Experts, Streamline Planning engineers don't disagree with my concerns, ...however, there are enough holes in the codes that prevent property owners like myself from providing sensible and compassionate design input before its' too late. That's right, the trees are on the ground...gee, I'm sorry Mr. Hole, there's nothing I could do to stop this project. I do understand your valid concern.

- I repeat my opening statement; shame, shame, shame on you!

- Thank you

Bill

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