



Attachment 6

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I, as chair of the Springs HOA board, would like to provide some clarification to the issue of Mr. Merchant's expansion project and the home owners that are his adjacent neighbors. We are not land owners, we are homeowners who are part of a protected class called seniors who have a right to have fair and equal treatment in regards to housing under the law. That equal treatment does mean that we have a right and a need for a safe and healthy housing environment. In our current situation, as a neighbor of the Indian Springs resort, we have a health issue that arises from the wind-blown volcanic ash that has come for a number of years from the Indian Springs open pit ash diggings that are used for the resorts mud baths. We have a health issue from the occasional late night noise that arises from the resorts guests.

In regards to safety issues, we, as seniors have additional safety issues than arise with the general public. We are handicapped by the fact many of us don't see as well as we used to, and we have difficulty walking. Our ability to handle life's simplest task can also become a problem. These are some of the reasons we as seniors are a protected class, we need additional help to overcome these issues.

Regarding safety and the Indian Springs project, we have also spoken directly with Mr. and Mrs. Merchant about our safety needs of needing adequate vehicle exists from our housing community. In November 2010 California law required that all mobile home park owners in consultation with the park residents create a written evacuation plan. One of the law requirements was that if our emergency exist is blocked during an emergency, what provision is there for continued vehicle movement. In the two combined parks, there are 334 homes with over 500 people and we have only 1 entrance and exit. If at any time such as an emergency evacuation, it would not only be challenging but next to impossible. There is no backup plan because there is only one entrance and exit. We requested that Mr. Merchant provide the Springs with a second exit possibility. It has been agreed that the long term solution would be to create gate and road across the glider port. However, until environmental issues regarding the glider port are resolved, there can be no such road. On a temporary basis, we have requested that a vehicle gate be installed at the end of one of our main streets, Magnolia Dr. which dead ends at the junction of the glider port and the main Indian Springs property-the property on which we are discussing tonight. We realize that Mr. Merchant can't build a road at this point in time but if a gate was installed, and the Springs park had to be evacuated, we would at least have an option of a second exit even if that meant crossing bare land to get to safety. We thought that our agreement was in place until we discovered that Mr. Merchant had planted trees and other plants directly in front of where the proposed emergency gate was to be installed. Tonight we are here to ensure that our agreement of an emergency exit is part of the city's requirements for Mr. Merchant's permit process. I do see that is written into the staff report and that it will be an official part of the city's agreement with Mr. Merchant. Secondly, there is also a pedestrian issue at the corner of Lincoln Ave. and Brannan and we understand Mr. Merchant is planning on resolving that issue. We appreciate that item being included in the city's agreement.

We appreciate Mr. Merchants, and the city's recognition of our senior issues and the combined willingness to provide some relief concerning these issues. Tonight we are here to listen to your decisions and we are also here to verify follow through on our agreements.