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March 14, 2017

To the Planning Services Department:

In March of 2012, I wrote a letter to the Planning Department in support of the new business at Villa Florentina. Since then, I have painfully realized that events held at that location, on the echoing river corridor, are too loud and disruptive for our neighborhood. The large number of cars on our small, one-lane country road with a dip and blind turn, is also in excess of what we can support. I now request that large events, and all amplified sound from Villa Florentina, be stopped.

I personally informed Adam Anderson when he first purchased VF that the sound carries in the river valley, and that the past owner would continually be outside with his sound monitor, and continually tell DJs to drop the volume to stay within acceptable noise limits. Despite this, in the last year plus, I have had to repeatedly let VF know that the sound was loud, even inside my house when I had shut all the doors and windows, and turned on my ceiling fan and air conditioner. (See attached messages from April 2015 through September 2016.)

This is more upsetting because I started staying away from my house on Saturday nights when they have weddings, to get away from the ruckus. The very few times that I was home, it was ridiculously loud at my house and in the Coloma Valley. Some of my neighbors have heard it in their houses over their TVs, some up Bayne Road have heard it identifiably, and some have said that their windows have rattled. One thing that makes me extra crazy is the screaming and shouting of over 130 people that happens regularly. Who acts that way at a wedding? It's like I am living across the street from a rock concert. Coloma, and any neighborhood in rural El Dorado County, is not the place for that kind of commotion.

We should not be inconvenienced by this sound, I should not feel like I cannot be at my own home, and I should not feel that I cannot have friends and family visit on a weekend because of the noise that regularly comes from Villa Florentina.

I also have a complaint about the cars and the wear and tear on the road. One attached message, of several incidences, shows that some of the visitors have driven recklessly, not considerately on our country road. Also, our little one-lane asphalt road has been so chewed up that it is hard to find a center strip to drive on without hitting eroded sections. One neighbor pointed out to me that one large wedding puts enough wear on the road as a full year of neighbors' regular use. There was also at least one incident where their wedding parties blocked the one-lane Mt. Murphy bridge to take photographs, backing up traffic and causing neighbors and Coloma state park rangers great aggravation.

Please use your authority to rein in this business that has shown no improvement in its disruption of our neighborhood. Even on one of their last weddings (this late fall), when it was very rainy, a more distant neighbor said she could hear the noise louder than the summer ones.

I hope you can shut down these large weddings and the amplified music. I speak for several neighbors who are inconvenienced in their lives, but are not writing a formal complaint. I am sure you are used to that situation. I do not think people would have a problem with VF running as a bed and breakfast with a few rooms; even at the 2012 meeting, the neighbors who spoke out against the amplified music and large events said a B&B would be fine.

Thank you for your review, and hopefully restoring some peace to our neighborhood.

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Fwd: Villa Florentina Comment attachment #1

Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>
To: Charlene Tim <charlene.tim@edcgov.us>

Tue, Mar 14, 2017 at 8:09 AM

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sara SK <skpriority@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 8:10 PM
Subject: Villa Florentina Comment attachment #1
To: planning@edcgov.us

The owners and manager of Villa Florentina were informed long ago that their noise is a problem for the neighborhood - Sara SK

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sara SK <skpriority@earthlink.net>
Subject: Noise is loud
Date: April 11, 2015 at 8:51:51 PM PDT
To: info@villaflorentina.net

Hi,
This is your neighbor Sara SK. I just left a voice message at 916-778-0109. I have just come home after a long day. I have closed all my windows and doors but I still hear the bass from your music in my house. Please turn the bass down and keep it down. Also, I'm sure you are aware of the 10pm noise cutoff in the Coloma-Lotus Valley.

I hope this will not be a problem in the future.

Thank you,
Sara SK

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Fwd: Villa Florentina Comment attachment #2

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From: **Sara SK** <skpriority@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 8:10 PM
Subject: Villa Florentina Comment attachment #2
To: planning@edcgov.us

Rob & team,
I have heard that Adam Anderson is claiming that he was never informed that the noise of his events was a problem. Please attach the following exchange to my comment as it clearly refutes that. Noise problems from Villa Florentina continued all through the summer and fall of 2016.
- Sara SK

Begin forwarded message:

From: Adam Anderson <admandrsn@msn.com>
Subject: RE: volume
Date: May 29, 2016 at 8:21:15 AM PDT
To: Sara SK <skpriority@earthlink.net>

Hi Sara,

Thanks for letting me know. The speakers were in the house entry way, maybe he had his mic tuned way up. I'll monitor that better in the future.

My apologies,
Adam

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----
From: Sara SK <skpriority@earthlink.net>
Date: 05/28/2016 8:46 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Adam Anderson <admandrsn@msn.com>, Villa Florentina <info@villaflorentina.net>
Subject: volume

Hi Adam & Patsy,
This is the 1st Sat night I've been home in a long time and I am surprised at the volume of sound coming over. I kind of expected it from the music, and I know you will be good about it being off at the right time, thanks. However, if you can make sure the DJ and anyone on the mike is quieter - the fellow tonight is booming over the valley and I heard him first when I was coming in and walking around the Park about 7:30 and now again at home his voice boomed out with an announcement.

I know it's a pain to keep them in line, and it does sound like people are having a good time, which is good - but I know Loren would check the volume with his sound-meter every now and then to keep it in range so it's an ongoing thing that's needed because they get excited and bring up the sound.

By the way I like your new wedding signs on the roads, very tasteful and helpful to the guests.

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Fwd: Villa Florentina comment attachment #3

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From: Sara SK <skpriority@earthlink.net>
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Subject: Villa Florentina comment attachment #3
To: planning@edcgov.us

Please attach this to my comment about Villa Florentina, thank you - Sara SK

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sara SK <skpriority@earthlink.net>
Subject: bass music in my house again
Date: September 10, 2016 at 9:03:32 PM PDT
To: Villa Florentina <info@villaflorentina.net>

Patsy/Adam/etc -

Can you please ask the dj to turn down the bass noise. I have closed all my windows, turned on my AC and a ceiling fan, and I can still hear the bass in my house.

Thank you,
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Fwd: Villa Florentina Comment attachment #4

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From: **Sara SK** <skpriority@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 8:10 PM
Subject: Villa Florentina Comment attachment #4
To: planning@edcgov.us

This message was about problems with Villa Florentina guests driving far too fast on Carvers Road - Sara SK

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sara SK <skpriority@earthlink.net>
Subject: Thanks and please
Date: September 9, 2016 at 5:49:52 PM PDT
To: Villa Florentina <info@villaflorentina.net>

Hi Patsy,
First, thank you SO much for making the gate beep go away. You have improved the quality of my life!

One request - could you ask your current guests (again, I bet - I'm sure you do it regularly) to PLEASE drive slowly on Carvers - we almost had a collision on the road when several of them were driving just now way too fast.

Thanks! - Sara SK

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Fwd: Special Use Permit S10-0009/Villa Florentina Bed & Breakfast

Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>
To: Charlene Tim <charlene.tim@edcgov.us>

Tue, Mar 14, 2017 at 3:56 PM

Please see email.

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From: <jodyvanthull@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 14, 2017 at 2:54 PM

Subject: Special Use Permit S10-0009/Villa Florentina Bed & Breakfast

To: planning@edcgov.us

I'm writing in regards to Villa Florentina. I live at 6620 Carvers Rd. I have lived here for 10 years and during that time I have never had a problem with loud music being an issue. The previous owner, Loren Sperber was very good at checking sound levels to make sure they were within the legal limits. Because of this the music coming from the property was at a level that were it not for me seeing people coming and going from the Villa I would not have known they were there. Since the new owners took over the property this has not been the case. It is so loud to the point that I can hear the words clearly in the songs being played and have had my windows rattle due to the loudness of the music. When the music is so loud the guests for the event also get louder. This is not a big venue so it is hard to comprehend the reasoning for such loud music at the decibel they are playing at. Saturday nights are not enjoyable when the events are going on. I have stayed at friends houses to get peace and quiet. It is difficult to go to sleep with the level of noise coming from Villa Florentina. In the summer and warm months my only way to cool down my house is by opening my windows. I cannot do that with an even going on. Having to turn up the TV to hear it or put ear plugs in to read a book is not acceptable. I moved here to live in the country and the peace and quiet that comes with it. That has disappeared. It is difficult to comprehend how the level of the music being played would be acceptable to anyone. I have walked over to the Villa during an event to request them to turn down the music and was blown away by how loud it was. I have also spoken to Adam the owner about the music. Adam specifically in the conversation I had with him asked about the noise level. I stated it had not been an issue in the past with the previous owner. In this conversation I stated that my neighbor Robin Smay though gets the worst of it. He stated to me that he does hear from her in a very sarcastic tone. Due to this conversation I assumed that the complaints had already been discussed between Robin Smay and Adam. It has come to my attention during conversations with Robin Smay that there have indeed been conversations between her and Adam and her concerns were relayed to him along with the regulations put in place and he has continued to conduct his business in a way that effects the neighborhood. I do not have any concerns with the Bed & Breakfast business. I think it is very important for our community to have this Bed & Breakfast. Tourism is what keeps this community going. But we have to also consider the residents of this community and of this residential area. I am also concerned with the current owners desire to expand his business. This is a small neighborhood and Carvers Road is a one lane road. Tourism as it is already effects the residents of our neighborhood and those on this side of the Mt. Murphy Bridge which is also one lane. Our roads and bridges here are not designed for heavy traffic. When events are going on the guests do not abide by the rules of Mt. Murphy bridge or follow speed limits. Though this is unavoidable to a certain extent, I do know this is a concern that has previously been discussed. Also of concern is the upcoming Mt. Murphy Bridge replacement. This is going to have a huge impact on this community for quite sometime. With Villa Florentina being on this side of the bridge I am deeply concerned of the impact the Villa will have especially during this time. Whatever plan is finalized with the bridge is going to have a significant impact on this area with Carvers Rd possibly having a larger impact than most.

Please Consider,

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