

Public Comment # 38
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To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: #38 To Retroactively approve Amendment I to Agreement 21-CDBG-HK-00098

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I ask that you remove item #38, Legistar #23-0076 from the consent calendar and deny the extension.

It is a \$1.5 million loan to a developer with no creditable collateral. When he initially applied for this project his business office was only a mailbox in Orangevale and he had just created a foundation that only had a few dollars...something like \$10.00.

First, how can the County legally put this on consent when it is for new construction over \$100,000?

Second, due to the deceitful way this project progressed through our system, at this point it should be denied and no longer allowed to be extended. Is it even legal to extend the agreement? Those CDBG funds should go to needy existing families in our own community such as those that have lost their homes in the County's two fires.

I watched as County Council staff misled the HOA challenging the approval of this project by stating that the applicant would just use SB35 to get the project approved if the HOA did not drop their case. SB35 could not apply to this project since it had 3 wetlands on the property.

One of the biggest problems with this project is egress and fire. The required turnaround is missing for one of the streets, Racquet way is at level of service F and the whole project is a fire trap. All those that blessed this project have jumped ship. The County Counsel staff member overseeing the project, the manager of the CDBG grants, the Planning Director at the time, the Board of Supervisor of that District, the Office of Emergency Service Director, and the Diamond Springs Fire Chief.

Also, the County choose to offset the Traffic Impact Mitigation (TIM) fee up to \$1,065,474. The area that cars will be coming out of in this project is one of the most dangerous in the county. Who is going to make up that mitigation that is legally required? This is just another gift of county resources to an out of town developer at the expense of those that live in the area and traverse Pleasant Valley Road.

It's time to put this poorly thought out project to rest and regroup with a more creditable and financially sound project and applicant.

I ask that the Board of Supervisors remove this from the Consent Calendar and deny the extension of the project.

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Save Our County