

LARA WEISIGER

From: Ron Kamangar <ronkamangar@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:29 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER; IRMA Glidden
Subject: Please record my vote for tonight's City Council Meeting regarding Westmont project

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Lara Weisiger, City Clerk

Please register my vote as "**AGAINST**" the Westmont project proposed for the Bay Farm Island waterfront location. Unfortunately, I'm unable to attend tonight's 7:00 PM meeting, so kindly record my vote. If you are not the recorder for this event, kindly forward this email to the appropriate contact person.

Thank you!

Ron Kamangar
14 Leonard Ct.
Alameda, CA 94502
510-219-4186

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Dear Council Member,

I would like you to consider the location and appropriateness of allowing a senior living facility to be built in the business park and so close to the airport runway.

The location is not zoned residential, and the noise would be most undesirable to live under.

Alameda needs more senior housing, and the Point should offer location for it, but the business park is not the solution.

Please vote against it.

Sincerely,
Ron Kamangar
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Alameda, CA 94502
510.219.4186

LARA WEISIGER

From: Kari <karithompson63@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 12:20 PM
To: Trish Spencer; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Tony Daysog; LARA WEISIGER; becca@voxpathulipr.net
Subject: I support Alameda's seniors!

Dear Mayor Spencer and City Council:

I am writing to express my support for Westmont at Harbor Bay.

Alameda's Planning Board already has approved the use for this commercial assisted living and memory care facility, as well as environmental considerations and an amendment to the existing business park plan.

Please vote on September 6th to uphold Planning Board's decision to provide this critical service for Alameda's seniors at the Harbor Bay Esplanade.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

LARA WEISIGER

From: Vicki's Gmail <vsedlack@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Trish Spencer; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Tony Daysog; LARA WEISIGER; becca@voxpathulipr.net
Subject: I support Alameda's seniors!

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Thank you.

Vicki Sedlack

Sent from my iPhone

LARA WEISIGER

From: Bing ZeeDeeLeeCee <bingyu101@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 9:32 AM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Oppose and Reject Westmont development

Dear City Clerk Weisiger,

I am writing to ask you to oppose and reject the development of the Westmont center in Bay Farm. The development is wrong for Bay Farm Island because it is a residence. This is in direct violation of the zoning laws and a violation of the settlement with the Port of Oakland Airport for noise control. The proposed development is also too large. I live on Bay Farm and I am asking you to oppose and reject the Westmont center.

Thank you.

Bay Farm resident and registered voter.

Bing Yu
1119 Bismarck Lane Alameda

LARA WEISIGER

From: Phil Holt <pholt@sunbeltnetwork.com>
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 3:59 PM
To: Trish Spencer; Tony Daysog; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Jim Oddie; Frank Matarrese; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: RE: Opposition to Westmont Harbor Bay

Dear Mayor Spencer and City Council Members,

This is a brief follow-up to my previous email expressing opposition to building on the Harbor Bay shoreline.

The tired excuse that we have an obligation to allow building per the city's agreement with Harbor Bay Isle Association should be considered invalid. We should not be held to that agreement, initially made 40 years ago, when the global problem of sea level rise was not even on our radar. And even subsequent amendments to that agreement do not give enough weight to the very vexing problem of shoreline loss. The current building set-backs are inadequate to allow room for the inevitable future requirement to move the shoreline pathways, while still keeping them along the waterfront.

In my opinion, rezoning the Harbor Bay shoreline properties to forbid the construction of additional buildings is not only justifiable but also the responsible thing to do for future generations of Alamedans and the citizens of the Bay Area in general. And, yes, I understand that such a move would be controversial (what issue in Alameda is not?) and would almost certainly result in legal costs to defend the change. But I am willing to pay my fair share.

Please at least consider a moratorium against building on the Harbor Bay shoreline to give time to explore smarter options.

To be clear, regarding my opposition to the Westmont Harbor Bay project, I am not opposed to building another residence for seniors in Alameda. I just oppose sacrificing our shoreline to do it.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Phil Holt
240 Stanbridge Ct
Alameda, 94502
510-421-3434

LARA WEISIGER

From: Tabinda N. Khan <tabindak@tabinda.com>
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 2:45 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Please reject the Westmont Senior Center plan

Hello,

I am emailing you as a way to request that the council reject the plan for the Westmont center near the airport. This use is fundamentally in conflict both with the use for that land, and the quality of life for potential future inhabitants.

Thank you,
Tabinda Khan
3206 Central Ave.

LARA WEISIGER

From: Kerry Kohler <kohler_k@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2016 11:30 PM
To: Trish Spencer; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Tony Daysog; LARA WEISIGER; becca@voxpulipr.net
Subject: I support Alameda's seniors!

Dear Mayor Spencer and City Council:

I am writing to express my support for Westmont at Harbor Bay.

Alameda's Planning Board already has approved the use for this commercial assisted living and memory care facility, as well as environmental considerations and an amendment to the existing business park plan. Plus a lovely walking path and easy access to San Francisco or the Airport for active seniors.

Please vote on September 6th to uphold Planning Board's decision to provide this critical service for Alameda's seniors at the Harbor Bay Esplanade.

Thank you.

LARA WEISIGER

From: Phil Holt <pholt@sunbeltnetwork.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2016 4:02 PM
To: Trish Spencer; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Tony Daysog; LARA WEISIGER
Subject: I am opposed to Westmont at Harbor Bay

Dear Mayor Spencer and City Council:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Westmont at Harbor Bay project.

In fact, I strongly oppose any additional building construction along Bay Farm Island's beautiful shoreline, including the hotel project. As an island community one of Alameda's greatest physical attributes is its shoreline. I am extremely disappointed that we are not doing more to protect it, especially considering that we will be losing significant amounts of our precious shoreline to sea level rise over the next few decades.

And yes, I understand that Bay Farm is technically no longer an island. But I think most residents of Alameda think of it as one of our two islands because of its history. I think to some extent Alamedans, including Bay Farm residents, have an island mentality. We have a wonderful, unique sense of community that has been shaped by our island shoreline and our limited accessibility to "the mainland".

I am not anti-business nor opposed to development in general. On the contrary, I am vice president of both the Alameda Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Alameda Business Association. I have owned ten businesses, including a real estate development company. I am fine with "smart" development. I just do not think that sacrificing our beautiful and very limited shoreline and open space for additional buildings is smart, despite the anticipated tax revenues to be generated and other possible economic benefits.

Calculations of "highest and best use" are often inherently flawed as the cost/benefit analysis almost always has to rely, to some extent, on assumptions about the value of certain factors that cannot be determined completely objectively. Shoreline preservation is such a factor, especially for an island community where its shoreline is part of its identity. How do you objectively calculate a value on that? You really can't with any true accuracy.

A strong argument could be made that the highest and best use of the plot of land where the Westmont project is proposed would be as expanded parking for the ferry terminal. Although, my preference is to retain what's left of the Harbor Bay Esplanade area as open space with native vegetation.

I also feel we have a responsibility to protect our shoreline as part of the developing Bay Trail. The developers of the hotel and the Westmont, not to mention the Stacy & Whitbeck and the Mcguire & Hester buildings, initially claim they are going to "enhance" the Trail or at least not negatively impact it. Anything they do will be less an enhancement than an encroachment. Their mitigation measures will always be inadequate. These buildings are a degradation of that section of our shoreline environment and negatively impact our overall quality of community life. If you have walked or biked along that section of our shoreline you should understand and appreciate what I'm saying.

Obviously ceasing building construction on the Harbor Bay shoreline could have significant costs as investors/developers should be reimbursed at least some of their sunk costs. I suggest a building moratorium while council members and city staff explore opportunities for creative land trades and/or grants for shoreline preservation and, in the case of a possible ferry terminal parking expansion, grant funding to promote such mass transit.

I regret that I never could find the time to express these views to the Planning Board when these projects were first being discussed.

Please vote on September 6th to overturn the Planning Board's decision and do not allow construction of the Westmont project at the Harbor Bay Esplanade.

Thank you for your service to our city.

Phil Holt

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Alameda, CA 94502
510-421-3434 (cell)

LARA WEISIGER

From: T Krysiak <tsitjk@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2016 8:34 AM
To: Trish Spencer; Tony Daysog; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Cc: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: Please Vote No on The Westmont Senior Facility

Dear Mayor Spencer and Members of The Alameda City Council:

As long time residents of Harbor Bay, we are urging you to deny the approval of the Westmont Senior Assisted Living Facility.

There are troubling issues with this project. It appears that there has been a deliberate manipulation of a long standing regulation for the convenience of this developer. The proposed project is actually a residential facility similar to a condominium or an apartment complex but with a central dining room. It is a residential building which is prohibited in a commercial manufacturing zone according to the long standing zoning laws.

Secondly, the airport noise level is too severe. I have registered 32 separate complaints with the OAK Noise Management program so far this year. My 90 year old mother is now in a dementia assisted living facility in Illinois. Spending time outdoors in a quiet, fresh air setting is a key activity for her. I've learned first hand that a low noise environment is key for the well being of seniors with dementia. The current Westmont Esplanade site will definitely not allow for quiet and serene outdoor activities.

We can understand that there is a need for this type of facility in Alameda but we strongly feel it should be located in a properly zoned residential area away from the airport runways.

We urge you to refuse this Westmont proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom Krysiak
Donna L Cheng-Krysiak
308 Sweet Road
Alameda, CA 94502
[510 523 3377](tel:5105233377)

LARA WEISIGER

From: Donna Vaughn <dbvaughn@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2016 12:54 PM
To: Trish Spencer; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Tony Daysog; LARA WEISIGER; becca@voxpulpr.net
Subject: I support Alameda's seniors!

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Thank you. Donna Vaughn
400 Harbor Light Alameda

LARA WEISIGER

From: Rosemary Reilly <reilly129@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2016 12:21 PM
To: Trish Spencer; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Tony Daysog; LARA WEISIGER; becca@voxpathulipr.net
Subject: I support Alameda's seniors!

Dear Mayor Spencer and City Council:

I am writing to express my support for Westmont at Harbor Bay.
As director for Alameda Meals on Wheels, I observe the need for more senior care centers.
And, this type of facility makes for fine neighbors. I live next door to Oakmont and across the street from Cardinal Point.
There is no increase in traffic or noise and the people are dear.

Alameda's Planning Board already has approved the use for this commercial assisted living and memory care facility, as well as environmental considerations and an amendment to the existing business park plan.

Please vote on September 6th to uphold Planning Board's decision to provide this critical service for Alameda's seniors at the Harbor Bay Esplanade.

Thank you.
Rosemary Reilly

Sent from my iPad

LARA WEISIGER

From: Dorothy Freeman <dfreeman@pacbell.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 8:37 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: City Council Meeting Sept 6, 2016 Item 6-A

September 1, 2016

City of Alameda
City Council Meeting Sept 6, 2016 Item 6-A
Westmont of Harbor Bay Assisted Living

Dear Mayor Spencer and City Council Members:

I am writing to urge you to deny the Planning Board approval of the Westmont Assisted Senior Facility on Harbor Bay Parkway.

While an assisted living senior facility in Alameda is a good idea, building at this location has many reasons for the City Council to deny Westmont's request. Others have expressed many concerns regarding noise and safety with the developments proximity to the Oakland International Airport and the fact that assisted living quarters are residential and not suitable for a business location. I believe that these are legitimate reasons to deny the request by Westmont to build at this location on Harbor Bay Parkway.

I'm concerned that the location will be an extreme hardship for employees who will be working at the facility. I've looked at the routes for AC Transit and I cannot find a bus line that services Harbor Bay Parkway. If there is a bus line it would only serve day time hours. Most of the employees who will work at Westmont and the proposed hotel will be minimum wage workers. The work shifts will require workers 24 hour a day, 7 days a week at Westmont and the hotel facility. Many minimum wage workers do not have the vehicles necessary to travel to such a remote location all hours of the day and night. They will need to rely on public transit for most of their travels. Getting to work on Harbor Bay Parkway will be an extreme hardship for these workers. It's unlikely that any shuttles that are planned for the facility will be scheduled for the benefit of the employees.

I urge you to reconsider the Planning Boards approval of this facility at this location. There are too many reasons not to build on Harbor Bay Parkway and few reason to approve the Westmont Assisted Living Facility.

Respectfully yours,

Dorothy Freeman