



SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA & SAN BENITO COUNTIES

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Re: Item #5 on the April 27, 2022 Agenda: PLN2018-00057 (Buck's Butane/AmeriGas) Coastal Development Permit to legalize unpermitted development

Dear Chair Manuel Ramirez and Commissioners,

In furtherance of the Sierra Club's Environmental Justice policy and of our ongoing support for the California Coastal Act/San Mateo County Local Coastal Program we urge the San Mateo County Planning Commission to **deny** the after-the-fact Coastal Development Permit (PLN 2018-00057) for the unpermitted past expansions as well as newly proposed additions to the propane distribution center located on the west side of Airport Boulevard **in proximity to the Pillar Ridge Manufactured Home Park**. The residents of Pillar Ridge are just as entitled to the environmental protections of a rigorous coastal development permitting system as are residents throughout the California Coastal Zone.

There are historical reasons - the leaks in 2017 as one major example - for the Pillar Ridge residents and the planning commissioners to be doubtful about mere promises of better behavior. Given these past incidents of public health endangerment it would be right and proper that the operator at minimum be constrained to the parameters of the existing permit or, better yet, required to relocate to an area well separated from family dwellings.

Sometimes denial is the best tool to encourage better decisions and this application is in need of that tool to be applied for the wellbeing of the residents of the Pillar Ridge Manufactured Home Park as well as the future residents of the special needs housing development (Big Wave Wellness Center) as permitted by San Mateo County next door to this applicant.

We appreciate the Planning Commission's past attention to our public input, and we are hopeful that you will find this comment to be of assistance to your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Ferreira". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mike Ferreira
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