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Revised Statement Re Cam West Housing Development Proposal

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Hello Janice,

My wife and I live one block west of the area that C and G developers are proposing to build a number of new homes. We have lived in the same house for over 40 years.

Although I noted in an email dated March 16 that, "While we would very much prefer that the development include at least 6 fewer homes, as long as it meets city lot-size, traffic and pollution code requirements, we are content with the most recent property proposal", after giving it more consideration, we now feel more strongly than we did before that the development proposal should (not preferably - but definitely) include at least 5 fewer homes than it currently does.

After studying the proposal more carefully, it seems clear to us now that 35 homes in the development area makes for a housing density inconsistent with the housing density in the surrounding neighborhood. It seems to us that prospective homeowners would be much happier paying for and living in a house that is much less close to their next-door neighbors' homes than the current proposal specifies and that the inclusion of a small play space at one end of the development site does little to mitigate the effects of having so many homes packed so close together.

We are pleased, as I noted in my previous email, to find the inclusion of a north as well as a south roadway entrance and exit. It makes sense to us because it provides easier vehicle access to and from each of the development area homes and by doing so, decreases the level of air and noise pollution in the neighborhood. North and south access also provides quicker response-time opportunities for emergency responders entering and exiting the development area.

Thank you for your consideration.

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