

Public Correspondence Item #5

From: Carol Haskell
To: [McDonald, Hunter](#)
Subject: Support for Site Plan Appeal to Stop Gas Pumps in Crest
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:52:51 PM

Dear Hunter,

Please note your records to reflect that I SUPPORT the Site Plan Appeal to stop the gas station being put in.

Thank you,

Carol Haskell
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El Cajon (Crest), CA. 92021
619-251-8478

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From: Jean Kruse
To: [McDonald, Hunter](#)
Subject: Planning Commission hearing - La Cresta gas station
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:49:24 AM

We have lived in the Crest community since 1973. This is a rural community and we wish to keep it that way. ABSOLUTELY NO reason to develop a gas station in our community. We have already had a number of collisions on La Cresta road, many fatalities (our son was one of them). We do not welcome the additional traffic this business will create. Please value the opinion and wishes of our rural community that WE pay the taxes on. We have access to a number of gas services within a few short miles. DO NOT need anymore! Many of the individuals weighing in have not lived here long enough to see the impact of this on our rural setting. I can't even imagine what would have happened had there been a gas station when the Cedar Fire swept through here in 2003. NO GAS station in the La Cresta community!!

From: Johnna Hitt
To: [McDonald, Hunter](#)
Subject: Crest gas station clarification vote
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:42:53 AM

Good day,
Please correct my recent vote. I accidentally clicked on oppose, then I meant to say I supported the appeal. In my description it is clear that I oppose the gas station, and support the appeal of putting in a gas station in Crest.
Thank you!

Johnna Hitt
From my iPhone

From: Karen Burnworth
To: [McDonald, Hunter](#)
Subject: Re: Planning Commission Hearing Meeting Time: May 15, 2020 at 9:00am PDT
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:59:14 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you, Hunter. I appreciate your efforts. Here is my original comment. Unfortunately, not understanding that by marking "oppose" I was voting against the appeal, not the station. The comment is marked as oppose. There are also three comments there (duplicates) as the website did not accept the comment the first time, so I tried to resend and ended up with it showing up three times.

There was some difficulty in understanding the request that was posted on our Crest newsletter and I saw that several other people were misled as I was. So, there will be many "oppose" votes that were meant to oppose the building of a gas station and not to oppose the appeal from the Crest/Dehesa/Harbinson Canyon Planning Group. Hopefully, reading the comments the intentions will be clear.

[Karen Burnworth](#) at May 08, 2020 at 7:24pm PDT

There is no need for a gas station at the top of La Cresta Road. There is one within a 3-mile distance of this proposed site with another that the Sycuan tribe just completed in Harbison Canyon with 8 pumps and 16 nozzles. The rural character of Crest is such that it supports a small market and a small Mexican restaurant. The traffic pattern at the intersection lends itself to be problematic drivers stopping for gas and darting back out into traffic. I vote NO!

Thank you again,
Karen

From: McDonald, Hunter <Hunter.McDonald@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Karen Burnworth <crestacian42@hotmail.com>
Cc: Jimenez, Ann <Ann.Jimenez@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: Planning Commission Hearing Meeting Time: May 15, 2020 at 9:00am PDT

Hi Karen,

I'm sorry to hear the online comment tool is giving you trouble. Please feel free to attach your comment to an email reply to me and I'll make sure our Planning Commission Secretary receives it.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Hunter McDonald

Land Use/Environmental Planner
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From: Karen Burnworth <crestacian42@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:42 AM
To: McDonald, Hunter <Hunter.McDonald@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: Planning Commission Hearing Meeting Time: May 15, 2020 at 9:00am PDT

Unfortunately, I have already tried to submit another comment and it would not accept it.

Thank you for your prompt reply.

From: McDonald, Hunter <Hunter.McDonald@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Karen Burnworth <crestacian42@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Planning Commission Hearing Meeting Time: May 15, 2020 at 9:00am PDT

Good morning Karen,

Thank you for reaching out to me about this. Unfortunately, our secretary has already forwarded the eComments to the Planning Commissioners, so they cannot be recalled. However, you can always submit a new one and mention that the new one is to replace the one you previously submitted.

Thanks again for your time. Please feel free to reach out anytime.

Respectfully,

Hunter McDonald

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From: Karen Burnworth <crestacian42@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:50 AM
To: McDonald, Hunter <Hunter.McDonald@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: Planning Commission Hearing Meeting Time: May 15, 2020 at 9:00am PDT

Unfortunately, I have made several errors on the eComment post for the Board of Supervisors Agenda items regarding the gas pumps proposed in Crest. I have tried accessing the post to eliminate or correct it but to no avail.

Is there any recourse for me?

Thank you,

Karen Burnworth

Planning Commission Meeting May 15

RE: Item 5: La Cresta Gas Station Site Plan Appeal, STP-18-03

Dear Planning Commission,

I am very concerned about the proposed installation of gas pumps at the La Cresta Convenience Market, 1103 La Cresta Blvd.

I sit on the Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, and Harbison Canyon Community Planning group, but my comments here are solely my own, and I am not representing the board in an official capacity.

I have attended most of the meetings on this issue, and have watched the community respond to this issue. Most of the comments from the community, have been against the project. Some of the community members went door to door and gathered more than 250 signatures against this project which was then presented to the planning group and also to the Land Use/Environmental Planner for this project. These signatures were all gathered from residents of the Crest area, and I believe are representative of the majority of the community. To me, this is an indication that the project does not conform to the community character.

Unfortunately, the parcel in question is zoned C36 which allows usages such as Gas Stations. This zoning apparently goes back to a time in the 1930's, when Crest was a very small and isolated community. Since that time much has changed in the area. There are now 4 gas stations within 7 miles of Crest (three within 3 miles). The C36 zoning should have been re-examined years ago and adjusted to suit the present community character.

Another issue of community character is that the Crest Community plan identifies is Dark Skies:

f. Dark Skies

Issue COS 1.6 A dark night sky is an essential element of the rural character of the Subregion. Light pollution caused by street lights on large scale residential developments, commercial/industrial uses, and outdoor recreation have an adverse cumulative impact on the astronomical dark sky.

Goal COS 1.6 The preservation of dark skies in the Subregion. (Formerly Dark Skies Goal)

Policy COS 1.6.1 Require outdoor lighting in development to be directed downward and screened so that it will not visibly impact areas offsite. (Formerly Dark Skies Policy 1)

Policy COS 1.6.2 Limit street lighting in subdivisions only to what is needed for traffic safety. (Formerly Dark Skies Policy 1)

Policy COS 1.6.3 Require timers for recreational outdoor lighting to eliminate unnecessary use. (Formerly Dark Skies Policy 1)

Policy COS 1.6.4 Restrict street lighting to intersections only to minimize outdoor light and glare and preserve the dark sky, unless additional lighting is required for safety purposes. (Formerly Circulation Policy 9.f)

The proposed gas pumps and island will have a canopy overhead with extensive lighting and an LED sign with gas prices placed near the bend. This proposal therefore conflicts with the Dark Skies policy, which is an essential element to the rural character Crest.

There are issues with the proposed parking. By code, the business will be required to have a significant increase in parking spaces allotted, which sounds like a good thing, except that the spaces are packed next to each other and will make it difficult for shoppers to get in and out if the station gets busy. In particular, the designated handicapped parking space presents a problem in that if the gas pump on the building side of the island is in use, the person in the handicapped space will be unable to back out until the person finishes pumping gas and moves their car. This is a problem that needs to be corrected. The station occupies a reasonable sized parcel, but a significant portion of this on the east side of the building is a leach field, which can not be used for parking, hence the shoehorning of spaces as is shown in the parking plan.

There are also concerns with traffic issues. The original traffic study identified several issues and proposed mitigation for them. One of which was that the eastbound uphill road transitions from 55 miles per hour to 30 mph. It recommended that the transition to 30 mph should be moved 500 ft west to give drivers more time to slow down and be aware of potential cross traffic leaving the station. In addition the study also proposed a center two way turn lane to allow drivers leaving the gas station driveway to have a safe refuge area. Somehow, these proposals were abandoned in the second traffic report. I feel that given the speed that drivers go up and down La Cresta Road, and the curvature and elevation change of the road as it transitions to La Cresta Blvd., these recommendations should be looked at closely again and implemented.

Sincerely,

Tim Lucas
Granite Hills
May 13, 2020

From: Wendy
To: [McDonald, Hunter](#)
Subject: La Cresta Road gas station
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:35:36 PM

Good afternoon

I casted a vote on the sd county website today and now I feel confused. I "opposed" but I think I was mixed up in my thinking. I "oppose" the gas station and "support" the appeal. Can I change my vote?

Thank you
Wendy Shelton
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Wendy
To: [McDonald, Hunter](#)
Subject: RE: La Cresta Road gas station
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:19:17 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you Hunter. With that in mind, I am going to send you my full comment that I was unable to publish on the county website. I would appreciate if you could pass that on as well. Thank you

La Cresta Road does not accommodate for this gas station. The prevailing speed does not allow for cars to safely enter and exit a double driveway. 290 feet is not enough sight line to stop a car going an average of 48 mph. The existing driveway is very wide and allows cars to veer quite quickly into the parking lot. Dividing it into 2 driveways requires cars to almost stop to exit La Cresta Road. This design also implies people should enter and exit in a certain direction to "see" one way or the other. There will be accidents here. This is the only way in and out of Crest. These accidents will keep people from coming and going to their homes. It is also the only way out for our residents in the event of a wildfire. Having fuel between us and escaping is terrifying. On a personal note, the gas station lights and signage will be visible from my home. This will impede my family's enjoyment of our environment. The current sign is barely visible to us. I also am concerned that this new view of a gas station will decrease my property's value and make it more difficult to sell in the future. Another concern is the sound of the air brakes of a fueling truck coming between 12 & 4 am to fill the gas tanks waking my children. Please consider our communities safety as a whole and choose to stop this development.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 1:07 PM, McDonald, Hunter
<Hunter.McDonald@sdcounty.ca.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Wendy,

Thank you very much for your email below. I've saved your email and it will be shared with the Planning Commissioners as part of the record.

Thanks again.

Respectfully,

Hunter McDonald

Land Use/Environmental Planner

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Wendy Shelton

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