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Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:52 AM
To: Sean Gallegos <sgallegos@losaltosca.gov>
Cc: Jon Biggs <jbiggs@losaltosca.gov>; Guido Persicone <gpersicone@losaltosca.gov>
Subject: Re: 4350 El Camino Real Los Altos: January 26th 2021 Agenda: Story Poles-Follow up after review

Dear Director Biggs and Mr. Gallegos,

I had the chance to review the agenda packet for the story poles and applicants proposal. Clearly now, it is revealed to me that this applicant is getting a special treatment from all the other developments and I am wondering why? in this day in age that is called discrimination, favoritism and unfair advantage against other city applicants and it is totally unacceptable. All applicants should all be held responsible at the same city standards. I will submit my complaint to Los Altos Town Crier to investigate this. Same city council member Enander and Lee Eng denied story pole exemption on using 3D simulation and billboards on other projects just in the last two years, including 5150 El Camino Real and at least one in downtown as I recall and all of those had close by power lines and the developer figured them out. I clearly remember all those development sites had also been fenced off totally or partially while the story poles were up and here councilmembers are taking an unusual stand. Why is this applicant getting special treatment? Because the applicant waisted 1.5 years on several city council meetings and staff time trying to circumvent story pole city requirements?

All city council members have the obligation to reveal to the public their relationship to this applicant on Jan 26th and if the applicant had any contributions to their reelection campaign they should recuse themselves from being involved in any final decisions. I always like to submit my comments through the proper channels, so please pass along my message to the council. I am very disappointed and shocked.

Regards,

JJ

On Mon, Jan 11, 2021 at 4:45 PM Sean Gallegos <sgallegos@losaltosca.gov> wrote:

JJ,

Thank you for your correspondence. City staff will forward your comments to the City Council.

Thank you,

Sean Gallegos

Associate Planner

From: JJ Desh [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 4:36 PM
To: Jon Biggs <jbiggs@losaltosca.gov>; Sean Gallegos <sgallegos@losaltosca.gov>
Subject: 4350 El Camino Real Los Altos: January 26th 2021 Agenda: Story Poles

Dear Director Biggs and Mr. Gallegos,

I have been following this project development On/Off for about two years and I can only tell that the applicant is absolutely clueless and/or ignoring city requirements since they wasted so much of the city council and planning department time on obtaining a waiver for the required story pole installation. As a Los Altos resident and residing nearby the property I would certainly want to see the massing of this building that will be there for the next 100 years. Applicant is trying to pursue City Council Members on every single angle possible not to do so.

I am appealing to the entire city council to ensure that this development like all the others has the proper City Code Story Poles installation as we saw up and down on El Camino Real at 5150, 4880, 4898, 4856 and Downtown 1st and Main St Los Altos that helped us visualize the massing of the building. Applicant is invoking different reasons like " I am shutting down my business if I have to install story poles" or "it is impractical". All other developments on El Camino Real presented their Story Pole installation with some small adjustments but not a Full Waiver of full installation which is certainly not acceptable. As I understand that the applicant is also a Los Altos resident so they should respect city requirements evenmore and not try to avoid them and waste more city council time with several attempts to get out of providing Los Altos residents a full story poles installation. I remember that Council Members Lee Eng and Enander precisely supported residents on their right to properly visualize and evaluate the heights and massing of future developments prior to city council meetings.

In the light of the last two years developments I am urging you to deny the request of a full waiver and if necessary have the applicant to partially or fully shut down the site operations for the time the project will go through planning and city council review it is a small price to pay and should be mandate it, versus applicants future exponential profits.

Please ensure my public comment reaches city council members. I will also do my best to call in on Jan 26th 2021.

Regards,

JJ

