

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee: I am a long-time resident of Linda Flora, and I live less than 50 feet from the subject property. I am writing to express my firm opposition to the proposed lot split and respectfully urge the Committee to deny this application in its entirety. This is not simply a matter of adding another residential lot. It is a serious fire-safety, evacuation, and traffic-access issue in a canyon neighborhood that has repeatedly experienced devastating fires. I have personally witnessed the fire danger at this property. There was a fire in the front yard of 1400 North Vista Moraga that I personally observed and that was extinguished while I was watching from my balcony. Given my proximity to the property, I have firsthand knowledge of the conditions surrounding it. The danger is further demonstrated by the neighborhood's history. During the 2017 Skirball Fire, homes on Linda Flora Drive and surrounding streets were destroyed; contemporary reporting documented homes burned to their foundations and the closure and evacuation of Linda Flora Drive. More recently, fires in the immediate neighborhood have again destroyed homes. Several homes within approximately 100 to 200 feet of the subject property have burned completely. These are not hypothetical risks—they demonstrate the extraordinary fire exposure of this location. Linda Flora Drive itself is a narrow, winding, two-way dead-end street with parking permitted on one side. There is only one way in and one way out. The road is bordered by steep canyon terrain and brush, creating an extremely difficult situation for residents trying to evacuate and for emergency vehicles trying to enter during a wildfire. Adding another dwelling and the associated vehicles to this already constrained street would further increase the danger. The existing traffic on Linda Flora Drive is already excessive and, in my experience, makes driving in and out of the neighborhood difficult and hazardous. The nearby John Thomas Dye School and its recent addition have also contributed to increased traffic activity in the area. There is no reason to impose this additional burden on Linda Flora Drive. The subject property already has roadway access through Vista Moraga. The City's planning record itself identifies vehicular access to the property through Vista Moraga. If additional development were ever considered, it should not

result in additional traffic being imposed on Linda Flora Drive. I therefore strongly urge the Committee to consider the real-world fire and traffic conditions experienced by the residents who live here, rather than viewing this as simply a two-lot subdivision on a map. I respectfully request that the City deny Case No.

AA-2023-8121-PMLA-1A in its entirety. At a minimum, the City should conduct a thorough traffic-safety and emergency-access assessment of Linda Flora Drive before allowing any additional development at this property. As a resident living less than 50 feet from this site, I believe allowing this lot split would unnecessarily increase the risk to the entire neighborhood—particularly during a wildfire, when Linda Flora Drive must serve simultaneously as our access road, evacuation route, and emergency-vehicle route. Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully, Haroun Hanasab
Long-Time Linda Flora Resident