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From: rawitt@verizon.net <rawitt@verizon.net>

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:25 PM

To: claudia4slowgrowth@gmail.com; Bob Engler <BEngler@toaks.org>; Ed Jones <EJones@toaks.org>; Kevin McNamee <KMcNamee@toaks.org>; Al Adam <AAdam@toaks.org>; City Clerk's Office <cityclerk@toaks.org>

Subject: Jan 26, 2021 City Council Meeting - Microgrid Development at Hill Canyon Treatment Plant

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RE: Agenda Item 8.A.

Microgrid Development at Hill Canyon Treatment Plant

Dear Mayor Bill-de la Pena and Councilmembers,

I applaud the City's long-standing climate and environmental leadership as regards the solar-powered Hill Canyon biogas co-generation plant; and I wholeheartedly support the installation of microgrid infrastructure to allow the Plant to run autonomously without connection to the electrical grid during power outages.

Creating local microgrids, by adding large-scale battery energy storage systems to solar generation systems for use during off-peak hours is a smart investment which Thousand Oaks would be wise to replicate city-wide. If one doesn't already exist, a strategic microgrid site map identifying sensitive facilities (including hospitals, community centers used as evacuation centers during emergency events, and other critical neighborhood service locations), would be the next essential, and logical, step.

I applaud Thousand Oaks' foresightful attention to distributed energy resources, like Hill Canyon, which are critical for our community's safety and resilience in the face of the ever-intensifying impacts of Climate Destabilization; to that end, I urge you to approve microgrid development at the Hill Canyon Treatment Plant, and to get to work on expanding our City's microgrid network. Again, thank you so much for your leadership.

Appreciatively,

Rose Ann Witt
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(805) 495-7877

TO COUNCIL: 01/26/2021
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8A
MEETING DATE: 01/26/2021

From: Silvana Zucca <longzucca@yahoo.com>
Subject: Tonight's City Council meeting
Date: January 26, 2021 at 11:43:01 AM PST
To: Claudia Bill-de la Peña <claudia4slowgrowth@gmail.com>, Kevin McNamee <kmcnamee@toaks.org>, Ed Jones <ejones@toaks.org>, Bob Engler <bengler@toaks.org>, Al Adam <aadam@toaks.org>

Dear Mayor Bill de la Pena and City Councilmembers,

On tonight's agenda are 2 items of great interest to me.

Item 8.A. Microgrid development at Hill Canyon. This is an amazing opportunity for our city to be leaders in energy resiliency and efficiency.

I STRONGLY encourage you to vote YES on item 8.A.

Item 9.A. 500 E TO Blvd General Plan Amendment

If you approve this amendment, I hope that you encourage the builder to adhere to the General Plan codes we currently have, this includes sufficient parking, height limits, density(30/acre is the max).

Also, please consider that we not only need "Affordable Housing" which is mandated by the state, but also Housing that is affordable. Please ask MCRT if this will be affordable.

Also, on item 9.A., please consider the safety of the oak trees. I am glad they will be spared, but please make sure they are treated properly so they do not die in the process of building AS WELL as how they are treated after. Making these the green spaces for this project is not ideal since we all know Oak branches do fall. So they need to have their space.

Lastly on item 9.A, please also consider requesting the builder to make this building an all electric building. The builder would save money on gas hookups and this project would be a leader in the movement to clean up our air by not contributing to pollution.

Thank you,
Silvana Zucca (resident of TO since 1972)

TO COUNCIL: 01/26/2021
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8A & 9A
MEETING DATE: 01/26/2021

From: Madison Long <longmadison421@gmail.com>

Subject: Item 9A

Date: January 26, 2021 at 3:09:58 PM PST

To: claudia4slowgrowth@gmail.com, bengler@toaks.org, aadam@toaks.org,
ejones@toaks.org, kmcnamee@toaks.org

Hi Councilmembers,

I am 19 and I work at whole foods in thousand oaks and take the blvd often to go to work and it is PACKED during rush hours already

We have the limit of 30 units per acre for a reason, building any larger opens the floodgates to allow more large scale projects that overbuild in our city. If we are going to build here at least make the project smaller.

Also make it fully electric since the city has the goal of reducing greenhouse gasses. We may as well get started now, that will be healthier and make converting to green energy easier for us down the road.

Thank you for your consideration, Madison Long

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AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9A

MEETING DATE: 01/26/2021

From: Silvana Zucca long <longzucca@gmail.com>

Subject: Meeting tonight

Date: January 26, 2021 at 2:28:43 PM PST

To: Claudia Bil-de la Pena <claudia4slowgrowth@roadrunner.com>, kmcnamee@toaks.org, ejones@toaks.org, bengler@toaks.org, aadam@toaks.org

Dear Mayor Bill de la Pena and City Councilmembers,

I hope you will vote YES on item 8A - Microgrid at Hill Canyon

On Item 9.A. General Plan Amendment, please don't allow the builder to drastically change our city's look and feel. We need housing that is affordable, and we need to make sure they are forced to adhere to the current codes. Specifically in these areas:

Height Limits

Density

Parking

Thank you,

Matt Long

TO COUNCIL: 01/26/2021
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9A
MEETING DATE: 01/26/2021

From: Andrew Pletcher <drewpletcher@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:23 PM
To: City Clerk's Office <cityclerk@toaks.org>
Cc: Sandra Delgado <SDelgado@toaks.org>
Subject: Public Comment on Item 9A: Residential Capacity Allocation and Initiation of General Plan Amendment for a Project Located at 500 East Thousand Oaks Boulevard (RCA 2019-70236/LU 2019-70238);

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Mayor Bill-de la Peña,

I wanted to write tonight to express my support for Item 9A regarding the project at 500 East Thousand Oaks Blvd. As you are aware, housing remains a critical issue for our state and the proposed project seeks to add 11 % affordable units (26 total affordable units) which will help with our City's current Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements. This benefit, along with providing more housing to meet the immediate needs of our Conejo Valley employers, will be an overall net-positive for the City. And while I would hope the Applicant would consider more affordable units, based on the criteria approved by the Council in December 2020, this project should be approved and move forward into the full entitlement process with City Staff and the Planning Commission.

Thank you,
Drew Pletcher
Newbury Park, CA

Sent from my iPad

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Name (Optional)	Community	Agenda#	In favor/ Opposed	Comment
Lisa Evans Powell	Thousand Oaks	6	n/a	<p>Last summer, as I watched the protests against police brutality and for racial justice across the country, I waited for my City to make a statement of commitment to racial equity and justice. I watched as nearby cities including Ventura, Oxnard, and Camarillo issue such resolutions. Even just recently, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors issued a resolution that declared racism a public health emergency. From the City of Thousand Oaks? Nothing.</p> <p>This city may be 69% white residents, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't be denouncing racism and committing ourselves to ensuring that our city to be a welcoming and inclusive place to live - not only for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) residents, but all future residents, and the people who work here. Issuing a formal statement shouldn't be controversial. A formal resolution from the Council is one way to show both residents and non-residents that the City of Thousand Oaks will elevate and amplify values such as diversity and equity.</p> <p>It is imperative that our elected leaders, including our local leaders, use their positions to address the legacy of racism in our country. Only then can tangible change happen in our public policies, our laws, and in our agencies (such as law enforcement). As the recent racial profiling incident at the Westlake Village Target shows us, there is much work to be done to address issues of and related to racism here in our own community.</p>
Nandita	Simi Valley	6	n/a	<p>I am requesting that you pass an anti-racist resolution to signify that Thousand Oaks not only recognizes the racism present in TO but is also willing to take active measures to pass anti-racist measures to ensure that every single individual living in TO feels safe.</p>
Madison Long	Thousand Oaks	8A	in favor	<p>Support green energy!</p>
Rose Ann Witt	Thousand Oaks	8A	in favor	<p>I applaud the City's long-standing climate and environmental leadership as regards the solar-powered Hill Canyon biogas co-generation plant; and I wholeheartedly support the installation of microgrid infrastructure to allow the Plant to run autonomously without connection to the electrical grid during power outages.</p> <p>Creating local microgrids, by adding large-scale battery energy storage systems to solar generation systems for use during off-peak hours is a smart investment which Thousand Oaks would be wise to replicate city-wide. If one doesn't already exist, an essential microgrid site map identifying sensitive facilities (including hospitals, community centers used as evacuation centers during emergency events, and other critical neighborhood locations), would be the next important, and logical, step.</p> <p>I applaud Thousand Oaks' foresightful attention to distributed energy resources, like Hill Canyon, which are critical for our community's safety and resilience in the face of the ever-intensifying impacts of Climate Destabilization; to that end, I urge you to approve microgrid development at the Hill Canyon Treatment Plant, and get to work on expanding our City's microgrid network. Again, thank you so much for your leadership.</p>

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Silvana Zucca	Thousand Oaks	9A	opposed	<p>I am currently opposed to this amendment because based on what we know, this project is unlikely to adhere to the existing GP codes. To change my mind, you would have to:</p> <p>Include sufficient parking Adhere to height limits Adhere to density limits(30/acre is the max) Also, please consider that we not only need "Affordable Housing" which is mandated by the state, but also Housing that is affordable</p> <p>Also, the oaks are to be spared, but the current lay out will ensure these trees will not be healthy. Please help to protect them with a permanent fence, and move the trees back.</p> <p>And to be forward thinking, if you request the builder to make this building an all electric building, you would be forging the way forward to a cleaner Thousand Oaks.</p>
Matthew Long	Thousand Oaks	9A	opposed	<p>Project needs to be scaled back to a reasonable level of development to adhere to the codes we have in TO.</p> <p>Protect the oaks, adhere to height limits, make sure there is sufficient parking, and PLEASE scale back the density - we currently only allow a max of 30 units/acre - this one is for 55units/acre!!</p> <p>While your at it, lets make it solar and all electric!</p>
Giovanni Long	Thousand Oaks	9A	opposed	I am opposed to this - it is too big!! Please adhere to the current standards we have in TO.
Madison Long	Thousand Oaks	9A	opposed	We have the limit of 30 units per acre for a reason, I work at whole foods in thousand oaks and take the blvd often to go to work and it is PACKED during rush hours already. If we are going to build here at least make it smaller. Also make it fully electric since the city has the goal of reducing green house gasses anyway.
Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin	Thousand Oaks	9A	opposed	<p>55 units per acre, really? Wow, that is crowded. The project needs to be scaled back to a reasonable level of development for this lot size.</p> <p>I am very concerned that the proposed buildings are too close to the old heritage trees, based on their outline. It is very important to protect the oak roots from compaction and the trees from other negative impacts associated with development, especially one of this scale. The oak trees should be permanently fenced to protect the oaks from people, give urban wildlife a place to live unharrassed, and to protect people, should a large branch fall.</p>

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Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin	Thousand Oaks	9A	opposed	<p>Amended Card, please replace the previous one with this one: 55 units per acre, really? Wow, that is crowded. The project needs to be scaled back to a reasonable level of development for this lot size.</p> <p>I am very concerned that the proposed buildings are too close to the old heritage trees, based on the outlines. It is very important to protect the oak roots from compaction and the trees from other negative impacts associated with development, especially one of this scale. The oak trees should be permanently fenced to protect the oaks from people, give urban wildlife a place to live unharrassed, and to protect people, should a large branch fall.</p> <p>Living with nature starts at home, it is grass-roots. I want to live in a city where the importance of trees and wildlife corridors is recognized, not where building more housing means plowing down our precious oaks and landmark trees and not incorporating green-spaces into our concentrated developments.</p> <p>"It is our collective and individual responsibility ... to preserve and tend to the world in which we all live." —Dalai Lama</p>