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Hello, Melanie,

Again, let me apologize for interrupting your "walk" the day I stopped into your office. Thank you also, for taking the time to kindly speak with me regarding the proposed parking development on the Burnam Strip in El Granada

Thank you for the opportunity to address concerns for using the Alhambra Avenue (AKA Ave. Alhambra) as access to the proposed parking lot on the Burnam Strip in El Granada.

I am a very senior citizen and have a residence in El Granada for 56 years. I am not opposed to all development and truly not the beautification of the Burnam Strip.

I am, however, very concerned about the SAFETY, SECURITY AND SENSIBILITY of using Alhambra Avenue for ingress and egress to the proposed parking lot. I strongly suggest the 3 following topics; Safety, Security and Sensibility are considered before any access is determined.

I, and many residents, are passionate and concerned about protecting our Alhambra Ave. as the "lifeline" of El Granada. In addition, Ave Alhambra has been the "heart" of our beautiful community with businesses and access to most all residential properties in El Granada which is all beautifully nestled along the Burnham Strip

SAFETY

Parents have safely walked their children to three schools; El Granada Elementary,

Wilkinsons School, and the Children's Day Care Center with access from Avenue Alhambra.

Now, as adults. those same children walk, skateboard, ride bicycles or drive vehicles on the Alhambra to school or work locations.

Some FFA students from HMB High School walk their sheep on leashes along the Avenue preparing for the SM County Fair.

Many families with children and pets walk the Avenue at all hours.

Many Seniors walk Alhambra. Some feel safe using walkers as they cross the Alhambra to access the Sam Trans bus line.

Riders on horseback enjoy riding along the Alhambra, another custom still seen in our beautiful community.

Alhambra already provides constant access for the Post Office, Fire Station, the above-mentioned schools and other businesses. At times, even now, all too many vehicles use the avenue. Don't add more by adding access to a parking lot!

NO ALHAMBRA ACCESS !

SECURITY

What are the hours for the parking lot usage?

Who will ensure the parking lot will only provide day use and no overnight parking?

Who will be the agency for monitoring usage?

What are the hours for access?

How will residents be safe with assurance no camping will be allowed?

Who will be sure no illegal activities are conducted?

Who will be responsible for the cleanliness of the area?

Will low pole lights be provided so as not to disturb the residents with high bright lights?

NO ALHAMBRA ACCESS

Sensibility

Make all entrance and exits for the parking lot directly from Highway 1.

Utilize the parking areas across Highway 1 in the harbor.

Utilize the Cross Walks at the north and south stop lights for foot traffic.

Utilize the already cleared land at the north stop light. Exit right from the highway onto the west side of the Burnham Strip for a parking lot

Make ALL access to and from the parking lot on the WEST side of the Burnham Strip

Avoid any more congestion on Alhambra Avenue where 11 lanes of traffic converge at the North stoplight.

Make another parking lot at the south stop light at Coronado with immediate access and exit onto the west side of the strip. Also, where there are cross walks

Provide a shuttle service from the parking lot with access and egress on the west side of the Burnham Strip off Highway 1. This would provide service to and from the restaurant, harbor, ocean activities and remove the cars that park on Highway 1.

Removing the cars from parking on the highway 1 needs to be addressed and resolved. However, not at the mercy of El Granada and Alhambra Avenue.

Utilize north and south stop lights with crosswalks, with no disturbing residents as the north entrances has a gas station, mini mart, and restaurants. The south entrance faces the fire station.

Please review and reconsider **SAFETY, SECURITY AND SENSIBILITY.** keeping our El Granada Community thriving and beautiful while making the Burnam Strip Enhancement an enjoyable addition to the community.

NO ALHAMBRA ACCESS.

I thank you for your attention and consideration.
Meredith Monica

Melanie, thanks for reading this at the meeting. My partner and I have been involved in business, cancer treatments and a recent family funeral that time has apparently interrupted my devotion to this important endeavor.

A personal and compassionate add-on.
Current and past residents are proud of our community and the recognition our El Granada community has received. Here are just some of our El Granada community recognitions.

In 1978 our very own EG Elementary School was voted The Most Outstanding PTA Unit in the Entire State of CA. Thanks to very active PTA and supportive Coastsiders.

The first Blood Drive was held on the Coastside with E. G. PTA drive.

The Arts and Science Day from 1977 is still held each year in the El Granada

Elementary School.

Thanks for your consideration. Please call me if you have questions
Meredith Monica. [REDACTED] please excuse errors.