

05-11-2021

City Council, Planning  
Commission and  
Housing Commission

Joint Study Session #2  
Housing Element  
Update

Written Comments

## Cyrah Caburian

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**From:** Keith Warner <keith@pacificworkplaces.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 3:42 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** 5/11 Housing Study Session #2

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Dear City Council,

As a Cupertino resident I urge you to move forward with the Vallco project as soon as possible. This new project will go a long way toward solving many of our housing needs. Please move quickly on permitting, etc.

Here are a few suggested questions during you study session tonight:

What is the advantage of delaying permits? Why are they being delayed?

What would be the impact of more litigation in this process? What is the risk for the city? Could litigation make matters worse?

Thank you and best wishes for a productive meeting.

Regards,

Keith Warner

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**From:** City of Cupertino Written Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: HE study session 5-11-21  
**Attachments:** Q to CC.pdf

**From:** Wendell Kerr <[whkerr@comcast.net](mailto:whkerr@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** May 11, 2021 at 4:30:05 PM PDT  
**To:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@cupertino.org](mailto:CityClerk@cupertino.org)>  
**Subject:** HE study session 5-11-21

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Attached is my questions

Wendell (Bill) Kerr, Cupertino resident  
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I understand that the city has been slowly making headway on meeting the state's housing production. The Vallco plan would make a terrific impact on meeting these goals.

1. Is there any risk to the city? What can the state do against the city's lack of progress? Could they move in and take control of the approved project? It appears that the city is dragging their feet in getting this project started.

2. What is the delay for issuing the Vallco permits to get the project off the ground?

5-11-2021

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**From:** Jenny Griffin <grenna5000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 9:24 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk; City of Cupertino Planning Commission  
**Subject:** No Way are We Rezoning Neighborhoods from R1

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Dear City Council:

There is no way that the R1 neighborhoods in Cupertino are going to Multifamily.

Thank you.

Jennifer Griffin

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**From:** Jenny Griffin <grenna5000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 9:18 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** High Density Housing Along Stevens Creek Blvd.

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Dear City Council:

Are we supposed to upzone neighborhoods along Stevens Creek Blvd?  
How does that happen? Are the people in the neighborhoods asked whether They want their neighborhoods upzoned?  
Or are we supposed to build High Density Housing on every piece of land adjoining Stevens Creek Blvd., Wiping out any retail or commercial or medical office in favor of housing?  
Every thing will be housing and there will be no services? Just 200 foot High Housing complexes with no roads or schools or stores?

Wow. A city of just housing. No jobs. What a weird vision of utopia?

Also, no way are we rezoning R1 to multi-family.

As far as I know, the governor is Gavin Newsom, not Scott Wiener or Buffy Wicks or Toni Atkins.

Thank you,

Jennifer Griffin

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**From:** Jenny Griffin <grenna5000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 8:57 PM  
**To:** City Council; City of Cupertino Planning Dept.; City Clerk  
**Cc:** grenna5000@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Pasadena Had 9000 Housing Units in Their RHNA Numbers??

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Dear City Council:

Pasadena was supposed to build 9000 RHNA housing units?? You have got to be kidding!

In what universe are these dictators of RHNA numbers operating?? Did they even realize There was something called Covid? I don't know who is telling the RHNA Boards to get These outrageous numbers?? Is it the Big Housing Money Sources? Or is RHNA just making This stuff up or drawing the numbers out of a Magic Act Top Hat??

At this point, I think they used the Top Hat!!

Unbelievable!! Irrational!! Totally mind-boggling!!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Griffin

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**From:** Jennifer Griffin <grenna5000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:44 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk  
**Cc:** grenna5000@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Is There Democracy in California Any More?

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Dear City Council:

It sounds like the Housing Element has become a tool for the people who fund the high density housing bills. They get to make the decisions about what is built in California.

The term "by right" and "ministerial" are terms that only came into play from the High Density Housing bills. It is wording that the backers of the bills came up with and are trying to pass off as law for the rest of the state. None of the public ever got to vote on these topics or make comments about them.

"By right" and "ministerial" are anti city and anti environment. No politician should be peddling bills that use "by right" or "ministerial" because they are anti voter, anti public and anti local control.

It sounds like the special interest money is paying to have "by right" and "ministerial" in the bills. The public is not so easily duped.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Grffin

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**From:** Jennifer Griffin <grenna5000@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:52 PM  
**To:** City Council; City Clerk  
**Cc:** City of Cupertino Planning Commission  
**Subject:** Who Believes What HCD Says Anymore

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Dear City Council:

I find it laughable that HCD is dictating to Cupertino where to put housing? That is a lot of nerve, considering that HCD has been overtly influence by the money from the High Density Housing Bills. I am sure that the authors of the High Density Housing Bills are dictating any and every policy for HCD.

The farce continues as stated before.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Griffin

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**From:** Steve Kelly <svproperties@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 4:49 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Fw: Cupertino Housing Element

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*May 10, 2021*

*Cupertino City Council & Planning Commission*

*10300 Torre Ave*

*Cupertino, CA 95014*

*Dear Mayor & Council Members:*

*Housing is in desperate need because cities and counties in California have not done what is necessary to build more market rate and affordable housing. At your last housing meeting the City Council Members and Planning Commissioners said you need more funds to build affordable housing in Cupertino. You are correct and you do not need to go to the state or federal government to make it happen.*

*You need to maximize developer contributions the list below is the best way to make that happen.*

***1. Reduce the minimum SFR lot size to 5,000 sq. ft. so more homes will be built, and more funds will be contributed by developers for affordable housing.***

***2. Increase height limits along Stevens Creek Blvd and De Anza Blvd for high density housing projects. San Jose already has high density housing planned along Stevens Creek and Santa Clara has done the same along the El Camino Real.***

3. *Offer density bonuses for developers that provide more than the minimum amount of affordable housing.*

4. *Infill projects should allow more Town Home and Condo Developments instead of single-family homes. More families would be helped since town homes and condos require less space for a 2 or 3 bedroom home.*

*As a former Planning Commissioner on the Santa Clara Commissioner myself, and having served on the Stevens Creek Advisory Commission for the City of San Jose I know these changes would work to increase market rate and affordable housing in Cupertino as well. It will just take bold action by the Cupertino City Council & its Planning Commission.*

*Sincerely,*

*Steve Kelly*

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**From:** Connie Cunningham <cunninghamconniel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Cc:** Cunningham Connie  
**Subject:** Two Clarification questions: Topic: Special Meeting Joint Study Session II - May 11, 2021

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Dear Kirsten,

Topic: Special Meeting Joint Study Session II - May 11, 2021

Hello, I have two questions that I will be asking tonight, but wondered if it would be helpful to have the consultants take a look ahead of time.

1. Page 3, paragraph 1, of the report: Please describe lot consolidation and flexible development- with an example of each. (HE-1.3.3 and HE-1.3.4)
2. Page 9, final paragraph, of the report: Please compare this HE policy (HE-1.3.3 and HE-1.3.4) to the land assemblage program discussed on page 9.

Thank you, Connie