EXHIBIT E PART I
From: Michele Napier <michele.napier@pln.sccgov.org>
Subject: Re: letter for August 2 meeting consideration
Date: July 24, 2012 8:18:51 AM PDT
To: <lhalper@garlic.com>
Cc: Colleen Oda <Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org>

Thank you for your correspondence dated July 23, 2012. I am in receipt of your comments regarding the Cordoba Center. I am forwarding your correspondence to the planner for the project, Colleen Oda, and your correspondence will be provided to the Planning Commission for consideration at their August 2, 2012 meeting.

If I can do anything else to assist you, please feel free to contact me directly.

With Kind Regards,
Michele

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Michele Napier
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Planning Commission/Planning Office
Department of Planning and Development
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On 7/24/12 7:59 AM, "lhalper@garlic.com" <lhalper@garlic.com> wrote:

Dear Planning Commission and Board Clerk Michele Napier,

I hope that the following letter can be considered by the Commission in preparation for its August 2 meeting.

I would greatly appreciate a reply so I know it is received in time.

Sincerely,
Leah Halper

23 July 2012

Dear members of the Santa Clara County Planning Commission,

I am unable to attend your August 2 hearing due to an unavoidable work commitment. As a former environmental reporter, professor of history and California natural history at Cavelian College, and resident of South County, I have reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Cordoba Center.

I urge you to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and grant the requested Use Permit, Architecture and Site Approval, and Grading Permit. In fact, my understanding of the many careful reports by outside experts and by county staff leads me to believe that all standards for approval of this project have been met and, in some cases, exceeded.

Yet the newspaper reports that your August 2 meeting is likely to be a full and contentious one.

I believe that the very small, very vocal group of opponents to this project misunderstands, mis-states, and/or simply distorts the effects the Cordoba Center will have in South County. Having watched this discussion since it erupted in the local newspapers in 2007, I can
assure you that these same opponents began their battle to keep the Cordoba Center out of San Martin with arguments based upon naked bigotry—"Muslim equals terrorist" and "Islam is the enemy of the United States." At that time, the county office of Human Relations Hate Free Network project was concerned enough about these statements to inquire into their origins.

When those bigoted arguments roused appropriately negative responses, the opponents shifted tactics and began to look with a magnifying glass at every possible contingent negative a project like this could bring. Repeatedly the group hides its religious-social-political biases under concerns about water, septic contamination, traffic, and noise. But the biases are obvious—because the concerns are fantasies, invented to stop the project when ugly bigotry could not.

Told that the Cordoba Center's documented and scientifically-based projected impact is not consistent with their claims, group members only repeat the claims, which are unscientific and fantastical, more loudly and hysterically.

My science background is not as useful to me in assessing this situation as my historical training. The United States put freedom of religion into the First Amendment because it is so basic it must come first. Every religious group has the right to its beliefs. Each such group must be treated equally and fairly by an entity such as a county planning department. And the Cordoba Center is well named for Cordoba, Spain—for some centuries a remarkable town wherein medieval scholars and merchants from Jewish, Christian, and Islamic backgrounds not only co-existed but collaborated peacefully and fruitfully.

We are lucky to have a local South Valley Islamic Community that contributes so much. My college has benefited by inviting speakers from the mosque, and by co-sponsoring an art exhibit with SVIC and the Congregation Emeth synagogue. SVIC does good in many ways, especially at the Lords Table dinner program through St. Josephs Family Center for hungry people in our community—all hungry people—no questions asked. And we all benefit when we can learn about the richness and variety of human cultural and religious experience in our own backyard, without having to travel around the world to do so.

To its credit, I believe the county planning department has done (and redone, and double checked) its work well. There is no issue here but the unfriendliness and intolerance of people whose tactics show too plainly that they themselves urgently need what the Cordoba Center will bring: opportunities to learn more about our neighbors and the world.

Sincerely,

Leah Halper

Gilroy CA
People's Coalition For
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Gilroy, California 95021

SENT BY FACSIMILE

July 19, 2012

Bill Shoe, Planner
Department of Planning & Development
County Government Center
70 West Hedding Street, East Win, 7th Floor
San Jose, California 95110-1705

RE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION/PETITION
FILED WITH STATE WATER BOARD V. CCRWQCB

ATTENTION: Bill Soe

Dear Mr. Shoe:

On June 12, 2012, PCGA received an e-mail from your office; whereby you explained, "That staff had discussions with the applicants as recently as yesterday to review the considerable noticing requirements involved with a proposed cemetery. Due to requirements of Section B6 of the Ordinance Code in this regard, it now does not appear possible to hold a hearing before the Planning Commission next month. My sense is now that to meet the noticing and signage requirements, the project will not be on the Planning Commission agenda until the September 6th meeting date, at the earliest, and the SMPAC (San Martin Committee) meeting will be held before the Planning Commission meets".

"If things work out such that we can utilize the next regularly scheduled SCJPAC meeting in October, October 11, without having to schedule a special meeting just for this item, then the cities and County will likely favor that approach".

PCGA received an e-mail yesterday indicating that you have scheduled a meeting for August 1, 2012; instead of Sept. 5th. Why isn't this information on a published agenda? More importantly, you stated that due to Section B6 of the Ordinance Code the Planning Commission hearing could not be scheduled prior to September 6th.

It is also rumored that this meeting will be held at the Grange Grange Hall in Morgan Hill; thus precluding elderly residents do not drive outside of San Martin at night from attending the meeting.
Bill Shoe, Planner  
Intergovernmental Coordination  
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PCGA wants the Planning Office to take notice that on June 18, 2012, PCGA filed a Petition with the State Water Board v. the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB); due to the fact that a controversy exists between the RWQCB and the Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health regarding "lead agencies".

The regional board claims that this project is an individual domestic septic system; DEH disagrees and describes this project as a commercial facility which must be based on "peak wastewater flows".

Ann Peden described what data is necessary to determine if it is a commercial project, i.e. maximum number of attendees at events/number of employees/number of owners/workers at facility/events, frequency of use (how many times/week or times/month and months/year. (Facility will be open from 5:00 a.m./11:00 p.m./7 days a week/365 days a year.

The other "issue" is that Gary Carnes submitted documentation to the regional board claiming that floodwater flows in south-easterly direction. Seventy-seven neighbors disagree and state that the majority of floodwater flows in a south-westerly direction and they have signed a petition stating that they have suffered catastrophic flooding and/or have witnessed serious flooding on surrounding properties. Flood waters further exasperate contamination of well water.

As a result of the Petition filed with the State Water Resources Board, to which PCGA has yet to receive a response, PCGA is requesting that your office enforce requirements of Section B6 of the Ordinance Code for scheduling SMPAC, SCJPAC and Planning Commission hearings and set date as originally planned, on September 6th.

Moreover, no hearing should be scheduled until the State Water Board determines whether this facility qualifies as an individual facility; or as a commercial facility.

Please advise as to what your understanding is regarding the current status of the this project. PCGA apologizes for not informing your office about the Petition; however, PCGA members felt that by September 6th an answer from the State Board would have been forthcoming.

Please e-mail response to: Maria Mello (melloangus@aol.com)

cc: Ignacio "Nash" Gonzalez, Director of Planning  
Colleen Oda, Planner III
July 9, 2012

Colleen Oda
Santa Clara County
70 W. Hedding Street
7th Floor, East Wing
San Jose, CA 95110

Subject: Cordoba Center Religious Facility and Cemetery
SCH#: 2012062013

Dear Colleen Oda:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on July 6, 2012, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse
Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base

SCH# 2012062013
Project Title Cordoba Center Religious Facility and Cemetery
Lead Agency Santa Clara County

Type MND Mitigated Negative Declaration
Description This application proposes a Use Permit, Architecture & Site Approval (ASA), and Grading Approval for a new religious institution and cemetery for the South Valley Islamic Center. The facilities are referenced in application submittal materials as the "Cordoba Center", and include a prayer hall building (5,000 sf), a multipurpose hall building (2,800 sf), outdoor play area and fields [including 2 patio picnic grounds and 2 outdoor restrooms (450 sf of structures)], and approximately 2 acres of cemetery grounds.

Lead Agency Contact
Name Colleen Oda
Agency Santa Clara County
Phone (408) 299-5797
email
Address 70 W. Hedding Street
7th Floor, East Wing
City San Jose
State CA Zip 95110

Project Location
County Santa Clara
City
Region
Lat / Long
Cross Streets Monterey Rd., CA Avenue
Parcel No. 779-06-002
Township
Range
Section
Base

Proximity to:
Highways
Airports
Railways
Waterways Llagas Creek
Schools
Land Use Land Use - vacant
Z: RR-5Ac-d1, A1-5Ac-d1
GP: Rural Residential

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Minerals; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Septic System; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Landuse

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Fish and Game, Region 3; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 4; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 3; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Native American Heritage Commission

Date Received 06/07/2012 Start of Review 06/07/2012 End of Review 07/06/2012

Note: Blanks in data fields result from insufficient information provided by lead agency.
From: "Scott J. Sherratt" <scott@sherratt.org>
Subject: Cordoba Center - San Martin
Date: July 12, 2012 2:18:05 PM PDT
To: Colleen Oda <Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org>

Dear Ms. Oda:

I intended to attend tonight's meeting regarding the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Mitigated Declaration, File 2145-11P-11A-11G-11EA "Cordoba Center Religious Facility and Cemetery", but am unable to do so due to my daughters' hospitalization that began July 5. I received the notice in my US mail several weeks ago.

I am concerned about several issues including traffic congestion and safety, noise, and effects on ground water.

Regarding traffic congestion, this is not a neighborhood religious facility, serving the needs of the local community and where members could walk to it. The intent of the facility is to serve people from San Jose to Hollister, not just San Martin. I am concerned about large numbers of people from outside the area creating additional traffic and environmental pollution driving to and from the facility. This stretch of Monterey Highway near the proposed driveway has a curve in it and many vehicles traveling at a highway speeds. I am concerned about the safety of having large numbers of vehicles turning into a religious facility in this location at a dangerous curve in the highway.

Regarding noise, I have traveled in several predominately Muslim countries and in each of those could hear "calls to prayer" multiple times per day via outdoor loudspeakers. When the religious facility was close, the volume of the prayer calls was quite loud. Sunrise is early at certain times of the year when many people are sleeping. I understand that Cordoba does not have plans today for such a speaker system, but what guarantees do we have that this will not be added at some future date? This environmental "noise" issue is not addressed in the document that was mailed out.

I am also concerned about groundwater and surface pollution from the cemetery and a facility such as this on a septic system. The location is very close to Llagas creek. During periods of high rainfall, how will effluent from the septic system be kept out of the creek? Burial practices do not seal the body being buried, how will water sources be kept from pollution?

I also saw the plans published several years ago that included a school, senior center, large meeting auditorium all built on top of the ridge-line and visibly, very prominent. Is this proposal the first phase of a larger plan? Will this property be annexed into Morgan Hill in the future, and allowed to expand per its original plan? What guarantees do neighbors have?

Based on these concerns, I must raise my objection to the proposed facility and respectfully request that the application be denied. Please keep me on the mailing list for information regarding the status of this project.

Sincerely,
Scott Sherratt
1137 Easy Street
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Thanks,
Scott Sherratt
Morgan Hill, CA
To: Colleen Oda  
Department of Planning & Development  
79 West Hedding Street  
East Wing  
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Ms. Oda,

In response to concerns regarding the Cordoba Project:

A statement has been made by the regional board claiming that the storm water in San Martin runs south-southeast. Please ask someone who has lived in San Martin all their lives & for several generations about this. The water will leach into the Llagas Creek & then it will flow south-south-west. Why do you think so many of the wells on the west side of Monterey Road are contaminated with perchlorate? Some folks still cannot drink the water from their well due to perchlorate contamination. Some of these wells are approximately ¼ - ¼ of a mile from the site of the Cordoba site. The water from the Cordoba site will run into these wells in this area & make contamination worse.

Who is going to monitor the project once it is built? It is being planned to hold many people and the planned bathrooms are not enough. Do you think that by bringing in portable toilets that they are not going to use the built in bathrooms whenever there is a crowd? Who from the county is going to stand around & count how many will use the bathrooms that empty into the septic system???

This project does not fit in with the planned growth of the county and of San Martin. Please take all this into consideration. We do NOT want dead bodies decomposing and tons of sewage leaching into the ground water that we use for cooking, bathing & drinking.

It seems that there could possibly be law suits in the future against the county for contamination problems if the project is approved.

Sincerely,

Don & Lynne Bonino  
San Martin, CA
To: Colleen Oda colleen.oda@pln.sccgov.org
    Department of Planning and Development
    70 W. Hedding Street, East Wing
    San Jose, CA 951110
    (408) 299-5700 (408) 279-8537 fax

Re: Cordova Center

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Cordova Center being built in San Martin. I am greatly concerned with the effects a project of this nature would have on the small community of San Martin. This project appears to violate the current zoning laws and will bring huge amounts of traffic into San Martin, disrupting the residents.

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What greatly concerns me though, is the manner in which this project is being presented to the citizens. It is my understanding that the County failed to report accurately the results of percolation tests done on the property, in essence stating that the property passed these tests when in actuality, they failed. This is unacceptable.

I am strongly opposing any furtherance of approval by the County regarding the Cordova Center.

Sincerely,

Marcia Wolfe
San Jose
From: tnt.wittsn@comcast.net
Subject: Cordova Center, San Martin, CA
Date: July 7, 2012 9:23:18 AM PDT
To: colleen.oda@pln.sccgov.org

To: Colleen Oda  colleen.oda@pln.sccgov.org
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Sincerely,

Tom D. Witt
1225 Vienna Dr. sp. 968
Sunnyvale, CA  94089

P.S. Though I did not write this form letter, I am in full agreement with it.
From: hschoming@aol.com
Subject: Re: Petitions on Mosque
Date: July 6, 2012 6:57:45 PM PDT
To: Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org

Ms. Oda,

Thank you for your response concerning the Cordoba Center Project. It interests me that the process has been so fast moving and restricted or closed to public opinion until now on a property that is not zoned for a Mosque, cemetery or school. See sec. 2.02 of zoning ordinances regarding religious institutions to serve only local residents, not the entire county of Santa Clara. This is a violation of our own directives. What's that about?

Evidence shows that the percolation test on this property did not and will never pass, though the county claims it passed, compromising the integrity of Llagas Creek and threatening waterways throughout Southern California to the ocean by seepage of sewer and burial waste. We are not a third world country, nor do we want to be. Let's get it right.

In addition, we have close friends in the small town of San Martin and Gilroy. This project, simple addition and common sense would prove, greatly effect us by the these violations. Traffic at or over 1000 on weekends will disturb and possibly double the impact on local residents in San Martin and access to our Outlets in Gilroy and beyond. I can't wait to see 101 on Garlic Festival weekend after this project. Do we walk?

None of these objections address the teachings of the Koran, but I have studied enough to know that, as in Israel on the Mt. of Olives, once Muslims are buried on a property it is eternally their ground and it is protected as "holy" like Indian burial grounds. This is unacceptable on all counts.

On the above basis I strongly oppose further approval by the County regarding the Cordova Center Project!!!

Most sincerely,

Joy Schoming

PS: Please copy this to Mike Wasserman who we walked precincts to elect last year!

-----Original Message-----
From: Colleen Oda <Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org>
To: hschoming <hschoming@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Jul 6, 2012 9:40 am
Subject: Re: Petitions on Mosque

Dear Joy Schoming,

Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration are due to my attention by end of today per the standard 30 day review period. Below I forwarded the email that was sent to the Cordoba Center Project
interested parties email alias list. I will add your email to the list for future notifications on the project.

Colleen

Colleen A. Oda
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Begin forwarded message:
From: Colleen Oda &lt;Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org&gt;
Date: June 11, 2012 9:26:35 AM PDT
To: Colleen Oda &lt;Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org&gt;
Subject: Cordoba Center Religious Facility and Cemetery Environ.
Assessment

This email notification is written to inform you that the Environmental Assessment for Cordoba Center Project is now available to view on the Planning Office website.

Go to http://www.sccplanning.org, and click on Environmental Documents.

The public review period for the EA started on June 7, 2012 and ends on July 6, 2012.

To submit comments, please contact Colleen Oda at Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org, or hardcopy mail to Santa Clara County Planning Office ATTN: Colleen Oda at 70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 7th Floor San Jose, CA 95110.

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On Jul 6, 2012, at 8:57 AM, hschoming@aol.com wrote:
Hello,

My name is Joy Schoming and I have some petitions signature sheets, but thought I needed to give them to someone today???

Please advise.

Joy Schoming c398-8651
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    Department of Planning and Development
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Sincerely,

Amy Ronen
From: Connie Ludewig <CLUDEWIGS2@SBCGLOBAL.NET>
Subject: VOTE NO on Mosque and Cemetery
Date: July 6, 2012 5:10:05 PM PDT
To: Colleen Oda <COOLEN.ODA@PLN.SCCGOV.ORG>
Reply-To: Connie Ludewig <CLUDEWIGS2@SBCGLOBAL.NET>

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been reviewing facts & county guidelines before submitting my concerns to the county explaining why the Muslim cemetery is NOT appropriate development for San Martin. The World Health Organization states...that no human or animal bodies should be buried where wells are less than 820'. "Human corpses may cause groundwater pollution" & 'render groundwater unusable or unpotable". There are several nearby wells within the proximity fo the proposed cemetery.

The Geoconsults, Inc documents re: Hydrogeologic Conditions (ground water) ...that I received from the county...state that the shallowest depth to water at the well on the parcel at California/Monterey Rd, San Martin (between 2000 & 2005) was 5.3 feet!! This totally grosses me out...to think that the county recently outlawed burial of animals...yet it will be acceptable to bury humans 108' proximity to the nearest well?!!? I have a hard time comprehending this extend of being 'politically correct', that the county is actually considering approval of this, when it ENDANGERS MY HEALTH!

Furthermore, the county Integrated Design Plan for San Martin specifically states that all development MUST BE LOCAL SERVING! The statistics I have read leads me to believe that there is a minimal Muslim population within San Martin, and does not merit a Mosque nor Muslim cemetery within the community of San Martin. This will add more congestion on Monterey Road from neighboring communities (Morgan Hill, Gilroy, San Jose) traffic. Furthermore, there is presently an urban cemetery in Gilroy (who already offers a Muslim site). I wonder how our elected officials would feel if they & their loved ones lived in the same proximity to this parcel, and risked drinking and bathing contaminated water and digesting vegetables that are home grown (contaminated by bacteria and virus from human remains). Would they be so calvalier and indignant?

Do the right thing. Vote NO on the muslim cemetary and mosque in San Martin!!! It belongs in an urban city.

Concerned Citizen,

Steve Ludewig
Colleen,
Attached are comments from the San Martin Neighborhood Alliance Board of Directors and Committee Chairs who can be contacted at PO Box 886, San Martin, CA. 95046 or 408-683-2867 or info@smneighbor.org.
John

Cordoba Ce...ndf (92.9 KB)
TO: Colleen Oda
County of Santa Clara Planning Office
County Government Center
70 West Hedding Street, 7th Floor, East Wing
San Jose, CA 95110

FROM: San Martin Neighborhood Alliance, Inc (SMNA), Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

RE: Cordoba Center Religious Facility and Cemetery
(File Number 2145-11P-11A-11G-11EA)

We have reviewed the Initial Study (IS) and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Cordoba Center project and have the following comments:

A. AESTHETICS

The Initial Study states that "Because the property is relatively flat in relation to the surrounding area, ... and is surrounded by similar properties, the property would not stand out ..." This is incorrect as the property is not surrounded by similar properties because:

1. This property is definitely not "relatively flat in relation to the surrounding area." In fact, the Initial Study states that the north side of the property has a 15 percent grade; this represents approximately half of the parcel.
2. There are no surrounding properties that are similar to this project. There are no religious facilities with a cemetery in San Martin.
3. The proposed land use is not in harmony with the surrounding area.

The document contradicts itself by saying "the project site slopes from north of south with an average slope of approximately 15 percent" in one paragraph and in a later paragraph says "the property is relatively flat".

G. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The project is located within the airport land use plan referral area, or Airport Influence Area. Therefore, the project will be required to dedicate an avigation easement to the County of Santa Clara in accordance with the 2008 South County Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan. This is not discussed in the Initial Study.

H. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

The project has the potential to impact the water quality of adjacent residential properties. The nearest water well used for residential purposes is about 110 feet from the nearest part of the proposed cemetery area and not greater than 200 feet as stated in the document.
There are concerns about the results and conclusions of the percolation testing done for this project versus percolation testing done for previous projects proposed on the same site that are not addressed.

Based on observations of persons knowledgeable of the project site for many years, the area proposed for the cemetery is subject to annual winter flooding. This is not addressed in the Initial Study. In addition, there are serious questions about the water table at the project site.

The World Health Organization (WHO), *The Impact of Cemeteries on the Environment and Public Health*, states that human or animal remains must not be buried within 250 meters (820 feet) of a well from which potable water supply is drawn. There are eight wells within 820 feet of the proposed cemetery site. There are serious issues with the proposed cemetery that are not addressed.

I. LAND USE

The project would conflict with the applicable land use plan, policy or regulations of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. However, the Initial Study says there are no impacts.

The Santa Clara County General Plan Policy R-LU 57, Allowable Uses, states “Residential, agricultural and open space uses are the primary uses [in rural residential areas]. Commercial, industrial and institutional uses may be established only where they serve the needs of the resident population and result in a net overall reduction of travel.”

We agree with this and many other County policies and guidelines relevant to San Martin. We strongly support the Board of Supervisors and County staff taking all of these policies very seriously and applying them consistently on all related land use issues. These policies clearly state that all changes (especially non-residential) must serve the needs of the resident population, be local-serving and result in a net overall reduction of travel. We do not agree that the proposed project meets the test of these policies as demonstrated by:

1. This 15.77 acre piece of property is one of the largest remaining in our community and as such decision-makers need to give very careful attention to how it is used and the final decision must not negate future options.
2. Based on a review of available demographic data, the proposed project would serve very few residents of San Martin. Considerably fewer than the up to 150 to 200 users identified in the Initial Study would be from San Martin. The users would be primarily from other cities in the South County and elsewhere. Therefore:

   a. A project the size of the Cordoba Center project for only a small number of residents would not primarily serve the local rural unincorporated population; therefore, it would not be local-serving.
   b. This project will not result in a net overall reduction of travel. The estimated usage of the facility in the Initial Study clearly demonstrates that most of the users do not reside in San Martin. Therefore, it is not local-serving and does not result in a net overall reduction of travel.
3. The proposed location for this project is the gateway into our community.
4. The cemetery would negate any future options for this property.

The overall travel demand will increase, rather than be reduced because the project will serve a larger area and not just the local San Martin community yet the Initial Study states that there is no impact.

The County Zoning Ordinance Section 2.20 Note 5 states that for religious institutions, "the use shall be limited in scale and shall primarily serve the local (rural) community." That is not the case with the proposed project as it is claimed to serve the South County which includes the non-local communities of Gilroy, Morgan Hill and Southern San Jose. The overall travel demand would be reduced if the project was located in one of these larger communities that the project is intended to service.

There are no existing cemeteries in San Martin and to claim that a new one would have no impact is incorrect. In addition, there are ample cemetery spaces available in these adjacent communities for use by diverse religious institutions.

The Initial Study does not address the data required within 1-1/2 miles of the property, as described in the County Code of Ordinances, Division B6 - Cemeteries and Indian Burial Grounds, for a cemetery application. The Initial Study does not address how the proposed cemetery location could jeopardize or adversely affect the health, safety, comfort or welfare of the public. The Initial Study does not address the public notifications required for a cemetery application.

It is a fact that the County rejected a permit to construct a religious institution on the same site, and without a cemetery, several years ago.

In accordance with South County Joint Area Plan Policy SC17.6, Rural/Urban Land Use, "if it is determined that a use proposed for the unincorporated area is needed in South County, but would be more appropriately located in a city, the use should not be located in the unincorporated area but instead located in the city providing there is or could be sufficient and appropriately zoned land". There is sufficient land available in Morgan Hill and Gilroy where urban services are available.

The Initial Study says the project has no impact and does not conflict with special policies related to San Martin and/or South County. This is clearly not the case with regard to the County General Plan, County Zoning Ordinance and the San Martin Integrated Design Plan and Guidelines.

The proposed project also conflicts with numerous other County policies and guidelines, including, but not limited to, the following:

Santa Clara County Zoning Code 4.10.080 [Cemeteries] may be allowed on ... lands if:
- B1 - “The property is deemed by the decision-maker to be of marginal quality for agricultural purposes....”
- B2 - “The proposed uses are intended, designed, and sized to primarily serve the local rural unincorporated population”
Santa Clara County General Plan Policies; San Martin Planning Area:
  o R-LU 114 "San Martin is a rural unincorporated community ... should be viewed as a distinct geographic entity, unique within the rural unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County and having a unique rural identity and character ... Care should be taken to prevent premature commitment of land for uses which would restrict or preclude future options ..."
  o R-LU 114.1 "Policies, permit decision-making, and other matters subject to the discretion of the County... shall also take into consideration the desire and intent of the community to preserve and enhance the character, identity, and importance of the village core area of San Martin, being that area most central to the distinct identity of San Martin.”
  o R-LU 119 "Non-residential development in the San Martin Planning Area shall conform to adopted development and design guidelines for the San Martin Community.”
  o R-LU 120 "The intent of the Industrial Use Permit Area is to make provision for the maintenance and development of such light industrial uses as are of benefit to the community and environs ..."
  o R-LU 124 "The intent of the Commercial Use Permit Area is to make provision for the maintenance and development of such light industrial uses as are of benefit to the community and environs ..."
  o R-LU 126 "... Proposed uses which contribute to the enhancement of the commercial village core area shall be encouraged.”
  o R-LU 127 "New ... land uses within the commercial or industrial use permit areas shall be of a local-serving nature..."
    • "...Local-serving uses shall be defined as only those uses which provide support services for agriculture or satisfy the local day-to-day ...needs of the residents of San Martin and do not result in significant additional traffic from outside the community.”
  o R-LU 136 "Residential land use and development patterns shall remain the preferred and predominant use pattern in the in the San Martin Planning Area. Establishment of allowed non-residential uses in areas of existing or planned rural residential land use should be allowed only with the utmost consideration for the potential adverse impact of such upon the residential character and quality of life of the community.”

N. TRANSPORTATION/Traffic

The document says "No Parking" signs will be installed only along the west side of Monterey Road where there are safety concerns with the curve on Monterey Road. The document does not address the safety concerns of people parking on the east side of Monterey Highway and walking across the four-lane highway and median to the project site without a crosswalk.

The project will result in a net overall increase in travel demand, rather than a net overall reduction of travel demand, in conflict with R-LU 57 Allowable Uses, as noted earlier in our response.

The Initial Study says the project would have some, but less than significant, impacts on air traffic patterns that results in substantial safety risks. This impact on the San Martin Airport is not clear and is not discussed in this section.
FINDING

There are potentially significant impacts on the environment that cannot be mitigated by building the project at the proposed location. The proposed use does not conform with the County General Plan, County Zoning Ordinance and San Martin Integrated Design Plan and Guidelines and other standards and guidelines applicable to the proposed use and location that have been adopted by the County. A Mitigated Negative Declaration should not be adopted, pursuant to CEQA, because it is incorrect for the County to claim that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and because of the incorrect, incomplete and inadequacy of the Initial Study.
From: Dennis Kitainik <agentorange153@gmail.com>
Subject: Cordova Center zoning violations
Date: July 6, 2012 4:48:28 PM PDT
To: colleen.oda@pln.sccgov.org

To: Colleen Oda  colleen.oda@pln.sccgov.org
Department of Planning and Development
70 W. Hedding Street, East Wing
San Jose, Ca 95110
(408) 299-5700  (408) 279-8537 fax

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Sincerely,

Dennis Kitainik
We are writing to voice our opposition to the proposed Cordoba Center in San Martin. As residents of San Martin for the past 25 years we are very aware of the needs of our town. The proposal for a 5,000 sq. ft. Islamic prayer hall, 2,800 sq. ft. Islamic multipurpose hall building with additional Sunday school classrooms, play area and fields, and a proposed cemetery ground of 2 acres is totally unwarranted for our area. This is obviously not intended to meet the needs of the San Martin, Gilroy and Morgan Hill area because the Islamic population is very small, estimated at 2%. Why was this proposal pushed through the system without any opportunity for San Martin residents to be involved in the decision making process? Below are just a few of the many concerns that we would like answers to.

In 2007 an article in the Morgan Hill Times stated that the South Valley Islamic Center envisions a school and convalescent home in the future, while the San Jose Mercury News said SVIC planned to add a hospital and high school. This violates guidelines regarding “Future Growth” because this was not disclosed in the plans submitted for approval. This misrepresentation should be reason enough to deny the application for this project.

Colleen Oda submitted a total of 80 persons maximum occupancy for environmental assessment, however she calculated a total of 1036 persons for State Building Code maximum occupancy. Why this intentional deception and what will be done about this?

The land use was approved as ‘Residential with Commercial overlay, when in fact the property north of California Avenue is zoned ‘Industrial/Use Permit Area. Why was this mistake not noticed and what will be done about this?

2006 percolation tests on this property failed. No results from any subsequent tests have been forthcoming. This is reason to deny this project.

We look forward to hearing what will be done to address these important issues regarding the proposed Cordoba Center.

Sincerely, John and Nancy Murphy

11892 DePaul Circle, San Martin
From: Terry Shaffer <burgers@yahoo.com>
Subject: Cordova Center
Date: July 6, 2012 4:34:12 PM PDT
To: Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org

To: Colleen Oda colleen.od@pln.sccgov.org

Department of Planning and Development
70 W. Hedding Street, East Wing
San Jose, Ca 951110

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Sincerely,

Terry Shaffer,
Morgan Hill, CA
From: carengur@gmail.com
Subject: Cordova Center
Date: July 6, 2012 2:17:04 PM PDT
To: <colleen.oda@pln.sccgov.org>

I am strongly opposed to the Cordova Center being built in San Martin. It is a violation of current zoning laws and the Health Dept. even reported that all 3 lots failed percolation tests. The Islamic Center School and Cemetery would not even be available for use by non-Muslim people.

I certainly hope this project will be cancelled.

Caren Gurko
Morgan Hill
PEOPLE'S COALITION FOR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY (PCGA)
P.O. Box 23
Gilroy, CA 95021

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

TO: COLLEEN ODA, PLANNER III

OFFICE: SANTA CLARA COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

FACSIMILE NO.: 288-9198

FROM: People's Coalition For Government Accountability

DATE: JULY 6, 2012 TIME: 1:45 p.m.

ADDRESS: RE: CORDOBA PROJECT FILE #2145

No. of pages (including this cover letter): 8

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Maria Mello (melloangus@aol.com)

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DATE: JULY 6, 2012
TO: Colleen Oda, Planner III
FROM: People's Coalition For Government Accountability
SUBJECT: PCGA'S COMMENTS REGARDING INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED DECLARATION/FILE #2145
RE: ERRATA SHEET AND ADDENDUM FOR FACSIMILE SENT ON JULY 5, 2012

ERRATA SHEET

P. 10., paragraph. 10. Exhibit 1 should read Exhibit 3.

P. 10., paragraph. 11. Exhibit 2 should read Exhibit 4.

P. 1., I. SPECIAL EVENTS. Please attach Exhibit 7.

ADDENDUM

Please attach the following comments to the "comments" included in the facsimile sent yesterday, July 5. 2012 by PCGA.

1. An explanation regarding the manner in which the six (6) bathrooms with multiple stalls will be monitored was not included in the initial study.

   How will the 200 quests know when the 80th person has flushed a toilet; how many times during the day can the same person flush a toilet from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.?

   Will someone be standing at the doors of the six bathrooms such as a "potty cop"? Does Planning staff really believe that if a person has the choice of using one of the bathrooms; instead of a portable toilet, that they will choose a portable toilet?

   ARTICLE 2. ON-SITE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS provides. "Every place of business, or place where persons congregate and which cannot be connected to a sanitary sewer, must be provided with a water flush toilet sewage disposal system.

2. Exhibit 3 attached shows lots @ & 3 consisting of Soil Types Ke2 & KeA. DEH has confirmed that LOTS 1 & 3 failed the percolation test on 06-14-06; therefore, if LOT 3 failed, so did LOT 2.

3. Regarding Exhibit 4. Dan Keith, contractor confirms what Ann Peden and DEH staff who were on site during the percolation testing, reported in the 08-20-07, "ALL THREE LOTS FAILED THE PERCOLATION TEST."
4. Exhibit 5 attached shows LOTS 1, 2 & 3 on a Tentative Parcel Map with topography lines indicating direction of stormwater. Does this map indicate that stormwater flows in a south-southeasterly direction?

5. Exhibit 6 attached compares the Morgan Hill Cemetery terrain with the Cordoba parcel.

See Site & Septic Plan which includes a two acre cemetery with room for expansion of an additional two acres.

Using the scale of 1" = 50', it appears that if an additional two acres were to be added, the cemetery would extend up the hill, down the hill and into Llagas Creek. PLEASE CHECK THE SCALE TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ROOM TO ADD TWO MORE ACRES OF CEMETERY.
August 25, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dan Keith. The name of my construction company was Dan Keith Septics. My license number is 647376. I am also approved by Santa Clara County Environmental Health.

I personally set up the percolation tests for Michael Batz at 14045 Monterey Road, San Martin, CA 95046, APN 779-06-002 Current owner: South County Partners LLC/Cencon Invest., LLC. I was on the site when the tests were run. Michael Batz told me that all holes failed. I waited to reset the tests and try again, but they were never repeated.

[Signature]

Dan Keith
Contractor
San Martin, CA 95046

EXHIBIT 4
Cemeteries owned by a city or religious institution are not required to obtain a licence; nor is the State allowed to do monthly inspections.

Name withheld from this letter that PCGA received regarding the Morgan Hill Cemetery.

The Morgan Hill cemetery begins on level ground at Spring Avenue and traverses uphill to a higher elevation. A gentlemen who lost his son during the war selected a burial site on the lowest portion of the cemetery. But after having visions of water getting into his son's casket, he decided to go to City Hall and ask that his son's casket be moved to a higher burial site. When the city employees finished the job, they said it was a good thing that the father wasn't there while they were removing the casket because it was a nightmare. The casket did fill up with water as he had envisioned. The employees said it was horrible and they were in a state of shock.

The location of the cemetery on the Cordoba property is at the lowest portion of that lot and goes uphill from there. How can a cemetery be approved for that location?

Per the World Health Organization (WHO), the base of all burial sites at cemeteries should be above the highest natural water table to minimize seepage directly into the aquifer during putrification of human corpses.

Another important point is the difference in elevation between a cemetery and the surrounding area. A cemetery should not be located in the lowest part of an area where the rainwater runoff collects and infiltrated water comes into contact with interred remains. This ultimately, would permit more decomposition products to be carried into the groundwater.

A neighbor can attest to the fact that he has found water during heavy rainfall by merely placing a shovel in the ground.

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NOT ACCEPTABLE
From: diane nuno <dianesnuno@gmail.com>
Subject: South Valley Islamic Center
Date: July 6, 2012 1:50:42 PM PDT
To: colleen.oda@pln.sccgov.org

We are opposed to the above center. It is not an appropriate use for Mosque, School & Cemetery. Percolation tests were conducted and the HEALTH DEPT reported that all three lots failed! Zoning for religious institutions and cemeteries in small, rural unincorporated areas are intended, designed and sized to primarily serve the local rural area. We hope you will take this into consideration.

Thank you,

Robert Nuno
Sharron D. Nuno
Gilroy (408) 842-7693
Colleen Oda  
Department of Planning and Development  
70 W. Hedding Street, East Wing  
San Jose, Ca 951110  
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Sincerely,  
Marcia Wolfe  
San Jose
From:  Jean Ryan <fjryan60@yahoo.com>
Subject:  Cordova Center
Date:  July 6, 2012 11:58:01 AM PDT
To: "colleen.oda@pln.sccgov.org" <colleen.oda@pln.sccgov.org>
Reply-To:  Jean Ryan <fjryan60@yahoo.com>

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Jean M. Ryan
Did you check the past records for the county's denial for permit of the other religious institution? How long does the county retain records? I will await your response.
Connie

Hi Colleen, this was not a recent permit request. The Shadow Mountain Church has resided in Morgan Hill for at least 10 years. You did not respond to my concern about the cemetery. It is unacceptable to consider, let alone permit, a cemetery in a community where water is solely supplied by wells! What will it take for those who are determining the ill-fate of our San Martin community to come to their senses to know that this is UNACCEPTABLE? The parcels at the corner of California/Monterey Rd flood! It is a lake in the winter time! And the water table fluctuates (according to your own reports on file) as high as 8'! Bodies will be buried between 5-6' deep. I DO NOT WANT TO BE CONTAMINATED BY BACTERIA OR VIRUS as a result of your negligence. Again, I state, this is WRONG Colleen!

Connie Ludewig

I'm sorry that I did not respond to your inquiry earlier. There are a lot of letters, so far 10 that have been submitted over the past few weeks. It is standard protocol to prepare responses to all the letters at the same time when the public review period is finished in the response to public comments section of the Planning Commission staff report. All the comment letters will be attached to the Planning Commission staff report for the Planning Commission's consideration and staff will prepared written responses to comments in the staff report being prepared for the hearing.

In researching the Planning database, I could not find any application from Shadow Mountain Baptist Church to build on the same property as the Cordoba Center proposal, and no applications at all for any site in the County.

Colleen
On Jun 22, 2012, at 5:00 PM, Connie Ludewig wrote:

I'm replying on my mobile. Coleen, I am awaiting your response to my previous inquiry to you about the county denial to permit the Shadow mt baptist church to build at the same site. Connie

Sent from my Verizon Wireless mobile phone

-----Original Message-----
From: Colleen Oda <Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org>
To: <rjohnsanders@aol.com>
Cc: <sylvialrs@hotmail.com>, <cludewigs2@shcglobal.net>, <brodsky_donna@yahoo.com>, <jenglish@garlic.com>, <mbrookman@prodigy.net>
Date: Fri, Jun 22, 4:57 PM -0700
Subject: Re: [SMNA] Cordoba Center Religious Facility and Cemetery Environ. Assessment

John
I'm sorry for the confusion, was hoping that my responses answered your questions. Feel free to call me on my direct work # (408) 299-5797, and we can reclarify and discuss any questions you may have regarding the public hearing versus Environmental Assessment review processes.

Colleen

Colleen A. Oda
Planner III
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70 W. Hedding St., E. Wing, 7th Floor
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Phone: (408) 299-5797
Fax: (408) 288-9198
Email: Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org

P Please consider the environment before printing this email.
On Jun 22, 2012, at 4:09 PM, rjohnsanders@aol.com wrote:

Colleen,
This is very confusing and why we initiated this chain of emails in the first place on the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
John.

-----Original Message-----
From: Colleen Oda <Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org>
To: rjohnsanders <rjohnsanders@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Jun 22, 2012 3:41 pm
Subject: Re: [SMNA] Cordoba Center Religious Facility and Cemetery
Environ. Assessment

Yes, please understand as it is written in the MND notice that the public review period is for comments related to the adequacy of the mitigated negative declaration only. Anyone with concerns on the Environmental Assessment should send written comments to my attention within the review period so that it can be addressed. The Planning Commission must take several actions - Adoption or Denial of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Approval or Denial of the Project (Use Permit, ASA, and Grading Permits). The July 6th deadline is for the Environmental Assessment comments only. Anyone is welcome to testify at the Planning Commission hearing, and advisory committees (SMPAC, SCJPAC) regarding the project.

On Jun 22, 2012, at 3:28 PM, rjohnsanders@aol.com wrote:

Colleen,
Thanks for the clarification. I hope everyone on your public notification list understands this so they do not spend their July 4 Holiday working on their comments to meet the previous July 6 deadline.
John.

-----Original Message-----
From: Colleen Oda <Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org>
To: rjohnsanders <rjohnsanders@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Jun 22, 2012 2:47 pm
Subject: Re: [SMNA] Cordoba Center Religious Facility and Cemetery
Environ. Assessment
John,
Yes, that is correct. The Planning Commission, the approval authority is required to consider all comments received to the hearing date: comments of the Mitigated Neg. Dec. received during the public review period, and any other comments oral and written received to the hearing date. San Martin Planning Advisory Committee, and South County Joint Planning Advisory Committee will be forwarding recommendations to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

Colleen

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On Jun 22, 2012, at 1:38 PM, rjohnsanders@aol.com wrote:

Colleen,
Thank you for the update. If I understand your email correctly, the County will be accepting written and verbal comments through the date of the Planning Commission Public Hearing which will be held in August or later. Please confirm.
John.

-----Original Message-----
From: Colleen Oda <Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org>
To: rjohnsanders <rjohnsanders@aol.com>
Cc: Sylvia Hamilton <sylviaLRS@hotmail.com>; Donna Brodsky <brodsky_donna@yahoo.com>
; cludewigs2 <cludewigs2@sbcglobal.net>; jenglish <jenglish@garlic.com>

Sent: Fri, Jun 22, 2012 12:08 pm
Subject: Re: [SMNA] Cordoba Center Religious Facility and Cemetery Environ. Assessment

Dear John,

The date on the Mitigated Negative Declaration - Planning Commission hearing date of July 12th was a tentative date listed
on the notice subject to change. The Cordoba Center Project will not be ready for hearing until August or later. Staff has not finalized the committee meeting dates for SMPAC and SCJPAC, and Planning Commission hearing as a number of issues still need to be resolved before proceeding.

Yes, comments will be accepted at the San Martin Planning Advisory Committee Meeting, South County Joint Planning Advisory Committee Meeting, and Planning Commission hearing.

Colleen

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On Jun 21, 2012, at 3:46 PM, rjohnsanders@aol.com wrote:

Colleen,
Your e-mail states that the public comment period ends on July 6. However your Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration says oral comments may be made at the public hearing which is on July 12. Can you please clarify this. Also, will you be accepting comments for the record at the San Martin Planning Advisory Committee meeting on July 11?
John.

-----Original Message-----
From: Colleen Oda <Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org>
To: Colleen Oda <Colleen.Oda@pln.sccgov.org>
Sent: Mon, Jun 11, 2012 10:28 am
Subject: [SMNA] Cordoba Center Religious Facility and Cemetery Environ. Assessment

This email notification is written to inform you that the Environmental Assessment for Cordoba Center Project is now available to view on the Planning Office website.
Go to http://www.sccplanning.org/, and click on Environmental Documents.

The public review period for the EA started on June 7, 2012 and ends on July 6, 2012.

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