

Attachment 6

**Public Comments
Received Prior to the
February 9, 2022
Public Hearing**

Good morning Micheal Peterka,

I have and my neighbors have many concerns about the high density development of duplexes going in behind San Joaquin Villas that Mammoth Springs Resort is building. I live in building E at San Joaquin Villas.

Below are all of our concerns living in San Joaquin Villas especially building D and E.

My first and major concern is how close the duplex buildings are to San Joaquin property line.

And the duplexes built so close to each other. Exactly how far is each duplex spaced in between each duplex? 20' if so that is insane they are allowed to be built that close together. And so close to our buildings 35' This is unexceptionable in many aspects.

1. Snow load on the roofs could get 4' to 5' high from just one storm (remember their duplexes are a whole story higher then our buildings at San Joaquin Villas due to a garage on their the 1st floor) with that being said more shade will be blocking out the sun and making our units like living in a cave all winter.
2. The duplex buildings will blocking all the sun in the winter time and most of the sun, 85% to 90% in the summer time on our patios causing no snow melt on the roofs causing furnace and water heat vents to clog which they do now and we will have to pay more dues to have our roofs shoveled from snow that won't melt from the sun.
3. Snow shed..... where's the snow sliding? In between the buildings and pouring onto our property and coving our first floors? Why does the Town allow building duplexes side to side so close and so tall when the town well knows about snow shed in heavy winter. The bird houses on Main Street is a perfect example of bad planning those places are built so closely together and no considering about snow shed.
4. Who want to face outside their living room and look at a garage wall and a 3 to 4 story building?
5. How about just have the road one way narrowing the road to move the duplexes farther from San Joaquin Villas. In one way out at Dorrance? Entering on Callahan and exiting on Dorrance so we can move units 22-25 farther away from building E & D? Would love to

have 100' border and more or even no duplexes at all in between San Joaquin Villas.

I've lived in Mammoth for over 25 years and will never understand why the town is changing the rules for places to be built so close together and on top of one another now. The birdhouses on Main Street is a perfect example of bad planning.

Is there no thinking about snow load, snow removal and snow damage when making these decisions as to cramming the building so close together?

No one wants to live in a snow cave in the winter time.

And living in a snow cave is exactly what is going to happen to residents at San Joaquin Villas if the plans are not changed to move the duplexes farther away from us. I've lived in San Joaquin Villa since they have been built in 2007.

On the following email I will attach some pictures to give you a VERY CLEAR UNDERSTANDING as to what ONE STORM can do to our building, roofs, decks and area around our units.

The snow load and snow shed will be exactly like this also on the duplexes and that will double the amount of snow being loaded on our decks and onto our property essentially burying our 1st floor and second floor with snow leaving us buried, if there is no changes made to move the duplexes farther away.

I please beg to ask the planning commission to reconsider and make changes as to how close the duplexes are to building D and E in San Joaquin Villas and move them farther away or not even build them.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Donna Mercer

From: [Donna](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Subject: Photos of San Joaquin Villas snow
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 10:38:06 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Michael,

Please keep in mind this is just a COUPLE OF DAYS OF STORMS. Not multiple storms. All this snow shown is also at the BACK of our units. We will be buried if the duplexes from Mammoth Springs Resort do not move farther away from our units. Many, many years are JUST like this. Please don't allow the duplexes to be built behind us.













Sent from my iPad

From: [Donna](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Subject: More photos of snow of San Joaquin Villas.
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 10:46:42 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

The snow shoveled from the roof is also the same height at the back of our units. Remember this is just 1 storm, you add in weeks and multiple storms and duplexes behind us it's a recipe for a disaster burying our units.

Please reconsider the 4 duplexes units 22-25 being built behind us.







Below is a picture of my deck. This was after I dug it out after 3 different storms previously I do this just to get sun into my unit. Otherwise I'd be living in a dark snow cave. The snow can go above and as high as my. 2nd floor.



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From: [Donna](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Subject: No bike path fence
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 11:35:19 AM

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From: [Donna](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Subject: No fence on bike path
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 11:25:02 AM

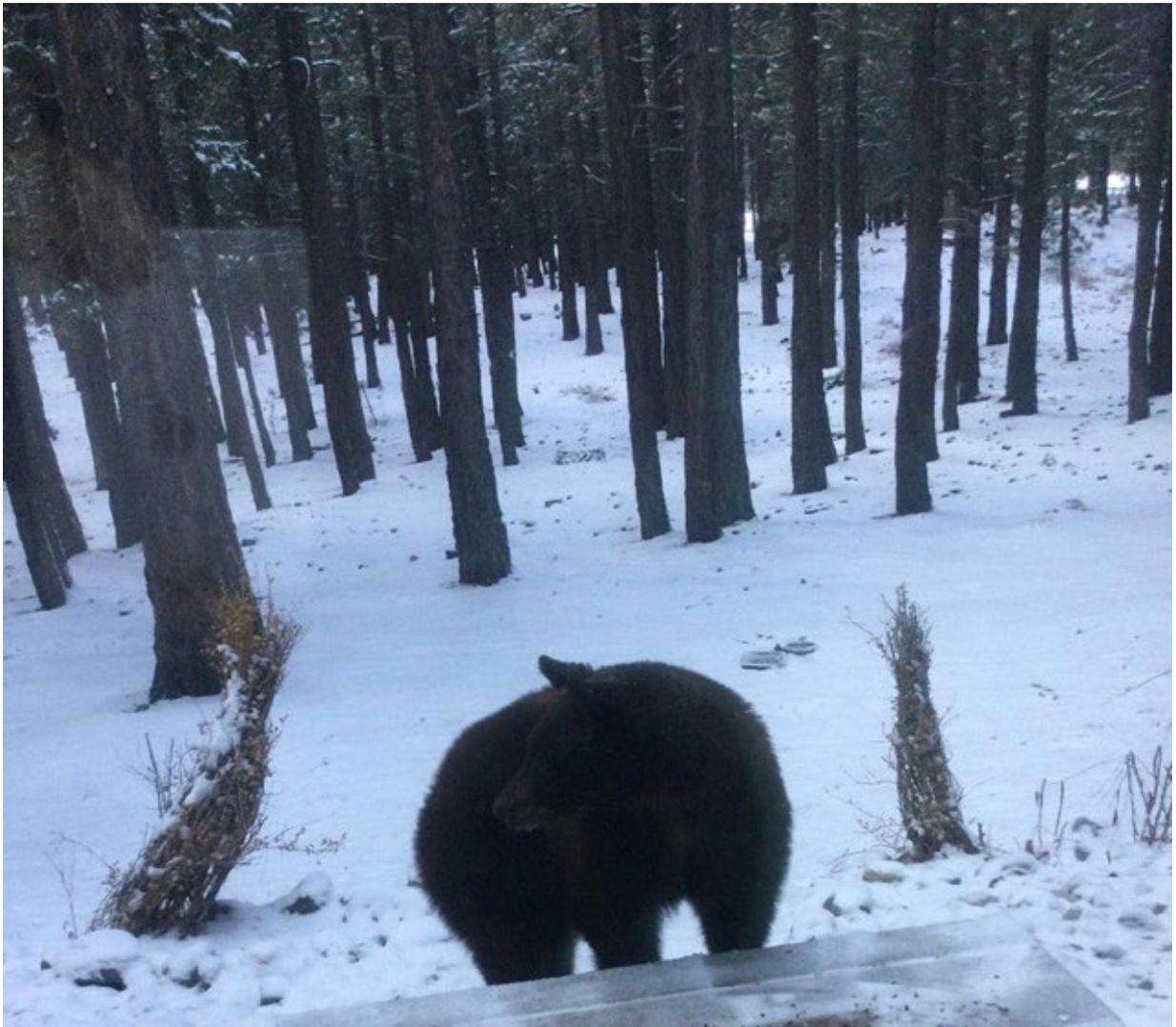
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Best part of living in Mammoth is that wildlife can walk freely. No fences, most properties don't have fences here, let's keep it open to everyone including wildlife so everyone can enjoy living here and not feel like it's LA.









Sent from my iPad

From: [Jaime Pollack](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Subject: Feb. 9th Hearing for Mammoth Springs Resorts, LLC
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 9:29:23 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Michael –

This email shall serve as notice of opposition to the request by developer, Mammoth Spring Reports, LLC to heighten the allowance of certain structures in its development plans. I am a resident of San Joaquin Villas, specifically, Unit E5.

Please find below the most significant arguments that support rejecting the developer's request. As a result, the developer shall go back to the "drawing board" and resubmit plans with the originally requested building height restrictions and incorporate a greenbelt space between SJV and their project property line.

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->The hearing should be extended during either earlier or later hours so that all homeowners have an opportunity to be heard live in person or Zoom. The majority of the homeowners work full-time and it is impossible to expect they can all appear during the middle of the day.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->In the case that the development request is granted, the council should also consider a contingency fund be established by the development for San Joaquin Villas (SVJ) HOA in order to pay for extra roof and snow removal due to the building changes.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Developer's removal plan of trees behind SVJ will cause a decrease of SVJ property value.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->Proximity of the development structures and distance from SVJ will cause a decrease of SVJ property value.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->Proximity of the development structures and distance from SVJ can cause flooding issues that already exist in the tree area. Developer shall be requested to confirm with an engineering report.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->6. <!--[endif]-->Proximity of the development structures will decrease the light to the backside of SVJ, which will result in increased snow load, more snow removal requirements and expense. It will be impossible to remove the snow all season long which will literally black out the entire backside of the building from sunshine.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->7. <!--[endif]-->Proximity of the development structures will decrease light which allows for increased snow and ice causing furnace and waters heater vents to clog.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->8. <!--[endif]-->Proximity of the development structures will lead to less use and enjoyment for SVJ owners.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->9. <!--[endif]-->Proximity of the development structures and rental policies (VRBO/nightly) will increase risk of noise disturbances to SVJ. Nightly rentals are prohibited at SVJ residences and so, residents are mainly

working full time jobs in Mammoth. SJV was built with the intent to house Mammoth's year-round work force.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->10. <!--[endif]-->Proximity of fencing along the property line by developer will decrease the value of SJV and impact wildlife ability to move in the area, including bears and deer. Developer shall provide proof of an environmental report. Mammoth is a rural area and fencing should not be allowed. A border of greenbelt should be added to the developer's plans and this may result in less structures being built.

Thank you,

Jaime Pollack

From: [Judith Goddard](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Cc: etaylor@oc-n.com
Subject: Request for information re VILLAS III Subdivision plan
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 9:34:14 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Michael,

In preparation for the 2/9 hearing, please provide Design Review DR 21-001 and the addendum to the EIR that has been prepared in support of the application.

Additionally please provide a copy of the San Joaquin Villas Tract Map, as the applicant's tract map appears to inaccurately represent some features of SJV.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Judith Goddard
cell: 909 489 8330

From: [Judith Goddard](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Subject: Villas III public hearing
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:56:29 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear planning commission,

I am writing to oppose various aspects of the Villas III plan, please confirm receipt.

Specifically:

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Additionally do not allow construction traffic to enter via Callahan Way at any time.

I implore the commission to take the quality of life of workforce residents into consideration and require modifications to the plan. SJV community is majority fulltime residents who deserve to be represented and not treated as second class citizens.

Thank you,
Judith Goddard
SJV B4 (full time resident)

From: [Judith Goddard](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Cc: mtns2bchsmmth@gmail.com; etaylor@oc-n.com; pollacknv@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Villas III public hearing / hot tubs
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 12:05:51 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

Additionally, please DO NOT approve hot tubs on 2nd level decks in Units 18 through 25. Specifically for units 22 through 25 the PROPOSED plans put hot tubs 40 feet from workforce housing bedroom windows. Think how you would feel? Nightly rentals with hot tubs directly across from your or your child's bedroom? Approval of this part of the plans will absolutely ruin the quality of life of full time residents.

Thank you,
Judith Goddard
SVJ B4

-----Original Message-----

From: Judith Goddard <judegoddard@aol.com>
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From: Eric Taylor
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Cc: [Eric Taylor - OC-N](#)
Subject: Info Request - Villas III Subdivision
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 4:59:27 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Michael,

We received the mailed Notice of Public Hearing, and are preparing a response. Many of us homeowners in San Joaquin Villas (SJV) are very concerned, and I've reviewed the Villas III plans (TTM 21-001).

Can you please provide additional information that we didn't find in the plans?

Regarding the Townhomes (especially units #22-23, 24-25, 20-21):

1. What is the proposed height, and how many stories?
2. Will they be built on the ground or are they proposing to raise the foundation?
3. What is the duplex's design?
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 - B. Color and material of the buildings
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6. Can you please send me the plans for the San Joaquin Villas property. I'm told it is TR 36-222.

Thank you in advance.

Eric Taylor

SJV #E-6

Eric Taylor

714.679.2550

From: Eric Taylor
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Cc: [Donna](#); [Kim Taylor](#)
Subject: Quick Questions - Villas III Subdivision
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 7:22:06 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good morning Michael,

A couple of quick questions. Do you include letters from the public in your staff report? If so, what is the deadline to have them included in your published report?

I've heard there is a policy that written comments of 150 words or less are read out loud by staff at public hearings. Can you please provide additional details?

Thank you in advance.

Eric

Eric Taylor

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DRAFT

February 2, 2022

TO: The Planning & Economic Development Commission, Town of Mammoth Lakes

SUBJECT: Villas III Subdivision Proposed Plans

Dear Commissioners:

We respectfully ask the Commission, Please Do NOT approve these Villas III Plans.

The Villas III proposed Plan for the north-end of their property is ludicrous. How many multi-million-dollar luxury homes in Mammoth have balconies and windows that stare directly into Workforce Housing bedrooms from feet away? None, ZERO. The 2 proposed duplexes (#22-23, 24-25) would be the unique EXCEPTION within the entire Town.

We hope this huge mistake was an innocent oversight by their Planners and not PURE GREED. Their subdivision has over 177,000 square feet of land, but they want to build towering 35' tall homes just 30' from our small decks, living room glass sliders, and master bedroom windows of our San Joaquin Villas (SJV) condos. Did Villas III developers even consider the negative impact to their hard-working neighbors to the north, or did they just assume the Town's Planning Commission would simply approve their Plan to maximize profits by jamming in homes at our expense? The existing development Plan is crazy.

Their Plan is to build 35-foot-tall, 3-story luxury homes that block all sunlight to our back living rooms, decks and yard. These homes would cast a massive shadow on us and create a frozen fishbowl that prevents snow from melting from our decks and yard and make our living spaces dark and cold. *These townhomes will make our lives dark, cold, and miserable.*

They want to build towering homes with large balconies and windows that stare down into our bedrooms and living spaces. Only a Peeping-Tom would choose this view. And the Town is going to allow overnight renters?? They'll be so close that we'll hear their every word at breakfast, lunch, dinner and especially their late-night cocktail parties. *These townhomes take away all our privacy and will make our lives miserable.*

Villas III overnight renters won't know or care that SJV residents go to bed early and rise before sunrise to work at Mammoth's schools, hospital, ski resort, golf course, local trades, and town shops and stores. Their music, television, and voices will keep us awake after 9pm until 11pm or midnight or 2am because their noises will come from just 30 feet from our bedrooms. *This will negatively impact our work and make our lives miserable.*

The Villas III proposed Plan has no dedicated area for snow storage for their new road, driveways, or roofs. Their roof snow will blow onto our decks and yards, and their falling roof snow will pile onto our property. SJV's roof and yard snow piles up over 10 feet against our homes (see attached Photos). SJV residents already spend our winters shoveling deep snow from our decks and yards, and we don't want more snow falling from 35' tall luxury homes for us to shovel and deal with. *These homes will make our lives miserable.*

Their Plan would Clear-Cut every tree within 90 feet of our building (see Attached), even 25+ pine trees between their proposed buildings and SJV. How crazy and thoughtless is that? These trees would be the only visual break between homes that provide a sliver of privacy and nature. Unnecessarily clear-cutting is just another slap to us long-term owners at SJV and

shows Villas III developers disrespect for Mammoth Lake's working class. *This will make our lives miserable.*

Their Plan dramatically under-estimates their snow storage needs (see Attached photos). Villas III owns and is responsible for clearing Callahan Way from Frontage Road to their entrance (about 500' long & 25' wide). When 2 feet of snow falls there will be 25,000 square feet of snow that needs to be plowed. Currently, Callahan Way's snow is plowed to where it dead-ends next to SJV. Every winter the road's snow is piled up over 20' tall, 25' wide, and 50' deep. The planned development completely removes this snow storage space, and it is replaced by the Villas III gated entrance. Where will Callahan Way's 25,000+ cubic feet of snow be stored? This past December we received over 6 feet of snow in a week.

Their Plan has no dedicated guest parking spaces, only a garage and 1 driveway space for 30 townhomes. When a resident or overnight renters invite guests to their luxury home, where will their guests park? Most likely the overflow guests will park in one of SJV's very limited guest spots. Villas III needs more guest parking so they don't need to park in SJV's spaces.

For these reasons and more,

We respectfully ask the Commission, Please Do NOT approve these Plans.

Luxury homes towering over and staring into the windows of a Workforce Housing complex is Not Normal in Mammoth and an exception to standards and decency of the Town. For this reason, we also ask the Commission to **NOT approve their requested Building Height Exception**. They are asking for too much.

We demand changes to the Villas III Plans, and highly recommend that they:

1. Eliminate the 2 north-end duplexes (townhomes #22-23, 24-25), and leave all existing trees within 80 feet of their northern property line with San Joaquin Villas.

Recommendation for consideration: Instead of the 2 duplexes, this forested area would provide privacy for Villas III owners. The 20' strip of land along their new road to the north (across from #27 to #21) would be ideal for a dedicated snow storage area for their winter snow. This space could double as a beautiful picnic, nature, and doggy area for Villas III owners as well as guest parking in all the other seasons.

This solution would increase the value and selling prices for all Villas III homes because separating them from "affordable housing" makes it more exclusive and private. It would also keep SJV home values from dropping because of extreme crowding. The added benefit is that higher values generate higher property taxes for the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County. More importantly, this will have a positive impact on the quality of life of everyone involved.

Thank you in advance. Respectfully,

Eric Taylor
SJV, Building E, Condo #6
Owner since 2010

Photos of San Joaquin Villas (SJV)

1. Backside of SJV's E Building. Shown are the 2nd floor windows. Snow piled over 20 feet above the ground. Photo taken from top of snow storage area at the end of Callahan Way (to be replaced by Villas III entrance). Current Plans would build 3-story homes with balconies just 30' from these back windows.



2. SJV's E Building (left) & F Building. This is the 2nd floor with 1st floor buried in snow. Photo taken from top of 20 foot tall snow storage area at the end of Callahan Way (directly above planned Villas III entrance).

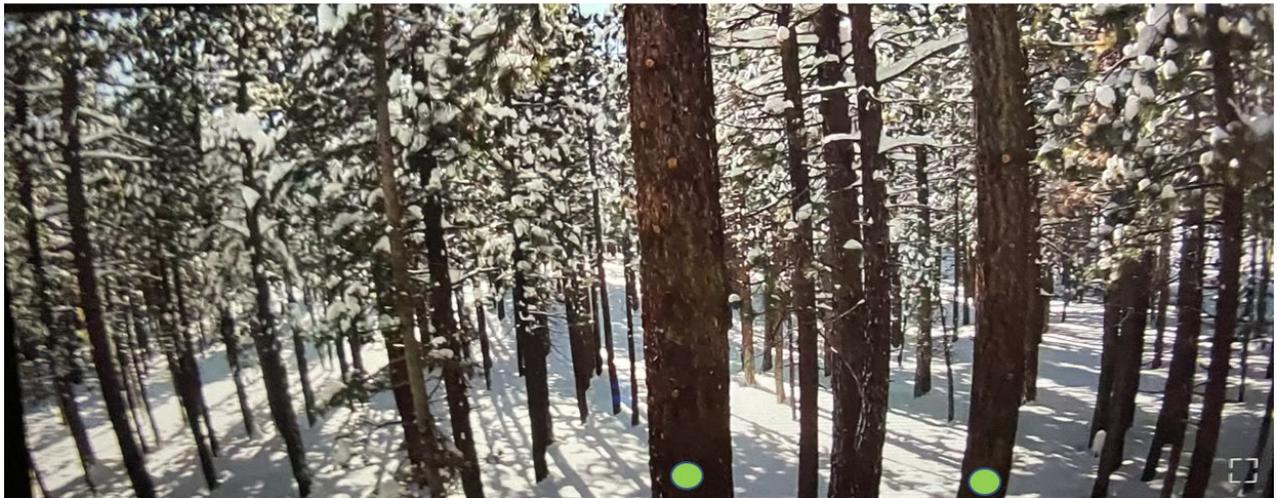


3. Back yard of SJV's E Building buried in snow (photos taken from inside).



4. Behind SJV's E Building. Photo from 2nd floor window.

Current plan is to cut every tree in this photo (except the 2 with a green dot on SJV).

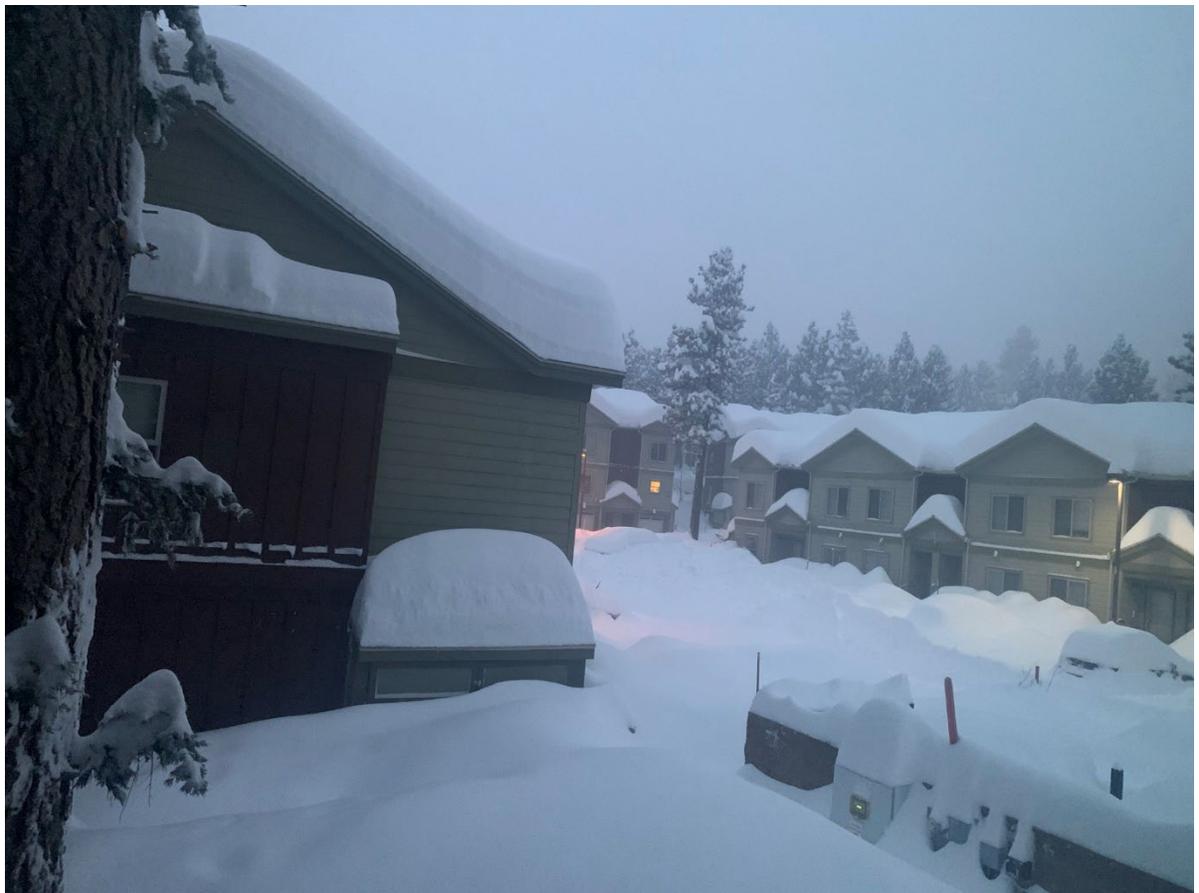


5. Typical SJV winter snow piles against E Building's front, side and back to exceed 12 feet deep.





6. Taken from Building E's 2nd floor window with D building to left and C building to right.



From: kimberly@lundbergtaylor.com
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Cc: [Eric Taylor](#); [Donna Mercer](#); [Judith Goddard](#); [Jaime Pollack](#)
Subject: RE: Comments for Staff Report - Villas III Subdivision
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 1:02:13 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Attn: Michael Peterka, Associate Planner, Town of Mammoth Lakes, CA

RE: Opposition to Villas-III Development Request

The purpose of this email is to document notice of **opposition** to the developer request submitted by Mammoth Spring Resorts, LLC for the **Villas-III Subdivision**, proposed for the site located at 100 Callahan Way, tentative tract map (TTM) 21-001, Use Permit (UPA) 21-001, Design Review (DR) 21-001, and Adjustment (ADJ) 21-006.

As a resident of San Joaquin Villas (SJV), I am opposed to the development plans as communicated in the Notice of Public Hearing received via standard mail scheduled for public hearing on February 9, 2022. **I request the Planning Board to REJECT the proposed subdivision proposal and require redesign changes described below.**

The Villas-III development as proposed will negatively affect San Joaquin Villas (SJV) is a majority full-time resident community and was established as a local workforce community. The proposed development plans directly affect 22 SJV units in Buildings D, E, F and G, of these 16 are fulltime occupied by local workforce residents and their families. The proposed plan would be a direct negative impact on quality of life for those units, approximately 40 people.

I oppose the proposed design and request the following changes:

1. **REQUIRE** increased setback from property line of at least 100 feet for units backing to SJV. The proximity of the proposed development structures to SJV will decrease the amount of sunlight to the back sides of SJV units which will result in increased snow load, increased snow removal requirements and expense to SJV. With the significant snow levels we regularly experience in TOML, proximity of the proposed solid structures 30 feet away from SJV units will block the sun and prevent the ability for snow removal and will prevent snow melting all season due to the sunlight blockage.
2. In the event that Villas-III are allowed to build as proposed, **REQUIRE** a contingency fund be established by Villas-III developer to pay for San Joaquin Villas (SJV) added snow removal / snow damage costs resulting from the building changes and sun blockage.
3. **Reject / Do not approve** unnecessary removal of so many trees from the proposed build site. The current development proposal shows clearcutting of all trees between proposed development and the existing SJV community. This gross removal is unnecessary and eliminates any privacy between the Villas-III and SJV community, again negatively affecting the quality of life for SJV residents. **REQUIRE** new trees to be planted as mitigation on a 1:1 basis for any trees removed.
4. **Reject / Do not approve** fencing around proposed Villas-III site. The proposed build site is a wildlife corridor with bear, deer and other wildlife regularly use this wooded area. Fencing will eliminate wildlife passage and negatively affect both wildlife and local resident enjoyment. **REQUIRE** that "no solid fencing that should be a barrier to wildlife shall be permitted along property frontages or land adjacent to property." **REQUIRE** land between proposed build site and SJV is maintained in natural state.
5. **REQUIRE** Villas-III subdivision to include sufficient and adequate on-site snow storage.
6. **Reject / Do not approve** the reduced width of the public common-use trail.
7. **Reject / Do not approve** the "proposed" entry gate at Callahan, and instead require main entrance to subdivision entry point at Dorrance and eliminate entry/exit gate at Callahan. An entry gate at Callahan will negatively impact the SJV community. There is insufficient design information regarding proposed gate design.
8. **REQUIRE** building design review to ensure it is in keeping with the natural environment.
9. **Reject / Do not approve nightly/VRBO rental policies.** In the event that Villas-III are allowed to build as proposed, structures with nightly rentals will be 30 feet from SJV units / local residents with local fulltime jobs in TOML and who will be negatively impacted by nightly rental disturbances. Nightly rentals are prohibited at SJV since SJV community was developed as local workforce community.

Additionally, the Public Hearing should be scheduled at a time/date either earlier or later in the day to allow the public, particularly those local residents most affected by this proposed development including residents

of San Joaquin Villas (SJV), to attend the hearing either in-person or via ZOOM and express concerns/opposition. The current hearing date/time scheduled in the middle of workday when most local residents are at work and are unable to attend.

Respectfully,
Kimberly Taylor

-----Original Message-----

From: "Eric Taylor" <etaylor@oc-n.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 11:08am
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Cc: "Donna Mercer" <mtns2bchsmmth@gmail.com>, "Kim Taylor" <kimberly@lundbergtaylor.com>, "Judith Goddard" <judegoddard@aol.com>, "Jaime Pollack" <pollacknv@gmail.com>
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Hello Michael,
Thanks for the call. As discussed, please include my attached comments in your Staff Report on the Villas III.

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From: "Eric Taylor" <etaylor@oc-n.com>
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Subject: FW: Info Request - Villas III Subdivision

Hi Michael,
I'm checking back to see if you received my email from Monday (below)?
Thank you,
Eric Taylor

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From: "Eric Taylor" <etaylor@oc-n.com>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 4:59pm
To: "Michael Peterka" <mpeterka@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov>
Cc: "Eric Taylor - OC-N" <etaylor@oc-n.com>
Subject: Info Request - Villas III Subdivision

Hello Michael,

We received the mailed Notice of Public Hearing, and are preparing a response. Many of us homeowners in San Joaquin Villas (SJV) are very concerned, and I've reviewed the Villas III plans (TTM 21-001).

Can you please provide additional information that we didn't find in the plans?

Regarding the Townhomes (especially units #22-23, 24-25, 20-21):

1. What is the proposed height, and how many stories?
2. Will they be built on the ground or are they proposing to raise the foundation?
3. What is the duplex's design?
 - A. Of particular interest is the backside windows, balconies, and doors that will face SJV.
 - B. Color and material of the buildings
 - C. Roof direction to understand where snow will slide off; and slope (snow on the roof will further block winter sun on SJV's Building E).
4. What is the proposed design for the Callahan road gate ?
5. Can you provide the width of the existing town paved trail on the Eastern edge of the Villas III property? The proposed plan keeps it at equal width along the property, correct?
6. Can you please send me the plans for the San Joaquin Villas property. I'm told it is TR 36-222.

Thank you in advance.

Eric Taylor
SJV #E-6

Eric Taylor
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From: [Jeremiah Mann](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Subject: Concerns about Villas III
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 8:20:02 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello! I am a part time resident and an owner in the San Joaquin Villas complex. I was reviewing the plans for the proposed Villas III complex. It appears that units 22 to 25 will have outdoor hot tubs facing a bunch of the units in the San Joaquin Villas complex, right at the level of the upstairs bedrooms. As you know, the San Joaquin Villas complex was built as workforce housing, is occupied almost exclusively by full time residents (nightly rentals are prohibited) and houses many hard working people that keep the Mammoth community functioning. My unit (A6) faces the nightly rentals that are between San Joaquin Villas and Main Street, and I can tell you that we have very frequent noise issues with renters using the hot tubs right outside our bedroom windows. We often have to ask them to be quiet (which they typically ignore since it is late at night and the renters are drunk), keep our windows closed on a hot summer night or, worst case, call the police. This is a bad situation, but the proposed hot tubs and nightly rental status of the Villas III (especially units 22 through 25) will create an even worse situation as it will certainly disturb the entire row of San Joaquin Villas units that they face (instead of just our unit), keeping the hard working full time residents who live in those units awake and unable to get a good night's rest. This is unfair. I ask that the outdoor hot tubs either be removed, or relocated to another part of each unit where the noise will not impact the full time residents at San Joaquin Villas.

Thank you.
Jeremiah Mann
San Joaquin Villas Unit A6

From: [Gina Varieschi](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Subject: Application Request: Villas III Subdivision
Date: Friday, February 4, 2022 7:04:55 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Planning Commission,

Re: Application Request: Villas III Subdivision Tentative Tract Map (TTM)221-001, Use Permit (UPA)221-001, Design Review (DR)21-001, and Adjustment (ADJ)21-006.

My name is Gina Varieschi and I am a homeowner and resident at 65 Callahan Way, San Joaquin Villas, Unit D6 and I am writing to request that you reconsider and not move forward with the three single family residences and 15 duplex structures to be subdivided as a 33 unit Planned Unit Development (PUD) to be sold as wholly owned townhome units. The 4.07 – acre site is located at 100 Callahan Way.

Application is requested to allow transient occupancies. In addition, proposed plans indicate hot tubs on every second -floor rear deck of every duplex unit.

The proposed project would have a negative effect on the environment and on the quality of life of SJV residents and surrounding community. Hundreds of trees will have to be removed in order make way for the project. Trees produce oxygen, store green- house gases, provide shade and help keep temperatures cool and prevent erosion. The proposed plan does nothing to address the urgency of global warming. Furthermore, this is the last piece of forest within the town of Mammoth Lakes and a necessary corridor for wildlife. Deer, bears, coyotes, squirrels and birds make their home in these woods. Noise from traffic, lawn mowers, leaf blowers and visitors partying in their hot tubs late at night would further negatively impact the quality of life for all SJV residents and surrounding neighbors. In addition, water required to fill hot tubs, irrigate lawns and man- made landscaping further ignores the constant threat of drought and the need to conserve water.

I respectfully request that the Planning Commission seriously consider how the project will have a long-term negative impact on SJV residents and the surrounding community and not move forward with the project. Thank you.

Gina Varieschi

February 6, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the new development titled "The Villas III." I live on Joaquin Street adjacent to the 4.07 acres proposed to be developed. I was born and raised in Mammoth. I am a teacher at Mammoth Elementary School. I chose to move into a house that my parents bought in 1990 instead of elsewhere. This house is on Joaquin Street. I wanted to live with the golf course in my back yard. I chose to live on Joaquin for the beauty out my back door. I chose to live on Joaquin for the sense of community that I have with knowing my neighbors. I chose to live on Joaquin because I had a view, space, and a quiet, safe place to call home. I chose to live on Joaquin to avoid heavy traffic, noise, and short-term renters. Now, a developer is proposing a development that will extinguish those dreams of having a home on a nice lot in a place where otherwise unattainable for a single local professional. And the Town of Mammoth Lakes is going to let that happen. Why? To collect the TOT? For money?

When you approve to develop this parcel of land, you will deprive me and many other locals of a unique space that we all enjoy. No longer will we see bears, coyotes, rabbits, squirrels, and birds in our back yard. No longer will we be able to walk out our back doors to see the trees, mountains, or sunset. No longer will we have a nice area to walk our dogs. No longer will we be able to access the land for which we live here. No longer will we be able to walk on the access path. We will be fenced out (six feet high) of our own backyards. Instead, we will stare at massive second homes behind fences. We will have to navigate another road in an already impacted part of town. And we will be subject to the noise and trash that another transient neighborhood creates.

What is the rationale behind this? It seems like the rationale is money. This development proposes 15 duplexes and three single family homes. Thirty-three new units. Thirty new opportunities to collect the transient occupancy tax (maybe 33 if the single-family homes are zoned as transient). Gross. Why are you even considering this when Mammoth is in a *dire* need of workforce housing? Why expand short-term housing when the lack of long-term housing is the demise of businesses? The lack of long term housing has led to an employee shortage throughout the town. Where are your priorities? I'm disappointed in the Town because I remember when the locals used to matter.

Furthermore, these buildings will stand 37'6" tall. Three and a half stories high. Gross. Why is that necessary? I suppose the higher the income, the higher the ceiling. *Please do not approve the extra 3 feet for these buildings.*

In regards to the "historically caused flooding issues" as referenced in the EIR, why did the Town not address this prior to this proposed development? If the "floods" were such a concern, the TOML should have acted on that in October when that area did flood. I was out there cleaning trash out of the drains and off of the path. Where was the TOML?

Regarding the Environmental Impact Reports, please forgive me if my understanding of these documents is incorrect. Volume 1 is 290 pages. Volume 2 is 227 pages, and Volume 3 is 369 pages. Additionally, the scanned maps are nearly impossible to read from a layperson's perspective. The documents are overwhelming.

In looking at the EIR from 1991, the objectives of this project are as follows:

1. Design and develop a resort country club that is compatible with adjacent and surround land uses;
2. To construct a project that will have the fewest long-term and short-term environmental impacts as is practically and feasibly possible;
3. To provide both short and long-term economic benefit to the region and the TOML;
4. To provide a development that will enrich and enhance the quality of lifestyle for both existing and future residents of the region of the TOML

In response to #1: Hasn't the "country club" gone far enough?

In response to #2: Bears and other wildlife will be displaced. The undeveloped area of this parcel provides a home to many species of wildlife. In my sarcasm, it makes perfect sense to reduce even further their [bears'] habitat and drive them into town even more than they already are to cause more problems and consequently be "eliminated." Additionally, the mitigation of flooding - again, if this was a concern, why hasn't it already been addressed?

In response to #3: Please explain to the general public how this will benefit them economically. It is quite clear how it will benefit the TOML. People in the service industry (that keep this town afloat) cannot find housing. Working professionals cannot find housing. How does that benefit locals and this community?

In response to #4: Please explain how this will "enhance the quality of lifestyle for existing and future residents of the region of the TOML." I cannot wrap my head around this "goal." Personally, attracting more people to a region that is already saturated will in no way enhance my lifestyle. And I am confident enough to say that many locals would agree with me.

In closing, I ask that you please do not let this developer continue with this project and rape what little land the town has left. Please do not approve more transient housing, more traffic, more congestion that this will bring. Please do not approve 3 ½ story houses and 6-foot high fences or the additional three foot extension upward. Please, members of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, please favor your locals instead of the developers.

From: [Lindsay Barksdale](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#); [Ian Birrell](#); [Mary Barksdale](#); [Donna Mercer](#)
Subject: Concerns about Villas 3 at Obsidian Development
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 3:03:19 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Planning Commission,

I have a few concerns about the plans for the Villas 3 at Obsidian development. Thank you for your time to thoroughly review this project.

1. I am disappointed that the Villas 3 at Obsidian units will not be affordable for our workforce and I am opposed to this project being zoned for nightly rentals. Nightly rentals will make it hard for full time workers to rent or own one of these units as their permanent residence. Due to its zoning as available for nightly rentals and the size of these units, the sales price will most likely be above what is affordable for our local workforce.

As stated on Page 2 of the Staff Report, "The subject site is identified in the Town's 2019-2027 Housing Element as being a potential site for future affordable housing development to satisfy the Town's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) established by the State; however, there are currently no affordability restrictions burdening the site that require the developer to provide those units identified in the Housing Element." The chart on Page 14 shows, "The subject site was identified in the Housing Element Land Inventory as a potential housing site that would provide 28 affordable units (Very Low- to Moderate-Income) of the 155 units identified as being needed by the State in the Town's RHNA ." I doubt the developer's Housing Mitigation will be able to cover the cost of 28 new affordable units in town. If we continue to use our limited undeveloped land to only build market rate homes, and allow these market rate homes to be rented nightly, we will never be able to make a dent in our affordable housing need for our workforce. What if a few of these 33 new units were required to be affordable, in perpetuity, for local workforce making 120% AMI or higher?

I would like to see our Planning Commission, Town Staff and Town Council review our zoning and land use requirements as well as our Housing Mitigation Ordinance in order to promote new affordable units in town. The development of Villas 3 at Obsidian as market rate homes is another missed opportunity for our community's workforce.

2. Looking at the project plans, I do not believe the Proposed Gate on Callahan Way is a good idea. The proposed gate could present an issue with snow removal on Callahan Way. The location of the gate is the current snow storage spot for Callahan Way. What is the proposed alternate snow storage location for Callahan Way? Also, I do not want the proposed gate to create a deterrent for users of the public path. Even if there is an opening for the public path I believe it could be a visual deterrent for the public to see a gate on the road.

3. Using Callahan Way as the only entrance and exit for the newest Obsidian projects will add a lot of traffic to Callahan Way and cause potential traffic congestion at the farthest north end near Lopez Loco Frijole. The turn off Main Street onto Frontage Road and then onto Callahan is very tight and often icy in the winter. Adding more cars and Nightly Renters arriving in the dark, who are inexperienced with the downhill slope, curves and the ice could cause a problem. There are also cars pulling in and backing up at the Lopez Loco Frijole restaurant to

add to the mix. The uphill slope going north on Callahan Way can present a problem during storms and icy conditions as cars often get stuck on Callahan and Frontage Road. Dorrance will offer a flat road for entry and exit. It seems prudent to allow access from both Callahan and Dorrance to alleviate traffic at both locations.

4. Regarding the 6 foot fence along the public path, I am happy to hear there will be openings for wildlife. I also hope there are openings for humans. During the summer, the section of public path next to the proposed Villas 3 at Obsidian project is filled with local children who live along Joaquin street and other areas in the Sierra Valley Sites. The public path is a safe and healthy way for our local children to recreate and access our greater trails system. I hope these children will still have access to the public path along the Villas 3 at Obsidian development, and not just at Dorrance and the north end of Callahan Way.

5. I am concerned with the proximity and height of units 22-25 with regard to San Joaquin Villas (SJV) Building E. Units 22-25, as proposed, are broad and very tall and will put SJV E building into shade and shadows for the entire day diminishing quality of life for owners in SJV E building. The back end of Units 22-25 will also stare directly into the living rooms of SJV E Building. Can smaller and shorter buildings be planned for this area or changed to open green space which can also be used as snow storage in winter?

6. I am opposed to outdoor hot tubs on back decks of Units 20-25. These units are in close proximity to SJV buildings D and E and have the potential to cause a noise nuisance for home owners in SJV buildings D and E. I imagine there is a potential for outdoor hot tubs on back decks of Units 26-33 to cause a noise nuisance for homes along Joaquin Street as well.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Barksdale, Homeowner at San Joaquin Villas

TO: The Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission

FOR: Public Hearing for Villas III Subdivision

RE: OPPOSITION PETITION

Dear Planning & Economic Development Commission:

Please find attached a petition OPPOSING the Villas III Subdivision Plan because it would have a devastating impact on our San Joaquin Villas (SJV) community and neighbors.

The attached petition has **80 signatures** from residents and owners of SJV, our effected neighbors (on Joaquin Rd, Callahan Way, Lupin St, Dorrance Ave, etc.) and concerned and outraged Mammoth Residents. This petition started less than 4 days ago*.

SJV was built by the Town as Workforce housing. SJV is 70% full time occupied and the residents of SJV work at Mammoth's hospital, schools, the mountain, golf course, restaurants, plumbing, property management, Caltrans, forest service, housecleaning, transportation, service industries, consulting from home, and more. Many young children live at SJV.

These Plans will DEVASTATE our lives and destroy the community.

Everyone who heard about this Villas III Opposing petition wanted to sign it. Multiple SJV residents volunteered to talk with their neighbors and to collect their signatures. Those volunteers said yesterday, *"If I only had more time, I'd easily have 2 or 3 times as many signatures. Everybody works during the day, and some are out of town."*

Most of this petition's signers expressed anger and frustration about how this development will ruin their health, sleep, and quality of life. Most signers expressed that they think the developer and Town is trying to sneak this project through* without concern or input from SJV residents and locals effected.

"Not again! The Town is using the taxes I pay to screw me while I'm not looking!"

"This process is so rushed. They ask for public comment then immediately dismiss it."

"Why???... HOT TUBS on decks with nightly rentals so close [to us]!!!"

"No thought about workforce people." "I can't believe the Town Planning Commission agreed to the WANTS of the developer."

*Please note that our neighborhood heard about this project for the first time when receiving the Notice of Public hearing less than 2 weeks ago. We found the project's TOML website with details only last Thursday afternoon, Feb. 3, for the very first time. The Assistant Planner provided the link but only after 4 days not replying to 5 emails and voicemails requesting information.

We are united in our opposition to these Villas III development Plans.

Sincerely & respectfully,

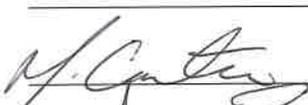
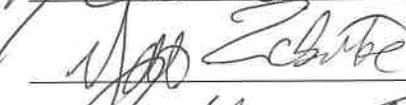
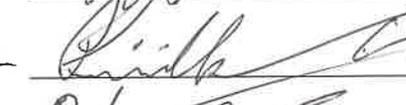
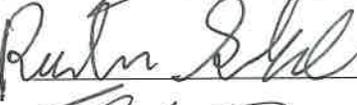
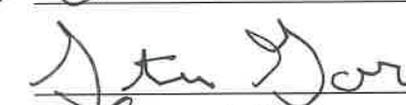
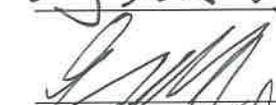
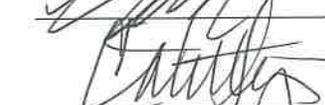
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Signature	Printed Name	Address
D2 	Marcy Castro	61 Callahan Way
G3 	Math Zebate	61 Callahan Way
G2 	Pablo Toledo	"
F6 	Patrick de Chastonay	"
F5 	Wade & Christina Heinoch	"
F4 	Santa Fera Arevalo	"
D1 	Jenica Law	"
	Ruben Sandoval	184 Joaquin
	Ellen McDonald	193 Joaquin Rd 93546
	David Ben Ami	193A Joaquin Rd 93546
	Stu Gore	122 Joaquin
	Warren Retzer	94 Joaquin
	Cathy Ocampo	61 Callahan Way G1
	Isidro Ocampo	61 Callahan way G1
	NANCY ROAN	226 St. Anton Circle
	LISA ANDERSON	103 Meadow Lane #34 ML ML

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	Carlos Castro	61 Callahan Way D2
	Jacob Castro	61 Callahan Way D2
	JARED LANGEL	61 Callahan way A2
	Michelle Chiang	61 Callahan way A2
	MARIO G	61 CALLAHANWAY C1
	Manu Vinagre	61 Callahan way C1
	Susan R. Farley	61 Callahan Way C2
	Nate Seavers	61 Callahan F6
	Yanet Lopez	3711 Main St. Crowley LA 913546
	Julio Chavarria	(Corner of main & Callahan way)
	Chelsea Glende	104 Joaquin RD Apt #1 194 Joaquin St.
	Ronald Glende	4007 Crowley lake Dr.
	Ednamary Glende	4007 Crowley lake Dr.
	Chales Miller	109 Hidden Valley Rd
	Michelle Quinsfeld	138 Wagon Wheel Rd

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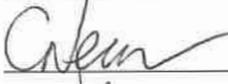
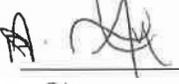
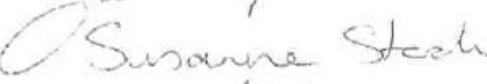
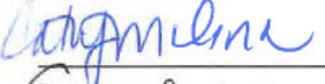
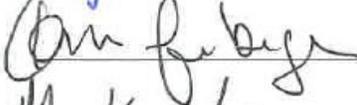
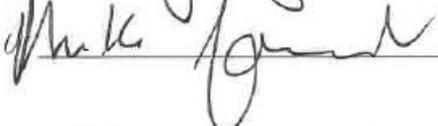
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	Amy Loucks	San Joaquin #D3
	Jaime Kellack	SJV #E5
	Susanne Stark	SJV - E5
	Bonnie Kellack	SJV - E5
	Justin Kellack	SJV - E5
	Janette Miller	190 Foothill Rd SW. Ca
	Amanda Taylor	2290 Sierra Nevada Rd #98 ML
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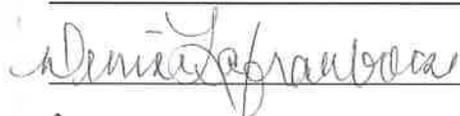
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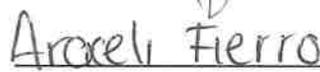
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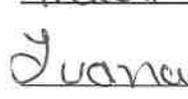
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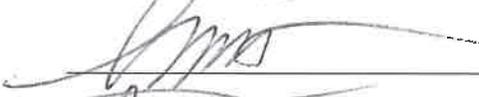
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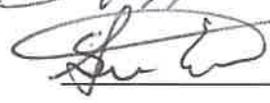
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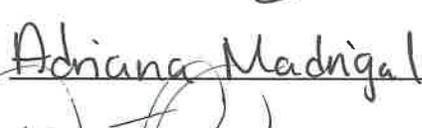
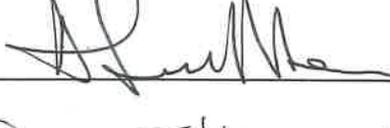
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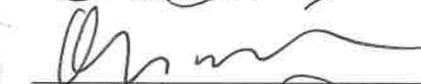
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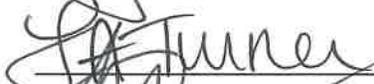
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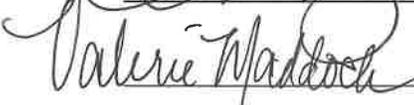
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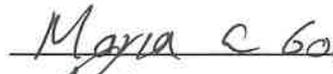
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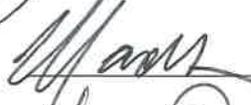
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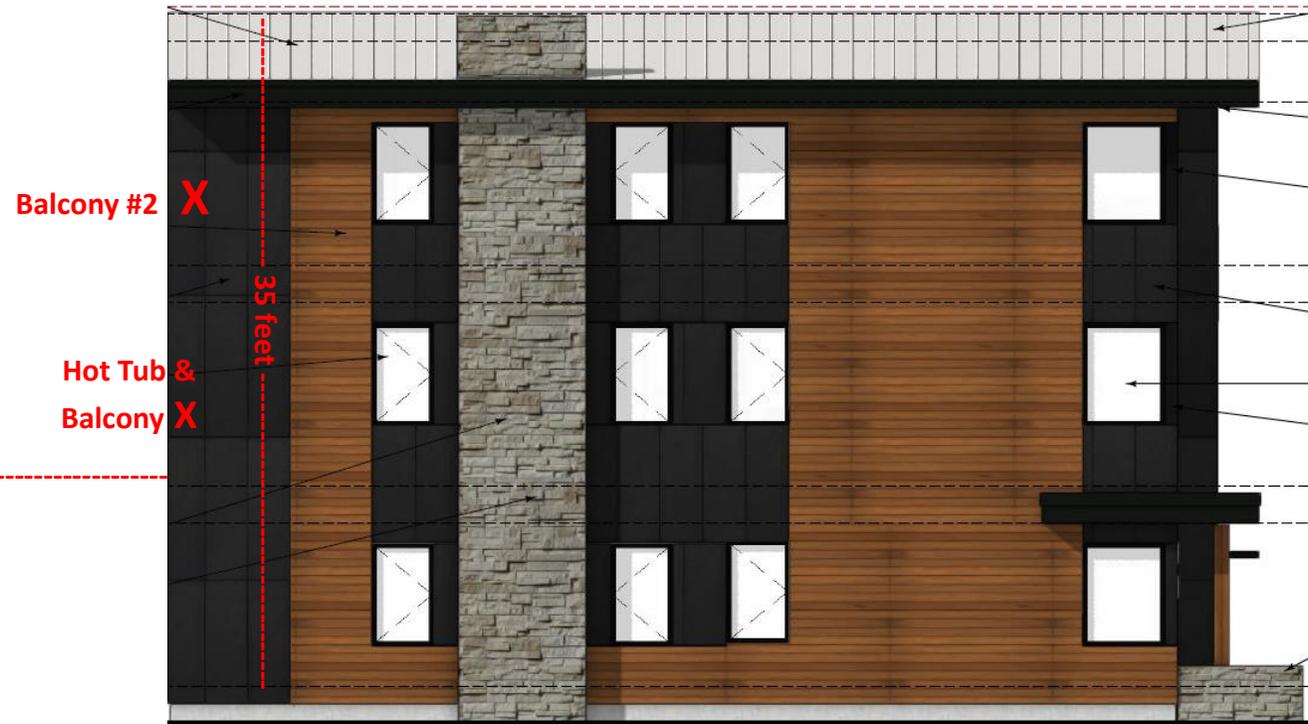
Representative Scale of Building Separation & Height

South →

San Joaquin Villas (SJV) Bldg E



Villas III Units #22-25



Representative Sunlight & Shadow

South →

Villas III Units #22-25

SHADE ZONE

San Joaquin Villas (SJV) Bldg E



Balcony #2 X

Hot Tub & Balcony X

35 feet



Photo of South from back of SJV Bldg E. Dec. 15, 2022 2pm

Representative Sunlight & Shadow with Roof Snow



Planned roofs have little slope and SNOW will pile up. Easily adding 6-12 feet of height.



SJV's roofs are sloped but accumulate 4' of snow multiple times each winter. Snow was cleared twice the week of Christmas, 2021.



San Joaquin Villas (SJV) Bldg E



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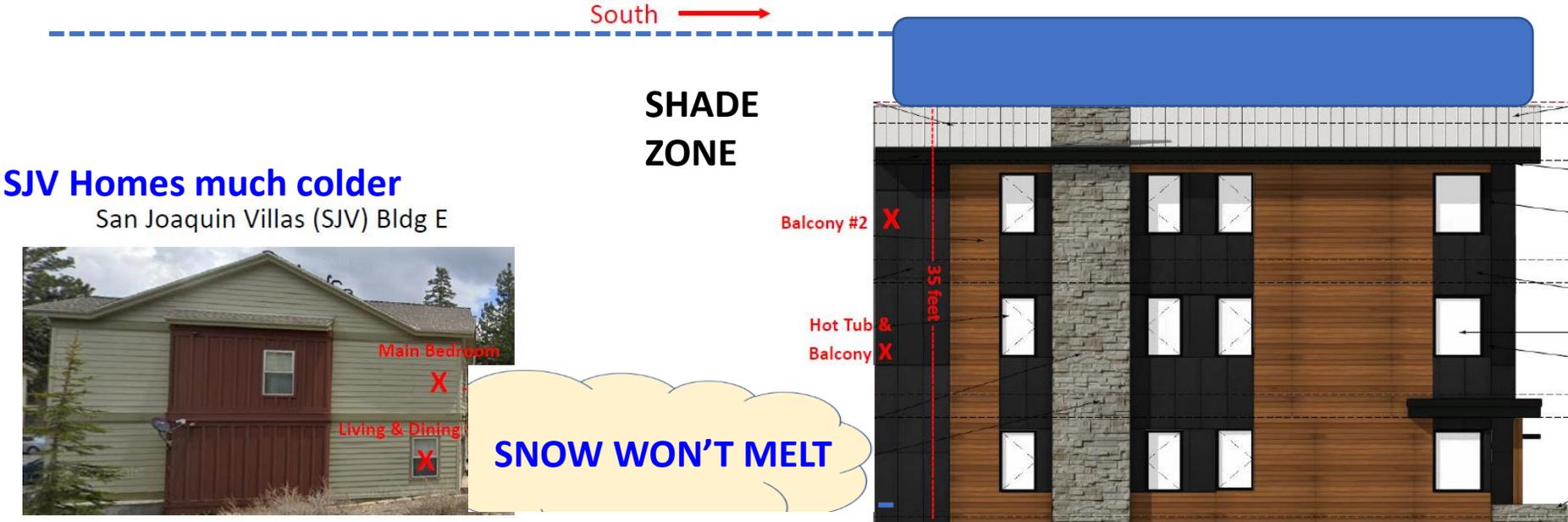
Representative Sunlight & Shadow SNOW CAVE



Backside of SJV's E Building. Shown are 2nd floor windows. Snow piled over 20 feet above the ground. Photo taken from top of snow storage area at the end of Callahan Way (to be replaced by Villas III entrance).



Back yard & deck of SJV's E Bldg (photos from inside).



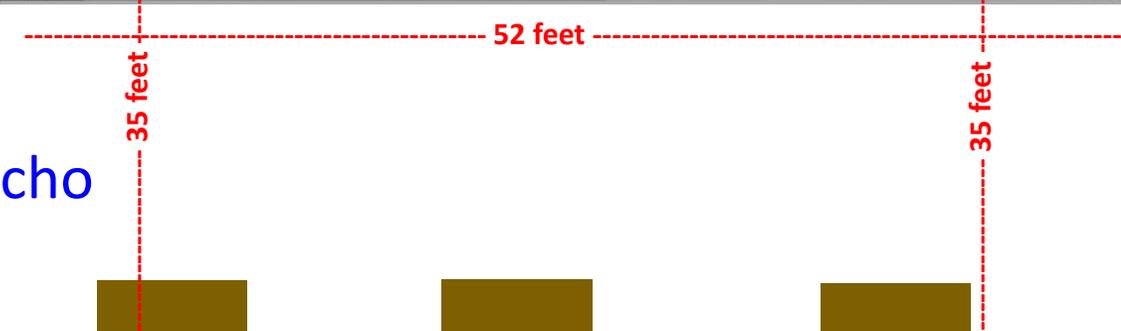
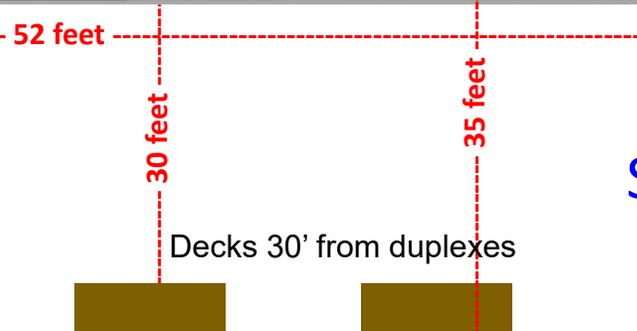
Representative Scale of Building Positions

#25

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#23

#22



Sounds & Echo

SJVE

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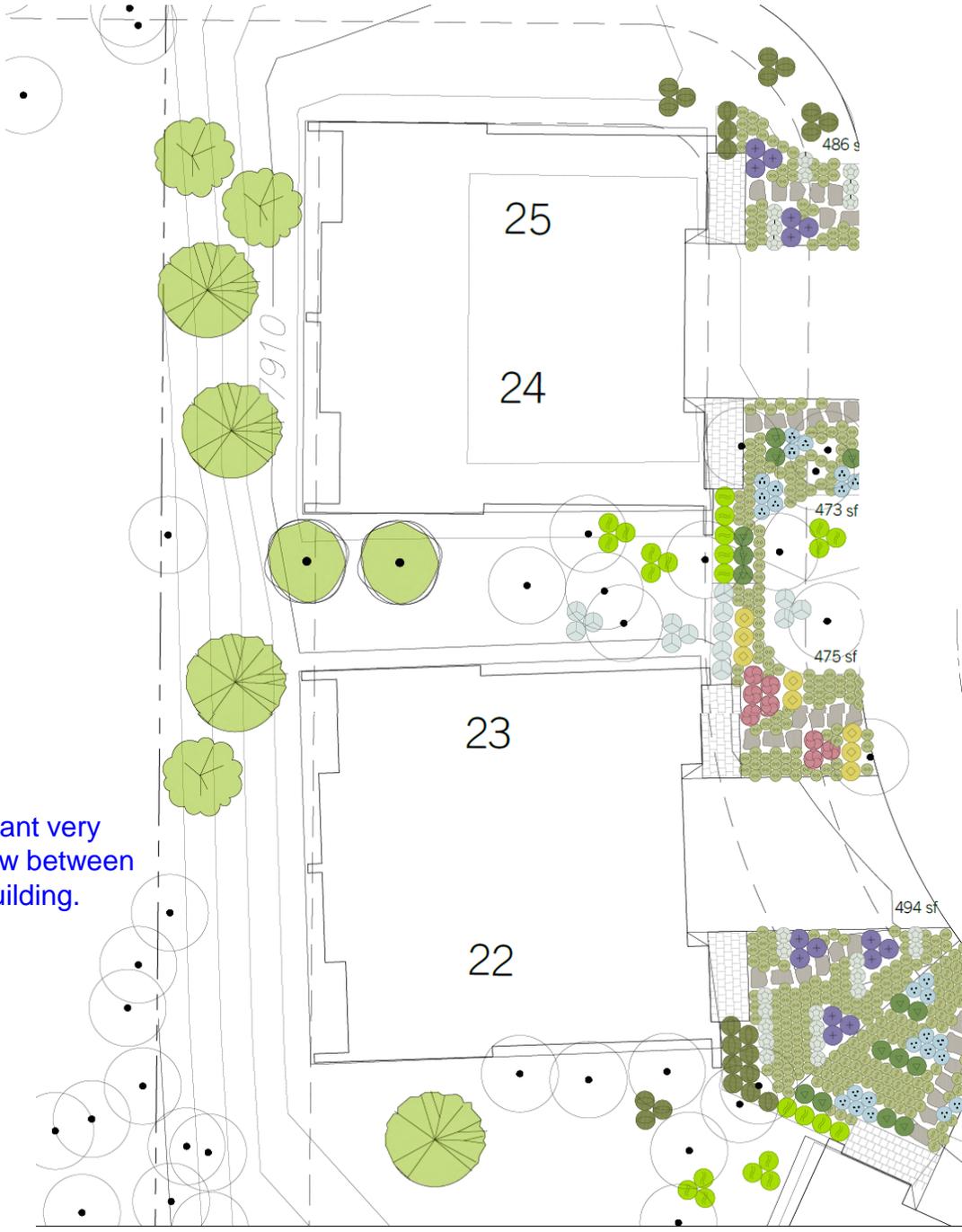
MA bedroom window & living room Glass Sliders on this wall for all SJV condos.

Landscaping Plan



Plan is to cut down trees near SJV.

X = Removed



Plant very few between building.

My name is Judith Goddard, I am an owner and full-time resident at San Joaquin Villas (SJV) for over 6 years.

Twenty eight two story SJV townhomes are directly affected by the Villas-III application; **over 70% are occupied full time** by Mammoth workforce and their families.

I am writing to **recommend to you that you do not approve the Villas III application due to inaccuracies and bias in the Staff Report.** Specifically:

Design Review Criteria. Staff Report page 8 paragraph A **only addresses the Obsidian property to the south.** The report completely ignores the SJV property immediately north and the residential properties to the east of the plot and to the west of the fairway. **This selective approach demonstrates bias towards the developers** and disregard of the negative impact upon the community including 28 two story townhomes in SJV adjacent to the proposed development. Had there been comparison with SJV it would not support the positive conclusion reached. **The design is not appropriate;** it does not blend with the height, architecture, building materials and color of the adjacent SJV property. No consideration is given to the negative impact of a three story property immediately on the south of a two story building (SJV E building) causing loss of daylight and constant shadow.

Multi use path easement. Staff Report page 3 incorrectly states that the new 8 foot trail “will be located within a new 12-foot easement”. The plans (Appendix A-3 page 1) show the easement is 11.5 feet for 50% of its length toward the south end. A 12 foot easement is being vacated; **the plans require update to provide a 12 foot easement.**

Six foot solid fence Staff Report page 10 incorrectly states “the project consists of a six-foot solid fence along all portions of the road that are within 50 feet of the residential zone to the east”. The plans (Appendix A-3 page 1) show the six foot solid fence runs along the entire length of the foot trail. At units 26-33 the road is clearly further than 50ft from both the trail and property line. **The plans require update to provide a six foot solid fence ONLY when the criteria are satisfied. Better still, get rid of the fence.** Where’s the fence along East Bear Lake road immediately west of SJV B building? Evidently the criteria weren’t enforced for Gray Bear II development project.

Use permit criteria

Staff Report page 8 incorrectly states that “the proposed use will not be detrimental to the public health and safety nor materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity”. The review does not consider the **disturbance from transient occupancy adjacent to a workforce community** and the negative impact resulting from including an exterior hot tub at every duplex unit. The proposed plans will significantly and severely impact quality of life and mental health and will diminish property value; especially for the residents of SJV E and D buildings.

Proposed gate on Callahan Way (Staff Report page 3)

The purpose of the proposed “limited access gate” on Callahan Way is not clear. Do not allow the Villas-III entrance to be on Callahan Way due to the negative impact on the adjacent SJV residents. Only allow this as an emergency exit. Ensure that the **property entrance is only through Obsidian main entrance at the south**. Clarify the Staff Report and plans so that this is clearly the case.

Construction access

Do not allow **any** construction access via Callahan Way; it would have significant negative impact on the adjacent SJV community.

Procedural comment

The public hearing notice **did not** include the link to the development information on the town website, this should be rectified for any future notices. It felt like the process was designed to **discourage meaningful public input**.

Conclusion

Do not approve the plans as submitted; **require corrections** as identified in this statement and require a **meaningful design review** that actually considers the impact on SJV and our neighbors and take real **action to mitigate** the negative impact of the new development.

As a minimum I request that units 22-25 are limited to two story, that an increased setback of 50 feet is required for units 22-25, that the six foot solid fence is eliminated from the project and that exterior hot tubs are not approved for any duplex.

Thank you for your time.

From: [Christian Newman](#)
To: [Michael Peterka](#)
Subject: Villas III development
Date: Monday, February 7, 2022 12:50:00 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Planning Commission,

Please DO NOT approve hot tubs on 2nd level decks in Units 18 through 25.
Specifically for units 22 through 25 the PROPOSED plans put hot tubs 40 feet from workforce housing bedroom windows.

We are concerned about the noise of people partying in these hot tubs and keeping us awake.
Approval of this part of the plans will absolutely ruin the quality of life of full time residents.

Thank you for your consideration

Christian Newman and Amy Louisa
San Joaquin Villas Unit D3

Feb. 7, 2022

Michael Vanderhurst
Chair, Economic Development & Planning Commission
Town of Mammoth Lakes
437 Old Mammoth Rd. Ste R
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Dear Mr. Vanderhurst and Planning Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mammoth Springs Resort Villa III. First I want to say, the town has failed to comply with CEQA, in that has prepared an Addendum to a 31-year old EIR that no longer is accurate in its description of local land use or environmental impacts. Addendums are to be used when only “minor technical changes” are required to a project and a new 33-unit residential development does not qualify for the use of the Addendum.

I have been a resident of the adjacent San Joaquin Villas for 15 years. I will not be able to attend the public hearing in person as I am working – as are almost all my neighbors and most Mammoth locals who will be impacted by this development. This public hearing – which directly affects our quality of life – was scheduled in the middle of a workday, preventing the public from participating and limiting feedback on the project's impacts.

In addition, the notice of public hearing received in the mail just ten days prior to the hearing provides inadequate time for concerned neighbors and residents to respond. Please understand that our community is frustrated with Town staff and the Planning Commission for not giving the public enough time to respond and not listening to the community's valid concerns and needs.

As a result of the short notice, I was only able to spend a few hours of my limited free time collecting signatures in opposition to the development. Every person I described the project to said, “I can't believe that the Town Planning Commission has agreed to the demands of this developer over the concerns of the residents” and thought the project was flawed as follows:

1. “Why are they building right up to the property line and so close to existing buildings?”
2. “What is the town thinking – why are they allowing hot tubs on the upper decks with nightly rentals so close to the homes of folks who are working and trying to sleep?”
3. “Don't they understand how much noise there will be late at night from visitors using the hot tubs which will disturb folks who need to get up in the morning to work?”
4. “That's exactly why I moved out of Mammoth, my neighbor was renting a nightly Air B&B, I never slept, my quality of life was gone.”
5. “A fence will not make a difference to the noise coming from these units. What is the real purpose of the fence?”
6. “This is another example of the Town focusing on increasing TOT taxes – no thought about the workforce and our quality of life, only about making money!

Repeatedly, I heard the same comments, concerns and outrage from the neighborhood residents.

On 2/2/22 I spoke with Michael Peterka, Assistant Planner who has spent considerable time working on the Mammoth Springs Resort development. He told me that the developer wants to put up a six-foot-high wooden fence primarily to help with noise issues.

The proposed six-foot fence has NOTHING to do with stopping noise from the neighborhood.

The fence is to keep people and wildlife out of a “private, gated community”– to give the impression of exclusivity and upper scale luxury, like gated Obsidian development. It is an elitist amenity, designed to increase the sale price of the units and the developer’s revenue..

The absurdity of the fence is that all the noise will be coming FROM Villa III, especially from the new duplexes that are being built above the garages on the 2nd and 3rd stories --well ABOVE the six-foot fence and with their back decks facing Joaquin Street. To compound the issue, the decks will have hot tubs on them, where the overnight rental guests will be incredibly noisy, drinking, and partying loudly at night. All noise will be directed TOWARDS Joaquin Street homes and residents, keeping working Mammoth locals awake well into the night. I myself must be at work at 5:30 a.m. Renters do not know or care that SJV and Joaquin Street residents go to bed early and rise before sunrise to work. We are the people who serve visitors and locals and keep the Town running. We cannot function on a couple hours of sleep. The decks with hot tubs, as currently proposed, are just feet from our bedroom windows! This is an untenable situation which must be revisited and removed from the plan proposal.

The Planning Commission’s role is to balance the needs of the developer with those of the local community. Please help minimize noise and disturbance coming FROM Villa III and prevent the developer from installing hot tubs on their duplex decks. Common-area hot tubs on the ground level are the appropriate solution, as other multi-residential developments have in place. Eliminating private hot tubs from the outer decks will provide the neighboring residents – and indeed even the visitors renting Villa III units – some chance at maintaining the current quietude and peace of the neighborhood.

I respectfully request that the project be modified as follows:

1. NO to a senseless fence along the bike path, a fence that will ultimately get broken and become unsightly under snow load and the elements. Any fence, even with two small openings, is unfriendly and dangerous to wildlife. No one wants to look at an ugly, unwelcoming fence along the bike path that has no purpose but to pretend to be a noise barrier.
2. NO to individual unit hot tub on the decks. The ambience of our neighborhood is being compromised by the development itself – the hot tubs outside our bedroom windows will eliminate all privacy and quietness and will negatively impact our quality of life.

3. NO to allowing nightly rentals in Villa III units 22-25 that are directly adjacent to SJV due to the close proximity of the buildings and the impacts of noise and disturbance.
4. that the developer be held responsible for maintaining a significant “green” and natural barrier between the development and neighboring buildings with a landscaping plan that includes trees and hedges. Snowshed from the building rooves must be managed and cleared away so our backyards do not become an icy mountain of snow.
5. that the Commission and staff do the RIGHT thing and consider the needs, concerns, and quality of life of the local community members over developer profits.

Again, Additionally, the town has failed to comply with CEQA, in that has prepared an Addendum to a 31-year old EIR that no longer is accurate in its description of local land use or environmental impacts. Addendums are to be used when only “minor technical changes” are required to a project and a new 33-unit residential development does not qualify for the use of the Addendum.

Thank you for your consideration.

Donna Mercer
61 Callahan way E4
Mammoth resident since 1999

To: Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission:

Feb. 9, 2022

Subject: Opposition to proposed development plans for Villas-III at 100 Callahan Way

My name is Kimberly Taylor. I own unit E6 at San Joaquin Villas townhomes (SVJ) and have been an SVJ resident for over 12 years. The proposed Villas-III plan would be a direct negative impact on quality of life for the residents of **28 two-story San Joaquin Villas townhomes** and their residents, **over 70% are occupied by full-time** Mammoth workforce and their families.

As a San Joaquin Resident since 2009, we chose SVJ due to its natural setting and quiet, stable community. The proposed Villas-III development is the **antithesis** of the quiet and stable San Joaquin Villas and the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

I am requesting that PEDC **do not approve** the Villas-III development proposal due to inaccuracies in the Staff Report and its bias toward the developer. The proposed plans do not take into consideration the residents and owners of properties adjacent to the planned project.

Design Review Criteria:

The Staff Report **only addresses concerns about the Obsidian property to the south with no consideration for SVJ even though Villas-III will be closer to SVJ** than any other neighboring property. The report completely ignores the SVJ property immediately to the north. **This selective approach shows a clear bias for the developer and disregards the negative impact** upon the community including 28 two-story SVJ townhomes which are physically closer. If there had been comparison with San Joaquin Villas townhomes the Staff Report would have reached a negative conclusion.

The design is not appropriate; it does not blend with the height, architecture, building materials and color of the adjacent SVJ property.

- **Size:** The proposed 3-story duplex design is significantly taller than the two-story SVJ townhomes immediately adjacent. Villas-III Duplex units 22-25, just 35-feet to the south, will **tower over** and **block** sun to SVJ E-building resulting in permanent shadow during the winter/fall/spring months.
- **Scale:** In addition, the overall **scale** of the duplex design is also vastly incongruous with the adjacent SVJ townhomes. One Villas-III duplex building has more square footage than the *entire* 6-unit SVJ townhouse building. The two behemoth duplex structures will **dwarf** the immediately adjacent SVJ (E-building) with this massive scale.
- **Architectural Style:** The duplex design is essentially a gigantic square block and clearly not cohesive with the adjacent SVJ townhomes. Nor are they cohesive with the Tallus/Obsidian units which utilize varied roof heights to add visual interest and break up the vertical line. The Villas-III duplexes appear industrial.
- **Color / Building Materials:** The duplex colors are not visually cohesive or harmonious with the adjacent SVJ property, nor are they cohesive with the existing Tallus/Obsidian

development. Specifically, the significant use of black metal panels / black finishes gives the duplexes a strong *industrial warehouse vibe* which is inconsistent with the mountain aesthetic claimed. Furthermore, the duplex rear-sides use >50% black panels/trim, resulting in 3-stories of black wall towering over the SJV E-building and will cause an even greater cave-like/shadowing effect during winter months. When the sun is finally overhead in summer months, these same black metal panels will absorb heat and radiate heat out onto SJV E-building, again due to the very close proximity.

- **Setback:** The setback distance is not cohesive with the rest of the Tallus / Obsidian development, again failing to recognize the SJV homes. Nowhere in the Tallus/Obsidian development do the Obsidian structure anywhere close to other residences except for the San Joaquin Villas townhomes. The report specifically mentioned the larger setbacks at the south end of development and highlights the buffer of trees between the Site and the homes on Joaquin Road. In contrast, Villas-III duplex units 22-25, directly adjacent to SJV, are just 35 feet from SJV building and the bedroom windows of hardworking residents and their children. With the buildings so close to one another, the duplex design should refrain from windows and decks that peer into existing SJV residences as the current Villas-III design proposes.

I request the following mitigations to address the Size / Scale / Style / Color / Setback discrepancies that close-proximity enormous duplexes will have on the immediately adjacent SJV (E-building):

1. Duplex Units 22-25:
 - a. I request that **Duplex units 22-25 be eliminated** from the design plan.
 - b. **At a minimum**, if those units were to remain included, I request that **units 22-25 be limited to two-stories and require an increased setback of 50 feet**
 - c. **Do not allow transient rentals for duplex units** and **deny** use permit.
2. All duplex units: **Do not allow exterior hot tubs on any duplex unit.**

Use Permit Criteria: Staff Report incorrectly states that “the proposed use will not be detrimental to the public health and safety nor materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity”. The review gives no consideration to **disturbances from transient occupancy adjacent to a workforce community** and the **negative impact resulting from inclusion of an exterior hot tub at every duplex unit**. The proposed plans will severely impact quality of life and mental health for everyone at SJV.

I request the following mitigations to address the noise and loss of privacy that close-proximity transient overnight rentals will undoubtedly cause:

1. Hot Tubs: **Do not allow exterior hot tubs on any duplex unit**
2. Transient Rentals (22-25): **Do not allow transient overnight rentals in units 22-25**

3. Privacy / green natural barrier: Require developer / Villas-III be held responsible for install *and maintain a significant “green” natural barrier* between the Villas-III development and neighboring residences, specifically between duplexes 22-25 and San Joaquin Villas units E1 to E6.

4. Proposed “Limited” Access Gate on Callahan Way at current terminus: **Require that Villas-III property entrance is only through Obsidian from the south**, and that Callahan Way is used only as an emergency entrance/exit. An entry gate at Callahan Way would negatively impact SJV residents, especially with transient renters arriving in late night / wee-hours of the morning. Absolutely do not allow any call box / speaker box / communications system to be based at the gate for communication into the development for same reasons.

5. Construction Access: **Do not allow any construction vehicle access via Callahan Way** as it would have significant negative impact on the adjacent SJV residential community.

6. Construction Sequence: Due to the proximity of SJV townhomes to the north end of proposed Villas-III units, request that developer be **required to begin construction on the south half** of development (units 1-15) prior to initiating development on those units 16-26 which are most closely impacting SJV residents.

Solid 6-foot Fence: Do not allow employment of solid six-foot fencing along the bike path / Villas-III property border, *except where mandated by code*. Staff Report page 10 incorrectly states “the project consists of a six-foot solid fence along all portions of the road that are within 50 feet of the residential zone to the east”. The plans (Appendix A-3 page 1) show the 6-foot solid fence runs along the entire length of the foot trail. At units 26-33 the road is clearly further than 50-ft from both the trail and property line. **The plans require update to provide a 6-foot solid fence ONLY where mandated. Or simply eliminate the fence.**

TOML Planning Process: I’m very disappointed in the Planning process for this development project and how it’s been “rushed through” in hopes no one notices or comments.

CONCLUSION

I request the Planning Commission to **REJECT** the **Villas-III** development plans submitted by Mammoth Spring Resorts, LLC, for 100 Callahan Way. **Require modifications** detailed within this statement and **require real solutions to mitigate** the negative impact of the proposed development on neighboring SJV residences. **Please consider the quality of life of the local resident community and what is best for all Mammoth residents, not solely developer profit.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Kimberly Taylor
San Joaquin Villas, Unit E6

To: Mammoth Lakes Planning Commission

Copy to: Mammoth Lakes Town Council

Regarding: Villas III Development Application

My name is Sue Farley. I first moved to Mammoth in May 1981, and currently reside full-time at San Joaquin Villas #C6, where I purchased my townhouse in 2009. I am retired from a career with the Forest Service, previously working on the Mammoth Ranger District.

Mammoth is my beloved home, and I care deeply about this community. Over the years, I have made choices which involve economic trade-offs in order to live here. I have been willing to pay more for goods and services, while keeping my business local. I consider my choice to be a positive investment in this community and the people who make their livelihood here.

I am asking that the Mammoth Lakes Planning Commission and civic leaders require economic trade-offs of the developer(s) who submitted the Villas III application, to be made as an investment in the quality of life for the people who live in this community, particularly residents of the San Joaquin Villas (SJV).

Here are the changes I ask the Planning Commission to specify for the Villas III development application, as measures to protect the quality of life for SJV residents:

Limit the height of units #21-25 to a maximum of 25 feet, and constructed without rear balconies;

Require units #21-25 to be set back a minimum of 50 feet;

Deny the transient use permit for units #21-25;

Require double the number of landscaping trees to be planted between units #21-25 and San Joaquin Villas;

Require that Callahan Way is only used as emergency egress to the Villas III development and is gated or otherwise physically blocked to prohibit through traffic;

Prohibit construction traffic on Callahan Way during development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, /s/ Sue Farley