

Letter to city council Woodmark, July 29, 2021

To: Mary Gourley

Please post on City Website for August 3 City Council Meeting  
Agenda Item #17, Woodmark

Woodmark Housing a Development proposed by Pacific West Communities out of Eagle, ID (which also identifies itself by other related names; depending on State and Fed. Funding applications being filed) is proposing/threatening the City of Sebastopol to apply under SB-35 for their 84 unit housing development on Bodega Avenue; permitting the developer to bypass many safeguards the city has for oversight. SB-35 allows housing developments to be built in spite of far reaching negative impacts on a city. In this case 'Our City'.

Pacific West threatens Sebastopol and its residents in several areas. I will mention one.

Safety (of Senior residents & children).

Adjoining the proposed Woodmark & one block from site are:

Burbank Heights & Orchards - Senior Housing – over 200 senior residents.

Bears Meadow – approximately 2/3rds of residents are seniors (17 or 18 people)

Pine Trees – Seniors (number unknown)

Additionally significant number of homeowners in neighborhood are seniors .

These individuals walk and drive on streets that will be heavily impacted by the additional 152 cars parked at the Woodmark site. Nelson and Washington Avenues, which are the walking streets one block west of the Woodmark development are without sidewalks on both sides of streets may easily have 150 added car 'trips' a day from the development. This is absolutely unsafe for Seniors. Also, absolutely unsafe for children walking to Brookhaven and Parkside elementary schools on Washington Ave. which is a designated a 'Safe Routes to Schools' street.

Street safety is but one of the threats posed by this development. I will follow up with a letter on the impact of it on heritage trees living on adjoining properties.

Sincerely,

Marcia Lavine