
8100 Valentine Avenue PROJECT ID# 205-067

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Hello All:

Since the commission does not have public emails, I am hoping that this email can get to them since their voices are heard by the City Council. I am attaching the letter I have written to the City Council.

Namely the Commission members: Evert Fernandez, Jennifer Koelemeijer, Paul Fritz, Joan Harper, and Alex Kanzler.

The neighbors that were present at the Sept. 22 meeting feel betrayed by you and the City Council for never contacting any of us in 2025 when this project was first presented. We had phoned the City Planning folks only to be told many times over 2025 and early Jan. 2026 that "it is too early to discuss". pretty lame excuse and now this project is being pushed down our throats to accept, along with the evasiveness of Toste and Grupe who only want to make money on our town's financial vulnerability.

The Commission listened to the discussion presented by Rob Toste from Grupe Co. The deceit from him and Grupe is unfathomable. s soon as he was done and the public was able to speak, Toste was continually on his hone not even being present to our concerns. The only Commission member we felt that had the same concerns as us was Chair Evert. He confirms our concerns, The "unsafe one road into the project, Evert suggested why not bring back the "u" shaped driveway into the community. the tree cutting of the heritage/native redwoods, the overflow parking congestion on Valentine making it also unsafe for the heavy pedestrian traffic on Valentine Avenue.

These are very grave concerns, we i the neighborhood as we expressed at the meeting are NOT against housing. We only want the plan to be reflective of the Sebasopol City Plan and not have such a dense project, not notifying with the accordance of the laws which we were not. If Grupe and Toste had notified us back in 2025 when they filed or were going to file the project with yoiur, to bring the neighbors to weigh i. That is whaat community means.

Thankyou,
Janet Lundgren