

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020**

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED  
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# **AGENDA QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

**Items 3 & 5**

**ITEM #3 CONS 20-206**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AWARDING A  
CONTRACT TO JOE'S LANDSCAPE AND  
CONCRETE, IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$103,215, FOR VEGETATION  
MANAGEMENT OF SPECIFIC CITY  
OWNED AND MAINTAINED PROPERTIES**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**From:** Miriam Lens  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 2:01 PM  
**To:** GWNA Admin  
**Subject:** RE: 5/4/2020 Council Closed session agenda item #1  
**Attachments:** Agenda 200505.pdf

Good afternoon Ann,

Thank you for your email. I just want to make sure we document your email under the appropriate agenda item. Your comment is for the 5/5 regular Council meeting agenda, Item No. 3, correct?

Thank you,

Miriam

Miriam Lens, City Clerk

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**From:** GWNA Admin **Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:26 PM  
**To:** List-Mayor-Council <List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov>  
**Subject:** 5/4/2020 Council Closed session agenda item #1

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The apparent purpose is to cut firebreaks all around the properties to protect Hayward from liability arising from fire. Details of the landscaping job are here <https://www.hayward-ca.gov/sites/default/files/rfp/2009-120219-1-vegetation-rubbish-abatement-services-cal-trans-property.pdf> . All the quotes Hayward received for the job is here

[https://hayward.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4432811&GUID=A97E28B6-A602-4750-9F13-](https://hayward.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4432811&GUID=A97E28B6-A602-4750-9F13-37EB196777E1)

[37EB196777E1](https://hayward.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4432811&GUID=A97E28B6-A602-4750-9F13-37EB196777E1) My concerns are for parcels #8 and #6. Both of these parcels have special considerations that are not disclosed or documented in the request for proposals.

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Please consider paying special attention to the needs of parcels 6 and 8 and including that information in the job expectations from the contractor.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Maris, PhD

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**From:** Winifred Thompson  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 2:42 PM  
**To:** List-Mayor-Council  
**Subject:** Resolution to Award Contract for Vegetation Management on Route 238 Bypass Parcels

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members  
Kelly McAdoo, City Manager  
Jennifer Ott, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Friends of San Lorenzo Creek Comments on  
Hayward City Council Meeting, 2020 May 5, Item 3, CONS 20-206  
Resolution to Award Contract for Vegetation Management on Route 238 Bypass Parcels  
Damage to Parcel Group 6 Riparian Oak Woodland Habitat

The City needs to do more study, planning, and setback definition along this northern property line to protect habitat and provide fire protection.

Please carefully take into consideration the report filed by Bruce King of the San Lorenzo Friends of the Creek.

Sincerely,  
Gerald and Winifred Thompson



**Ohlone Audubon Society**  
A Chapter of the National Audubon Society  
Serving Southern Alameda County

May 4, 2020

Subject: City Council May 5, Item 3, CONS 20-206

To: List-Mayor-Council <[List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov)>

Cc: Kelly McAdoo <[Kelly.McAdoo@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:Kelly.McAdoo@hayward-ca.gov)>, Jennifer Ott <[jennifer.ott@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:jennifer.ott@hayward-ca.gov)>

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Ohlone Audubon Society is concerned about the proposed vegetation management plan for the Route 238 Bypass parcels. For example: one concern is the northern boundary of Parcel Group 6. Although this plan may address fire management concerns, it will adversely affect the riparian ecosystems. Thinning and removing ladder fuels in the riparian/woodland canopy will reduce the cooling effect of this vegetation which is an essential component of creek health. Wildlife utilize these areas to a great degree and thinning will reduce suitability of this habitat for many species.

We ask that you consider the impact of this proposed plan on the many species of wildlife that depend upon these riparian/woodland corridors for survival. There are other methods of fuels management which are more suitable in these situations.

Thank you,

Terry Preston

Conservation Chair West, Ohlone Audubon Society



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**From:** Bruce King  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 2, 2020 11:51 PM  
**To:** List-Mayor-Council  
**Cc:** Kelly McAdoo; Jennifer Ott  
**Subject:** City Council May 5, Item 3, CONS 20-206, FSLC Comments on Parcel 6 Veg Mgt  
**Attachments:** Parcel 6 Veg Mgt FSLC Comments 2020 May 2.pdf

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Friends of San Lorenzo Creek does not recommend awarding a contract for vegetation management on Route 238 Bypass parcels that includes creation of a 30-foot fire break located down the steep banks and in top-of-bank areas of the creek located on the northern boundary of Parcel Group 6. Removing such vegetation will damage the damage the riparian and woodland ecosystem. The existing open, grassy area seems like a more-natural fire break area that would also be easier to maintain.

See attached letter for details, locations, and pictures.

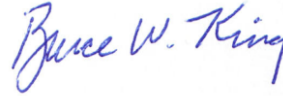
Bruce King  
Friends of San Lorenzo Creek

## FRIENDS OF SAN LORENZO CREEK

Date: May 2, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council Members  
Kelly McAdoo, City Manager  
Jennifer Ott, Deputy City Manager

From: Bruce King, Friends of San Lorenzo Creek



Subject: Friends of San Lorenzo Creek Comments on  
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Resolution to Award Contract for Vegetation Management on Route 238 Bypass Parcels  
Damage to Parcel Group 6 Riparian Oak Woodland Habitat

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Do not include in the contract plans to cut and remove vegetation in creek & woodland areas of Parcel 6  
Friends of San Lorenzo Creek does not recommend awarding a contract for vegetation management on Route 238 Bypass parcels that includes creation of a 30-foot fire break located down the steep banks and in top-of-bank areas of the creek located on the northern boundary of Parcel Group 6. See location in the Attachment on page 2.

### Removing vegetation will damage the damage the riparian and woodland ecosystem

Vegetation in these creek, creek bank, and top-of-bank areas contains mature oak and bay trees, a tree canopy contiguous with the creek ravine, and extensive native plant undergrowth that is part of the creek's continuous riparian and wildlife corridor. Cutting and removing vegetation from these sensitive areas will damage the riparian and woodland ecosystem. Based on the maps provided, the vegetation removal appears in some cases to extend down the very-step, 100-foot-deep, creek ravine, and near or into the creek.

### Create a fire break in the open area that already exists

In addition, it is not clear that this proposed plan is the most effective or appropriate location for a 30-foot fire break. The 100 to 150-foot-wide open area between the woodland and the backs of the houses on Highland Boulevard seems like a more-natural fire break area that would also be easier to maintain. This open area appears to have a dirt road and is mostly grass which could be easily cut. This open area appears to be the private, undeveloped property of the homes of Highland Boulevard, so the City might need to have an agreement with the homeowners on the maintenance of this area as a fire break.

### Establish the creek-setback area and do not remove/cut native plants

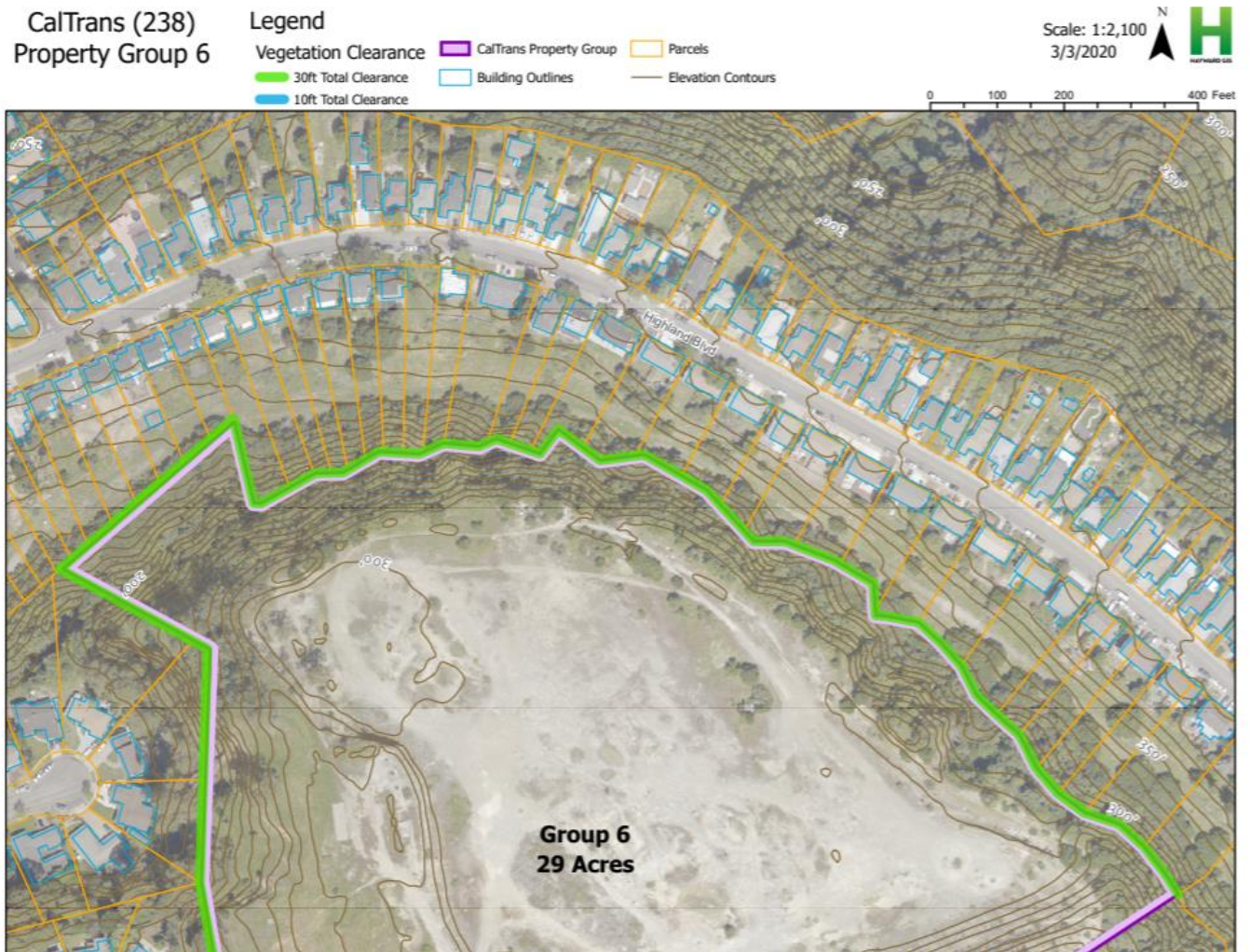
Lastly, the City needs to establish a creek setback and riparian corridor on both sides of the creek along this northern property line that includes the creek ravine, all the existing tree canopy, and all areas within 20 feet of the creek top-of-bank. Removal of native plants and development should generally not be permitted in these areas.

The City needs to do more study, planning, and setback definition along this northern property line to protect habitat and provide fire protection.

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## ATTACHMENT

### Vegetation Clearance Proposed on Northern Boundary of Parcel 6



**Green:**  
 Vegetation removal to create a 30ft firebreak is made by the complete removal all brush, flammable vegetation, or combustible growth which is located 30ft from such building or structure or to the property line, whichever is nearer. This includes the cutting and removal of all grass to 4 inches or less, limbing trees to at least 6ft up to 15ft depending on slope total removal of shrubs under tree canopy. The Fire Department may determine a 100ft clearance is needed depending on extra hazardous conditions. Which would include cutting and removal of grass to 4 inches, limbing trees up to 15ft, thinning of tree crowns, and the trimming of bushes and shrubs below tree canopy.

**Blue:**  
 Vegetation removal along a roadside requires a 10ft clearance from the road or to the property line, whichever is nearer. And consists of complete removal of all dead or dying grass, weeds, downed branches, leaves, bark and brush, all plants and shrubs are to be trimmed, and trees need to be limbed up to 6ft to 15ft depending on slope total removal of shrubs under tree canopy.

Reference: Request for Quote, Vegetation and Rubbish Abatement Services Caltrans Properties  
 RFQ # 2009-120219.1, Proposal Due: March 27, 2020

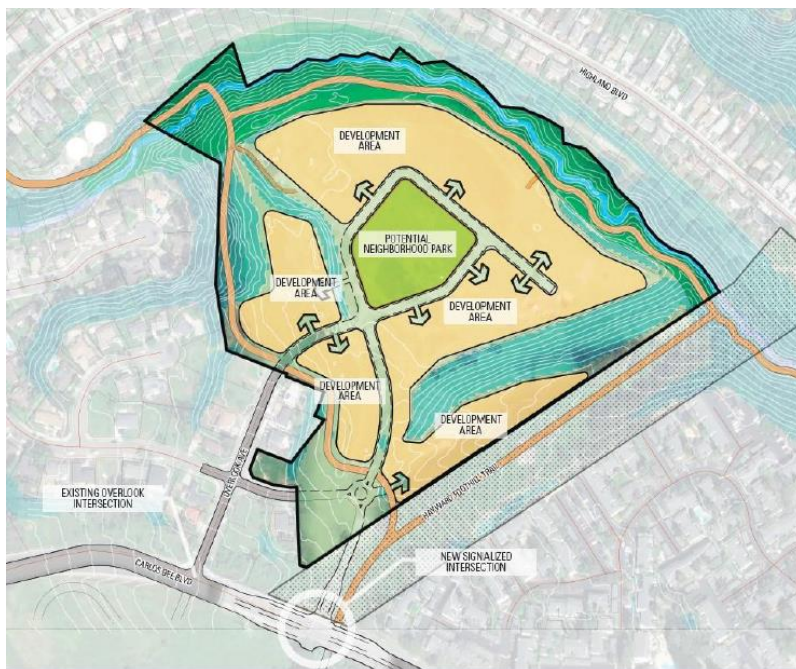


### Satellite Image of Area Showing Creek and Tree Canopy



Current 2020 Google Maps Satellite Image

### Location of Creek Relative to Parcel 6 Northern Boundary



City of Hayward Master Development Plan - July 25, 2019



## City General Policy on Riparian Corridor Habitat Protection

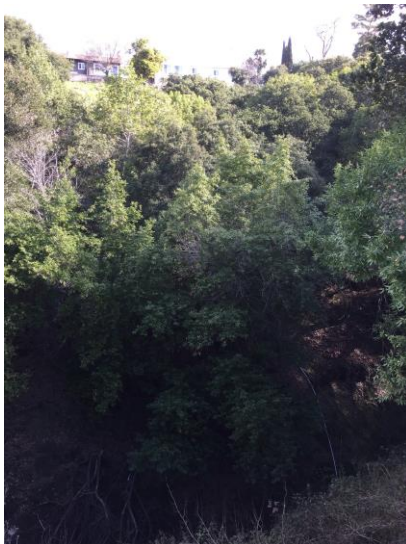
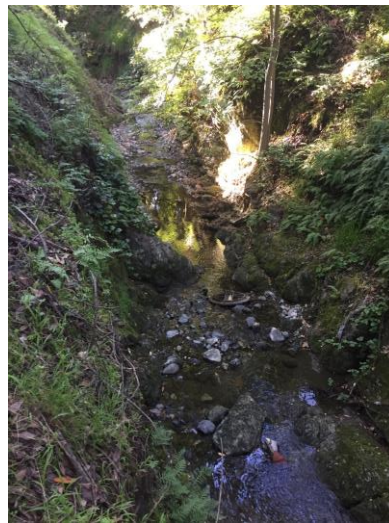
Excluding vegetation cutting and removal from the creek, setback, and tree-canopy areas is needed to make the wildland fire management plan consistent with the following General Plan policy:

*Policy NR-1.12 Riparian Corridor Habitat Protection.*

*The City shall protect creek riparian habitats by:*

- *Requiring sufficient setbacks for new development adjacent to creek slopes,*
- *Requiring sensitive flood control designs to minimize habitat disturbance,*
- *Maintaining natural and continuous creek corridor vegetation,*
- *Protecting/replanting native trees, and*
- *Protecting riparian plant communities from the adverse effects of increased stormwater runoff, sedimentation, erosion, pollution that may occur from improper development in adjacent areas.*

## Creek Pictures and Description



The creek at Parcel 6 is a USGS intermittent stream and an unnamed tributary of Ward Creek in the Old Alameda Creek Watershed. A natural section of this creek runs for roughly a third of a mile on the northern side of Parcel 6. This section of creek is part of a natural creek and wildlife corridor that extends for about one mile from Campus Drive downhill to where it is undergrounded at Margaret Drive and Palisade Street. Further upstream, this creek is buried under CSUEB and then reappears as a natural creek around Dobbel Avenue. The creek ravine is roughly up to 100 feet deep, has very steep banks that are very difficult to climb, and is roughly 100 feet wide between the north and south tops of banks. The steep creek banks form a dense Coast Live Oak and Bay riparian woodland with diverse native ground plants. The creek and its pools are flowing well at the beginning of May.

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**From:** Sherman Lewis  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 3, 2020 10:40 AM  
**To:** Miriam Lens; List-Mayor-Council  
**Cc:** Bruce King  
**Subject:** HAPA Comments on Parcel 6 Veg Mgt

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Miriam- I usually get a notice of Council meetings but don't recall getting this one. Did you send it to me?

Council-

I only have Bruce's info on this. The flat bare quarry floor has a very abrupt border with a very steep wooded descent to the creek.

It has taken care of itself forever as far as I know. Any walking in there would disrupt loose soils and be difficult. 30' would be very destructive where there has been no fire problem because it is green all the time. The quarry floor is already fire proof and functions like a fire break that would be if it were still a hill. You have a fire break, the floor.

The non-creek flatish area needs to be trashed out and fenced against bikes and vehicles.

The staff report is a vague one size fits all and lacks any detail about the quarry. The more work a contractor does the more money they make. Bruce and I have more time to care about this creek than the city. Please give us a chance to define a sensible approach, if you can find a specific problem.

On 5/3/2020 12:09 AM, Bruce King wrote:

Friends,

Hayward City Council on May 5 will be asked to award a contract to do vegetation management for fire management on Route 238 parcels. It appears this veg mgt on the northern border of Parcel 6 (Carlos Bee Quarry) would be mostly in the creek ravine and riparian woodland. We are requesting veg mgt in this location not be in the contract.

See attached comments from FSLC on the above. Also attached is a copy of the Council agenda, staff report, and request for bids for all of the Route 238 parcels.

Bruce

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Bruce King

**Date:** Sat, May 2, 2020 at 11:51 PM

**Subject:** City Council May 5, Item 3, CONS 20-206, FSLC Comments on Parcel 6 Veg Mgt

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Bruce King  
Friends of San Lorenzo Creek

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**From:** Miriam Lens  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 12:10 PM  
**To:** Bruce King  
**Cc:** Kelly McAdoo; Michael Lawson; Todd Rullman; Eric Vollmer; Jennifer Ott; Merry Monlux; Colleen Kamai; Michael Wolny  
**Subject:** RE: City Council May 5, Item 3, CONS 20-206, FSLC Comments on Parcel 6 Veg Mgt  
**Attachments:** Parcel Group 6 Letter.pdf

Good afternoon Mr. Bruce King,

Please find attached letter from City staff in response to your concerns.

I have blind copied the City Council and public members who submitted comments regarding this item for their information only and to mitigate inadvertently using the “reply all” feature.

Stay safe and healthy,

Miriam Lens  
City Clerk  
City of Hayward | 777 B Street | Hayward, CA 94541  
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Friends of San Lorenzo Creek





4 May 2020

**To:** Mr. Bruce King, Friends of San Lorenzo Creek  
**From:** Eric Vollmer, Deputy Fire Chief  
**Re: Parcel Group 6 Proposed Fuel Management Work**  
**cc:** Todd Rullman, Director Maintenance Services,  
Rich Nield, Landscape Services Manager

Mr. King,

This letter is in response to your concerns with the proposed fuel management project to be completed on Parcel Group 6. Hayward Fire Department takes these concerns very seriously, and please understand that fuel management is essential to enhance safety within the City of Hayward.

In my site visit, I found your recommendation to create a fire break in the space between the houses and the creek is a viable option with minimal impact to the riparian habitat. Of course, this will require community buy-in prior to starting the work and will need your help with this effort.

I attached a photograph of the area; please see descriptions of the work that corresponds to the number on the photo.

Detail 1: Clear grass, weeds, brush, and dead vegetation from the edge of the fire road downhill five feet toward the creek.

Detail 2: Remove brush from the area between the fire road and the fence lines of the homes on Highland.

Detail 3: Remove dead vegetation from the area between the fire road and the fence lines of the homes on Highland.

Detail 4: Remove tall grasses and weeds from the fire road all the way to the fence line of the homes on Highland.

Detail 5: Limb all trees bordering the fire road up ten feet. There must be a minimum of ten feet of separation between the tree-tops on either side of the fire road (creating open space all along the fire road). All trees in the area between the fire road and the homes on Highland will be limbed up ten feet.

**ERIC VOLLMER | SPECIAL OPERATIONS CHIEF**

**HAYWARD FIRE DEPARTMENT** T: 510.583.4950  
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This scope of work will eliminate dangerous ladder fuel conditions downslope from the homes and increase fire safety, while at the same time not critically impacting the riparian ecosystem of the creek. I welcome your feedback, and look forward to working together.

Respectfully,

Eric Vollmer  
Deputy Fire Chief



cc: Todd Rullman, Director Maintenance Services

Rich Nield, Landscape Services Manager

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**To:** List-Mayor-Council <List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov>  
**Subject:** 5/5/20 7 PM city council agenda item #3

Agenda Item #3 Hayward is awarding landscaping contract for the former 238 parcels.

Thank you for reconsidering the fire clearance and for resurveying the fire safety needs of parcel #6. You have addressed my previous comments included here: Parcel #6 at Carlos Bee Boulevard is basically a gravel pit surrounded by steep terrain and a creek. 1000 new homes are proposed here. Friends of San Lorenzo Creek has been working hard to provide input that will protect and restore the creek. A multi-use trail is also proposed here. Since the fire break line is directly by the creek, it appears the landscaper will be required to remove riparian habitat in excess of what is needed for a fire break. Friends of San Lorenzo Creek has commented in detail and I support protecting riparian habitat and not treating it as if it were an empty caltrans lot.

Parcel #8 also has special considerations that are not disclosed or documented in the request for proposals. Parcel # 8 is also not an empty lot.

Concerns are 1) wildlife habitat, 2) transient encampments, 3) extensive trash at Grove & Gary Drive.





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Especially with the COVID pandemic and Hayward’s refusal to provide handwashing stations or toilets for their parcel #8 campers, hazardous conditions exist here. I recently was informed that facilities have been installed at Oak and Apple, a few blocks from the Gary Drive encampments. I suggest the facilities are located in the lower portion of parcel 8, above Foothill Boulevard near the TacoBell and Casper’s hotdogs.

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Sincerely,

Ann E. Maris, PhD

*Grove Way Neighborhood Association Comments on rezoning at 1400 Apple and 21266 Oak St*

*February 27, 2020*

To: Edgar Maravilla, Associate Planner  
City of Hayward Planning Division  
777 B Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Hayward, CA 94541

From: Ann E. Maris  
Resident,  
Organizer, Grove Way Neighborhood Association

Dear Planner Maravilla,

My comments here are in regard to the rezoning application of a former 238 parcel in my neighborhood to commercial zoning (reference: 2020000605 Zone Change). Any residential zoning should be retained because this site is in a residential neighborhood; we are a neighborhood that is trying to rebuild and stabilize after the fifty-year devastation imposed by the cancelled Caltrans 238 bypass project (officially rescinded in 2010). Adding commercial zoning for a hotel does not benefit our local population or contribute toward stabilizing the neighborhood. We have no hotel shortage—we have a housing shortage!

- **No need for hotels.** There are plenty of nearby hotels (see attached figure). In addition, the nearby hotels have extremely low yelp ratings and none of the nearby Hayward hotels are even rated by AAA.

- **Site is in a residential area.** The proposed rezoned site is at a freeway on-ramp, but is otherwise completely surrounded by residential housing. Housing is located all along the 580 freeway throughout most of urban Castro Valley. The 509-unit Mesa Verde condominium complex sits above the site to the east. To the southwest of the Apple & Oak Street site, there is an attractive, fully occupied, apartment complex that is rehabbed former 238-freeway land. Behind these existing apartments, on other former 238 lands, south along Oak Street, 40 market rate townhomes are planned. Sadly, the apartments on the east side of Oak Street sit boarded up and vandalized. Other apartments are occupied by tenants. Oak Street is usually full of trash, abandoned vehicles, and semi-trucks. The tenant's children have no nearby parks and play in the pot-holed street with broken toys. A hotel is not what we need here. As well as

being close to transportation, the site is one block from Foothill Blvd. businesses. This site should be developed into some type of housing that will benefit the local population and not be rezoned to commercial.

- **We need housing rehabbed and built, not destroyed.** Instead of re-renting, as required by the 2009 Tenant Class action settlement, both Caltrans and Hayward have allowed, and currently allow, housing to go unoccupied in the site area. Just in the few blocks surrounding Oak Street and Grove Way, functional housing units that were occupied by families were torn down. Units are boarded. We have lost community. This redevelopment process not only takes homes away from people who could be living there, but also creates abandoned houses and vacant lots leading to neighborhood blight and increased transients. A stable, safe neighborhood has stable residents.

- **Rezoning is inconsistent with plans.** This rezoning does not follow the 2009 land use study adopted by Hayward City Council nor the North Hayward Plan.

- **What community members are involved?** Who is the North Hayward Task Force? The North Hayward Plan itself is very old and Hayward planning was unable to tell me any information about this current task force. The re-zoning site has Castro Valley on two sides and Cherryland on another side. The site is in a narrow finger of Hayward. Community groups should be involved in major decisions such as rezoning, as well as the local advisory councils (Eden Municipal Advisory Council and Castro Valley Advisory Council).

- **High visibility gateway area requires special planning efforts.** Per the North Hayward Plan and general observation, what happens here is important because the area is a physical gateway to several different communities. Broad public input will help develop the best use for the former 238 land here. Rezoning determines land use and so should not happen prior.

*Grove Way Neighborhood Association Comments on rezoning at 1400 Apple and 21266 Oak St  
February 27, 2020*

- **We need housing quickly.** In a development survey conducted among Grove Way Neighborhood members, neighbors were split about exactly what should be built near Oak Street. A common sentiment is that we want something developed quickly. But that it should be good for neighborhood safety, and a hotel near a freeway and a cannabis dispensary does not bring healthy neighborhood contributions.

Thank you for this early opportunity to comment. We look forward to a public forum regarding redevelopment plans in the Grove/Foothill area, and to any updates.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Maris, PhD

Organizer, Grove Way Neighborhood Association

Chair, My Eden Voice! Parks and Open Space Committee

Director, Friends of San Lorenzo Creek

Organizing Director, Eden Community Land Trust

Member, Cherryland Community Association



# County (blue) vs City (red)

