PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLISHED AGENDA FOR

WS # 18-012

29831 CLEARBROOK CIRCLE HAYWARD, CA

From:

Andrew LaTour <thedr32@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, February 19, 2018 8:07 PM

To:

Jay Lee

Cc:

Sabrina LaTour

Subject:

2018004 TTM & PD

Hello,

My wife and I are opposed to the church being built on the hill near Clearbrook circle. We live in Clearbrook and it is already crowded enough. Let's preserve what little is left of the natural environment. If people want to invest their money in something, maybe they should improve the crumbling infrastructure of the city. Restore an old church, there are plenty of churches. The problem is no one wants to fix the problems we have, they would rather create more.

Regards

Andrew

From: ev.cormier@comcast.net

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 2:51 PM

To: Jay Lee

Subject: RE: Reference No. 201800410 TTM & PD, Pilgrim Baptist Church Project

Dear Mr. Lee, Minane and Mimi have given you some very valuable information as to why there should be no development on or near our mini Half Dome. Some of us have lived in this neighborhood to remember the protests and the aftermath of the intention to develop on that site. Please don't make another half dome. Evelyn cormier

From: Jay Lee [mailto:Jay.Lee@hayward-ca.gov] Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 10:19 AM

To: ev.cormier@comcast.net

Subject: RE: Reference No. 201800410 TTM & PD, Pilgrim Baptist Church Project

Hi Evelyn,

The project is for a church (with a seating capacity of 800 seats), life center (i.e., gymnasium), and 61-unit affordable senior housing development. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Please also feel free to schedule an appointment with me to visit our office and see the plans.

Jay Lee, AICP

Associate Planner City of Hayward 777 B St. Hayward, CA 94541 jay.lee@hayward-ca.gov (510) 583-4207

From: <u>ev.cormier@comcast.net</u> [<u>mailto:ev.cormier@comcast.net</u>]

Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 3:17 PM To: Jay Lee < Jay.Lee@hayward-ca.gov>

Subject: RE: Reference No. 201800410 TTM & PD, Pilgrim Baptist Church Project

I'm sorry to have missed this proposed building but I would like to know more about it as this is an area about which we have been concerned about in the past.

Evelyn

From: Jay Lee [mailto:Jay.Lee@hayward-ca.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:24 AM

To: Fairway Park Neighborhoods Assocation <fairwaypark94544@gmail.com>

Cc: Jameson, Minane <<u>m77jameson@gmail.com</u>>; Miskic, Cecilia <<u>ceciliamiskic@gmail.com</u>>; Cormier, Evelyn <<u>ev.cormier@comcast.net</u>>; Sara Buizer <<u>Sara.Buizer@hayward-ca.gov</u>>; Kelly McAdoo <<u>Kelly.McAdoo@hayward-ca.gov</u>>; Maria Hurtado <<u>Maria.Hurtado@hayward-ca.gov</u>>; Jeremy Lochirco <<u>Jeremy.Lochirco@hayward-ca.gov</u>>

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From: Fairway Park Neighborhoods Assocation [mailto:fairwaypark94544@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:59 PM **To:** Jay Lee <Jay.Lee@hayward-ca.gov>

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From:

Minane Jameson <m77jameson@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 4:01 PM

To:

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Cc:

Fairway Park Neighborhoods Assocation; Miskic, Cecilia; Cormier, Evelyn; Sara Buizer; Kelly McAdoo;

Maria Hurtado: Jeremy Lochirco

Subject:

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Hi Jay,

I just want to echo Mimi's comments about this project. I too want more quality development in our area, but quality development starts with a stable foundation. I know that most of the land in Hayward, like most of the land in California, has issues. However, I can't imagine that this site, so close to the fault line and potential slide areas, is an ideal location for such a large project, and I can't picture mitigation measures that will change this.

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Thank you, Minane Jameson

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FWPNA, President

From:

Brianne Elizarrey

Sent:

Thursday, February 22, 2018 9:31 AM

To:

Jay Lee

Subject:

Re: RE: Resident Comment about rezone and development project above Larrabee with a cross street

at Garin Ave.

Good Morning Jay!

May I post your contact information to the facebook post below so that Mr. Conner may get in touch with you regarding his concerns about the project? He has tagged several City Council members, the developer, and the Mayor so they are aware as well.

Please let me know.

Thank you!

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Here is the comment:

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Thank you for your consideration, Robert Conner"



Brianne Elizarrey
Graphics & Communications
510.583.3908

777 B Street | Hayward, CA 94541

From: Jay Lee

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 9:25:35 AM

To: Brianne Elizarrey

Subject: RE: RE: Resident Comment about rezone and development project above Larrabee with a cross street at Garin

Ave.

Hi Brianne,

I'm the planner for this project. Please let me know what you need from me. Thanks!

Jay Lee, AICP

Associate Planner City of Hayward 777 B St. Hayward, CA 94541 jay.lee@hayward-ca.gov (510) 583-4207

From: Robert Goldassio

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 9:22 AM To: Jay Lee < Jay.Lee@hayward-ca.gov>

Subject: Fwd: RE: Resident Comment about rezone and development project above Larrabee with a cross street at Garin

Ave.

Hi Jay, can you please follow up with Brianne? Thanks!

Robert

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From: Sara Buizer

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 9:18:51 AM

To: Robert Goldassio; Jeremy Lochirco

Subject: RE: Resident Comment about rezone and development project above Larrabee with a cross street at Garin Ave.

This is Jay's project.

Sara Buízer, AICP Planning Manager 777 B Street Hayward, CA 94541 (510) 583-4191 sara.buizer@hayward-ca.gov

PERMIT CENTER HOURS: Our Permit Center is Open Monday through Thursday from 8am to 5pm. The permit center is closed on Fridays.

From: Robert Goldassio

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 9:16 AM

To: Jeremy Lochirco < Jeremy.Lochirco@hayward-ca.gov >

Cc: Sara Buizer <Sara.Buizer@hayward-ca.gov>

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Direction please. Thanks!

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Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 8:59:33 AM

To: Robert Goldassio

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From: Robert Conner <robconner91@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 1:53 AM
To: Jay Lee; List-Mayor-Council; Sara Buizer

Subject: Rezone reference ID 201800410 church and multi-family senior living/lot

2/22/2018

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P.S. The names listed below are of my family who have read and agree with my thoughts. Jennifer my sister has taken the time to write to Mr. Jay Lee with the planning division. Their names are as follows:

Andrew Conner Sr. Jenny Conner Jennifer Conner Mitchell Conner Andrew Conner Jr.

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From:

Natalie Korthamar < nkorthamar@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, March 4, 2018 12:53 PM

To:

Jay Lee

Subject:

Reference: 201800410TTM & PD

Dear Mr. Lee,

I am a resident of Hayward near Garin and Industrial. I was recently notified by a neighbor of proposed rezoning of the above reference property to multi-family senior housing and a 54,600 sf church. I was wondering where I can find out more information about this project or perhaps, request that you provide me more information. It is concerning to me that as a neighbor of this property, I received no notification about this proposed rezoning from the City. Rather, I received notice from a neighbor. Thank you in advance Mr. Lee for your assistance.

Natalie Korthamar Wong

From: Bauer, Tom <bauert@smccd.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 4:42 PM

To: Jay Lee

Cc: dt745kitty@yahoo.com

Subject: Pilgrim Baptist Church Rezoning Proposal

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Lee.

I live at 688 Woodland Avenue in Hayward and have owned my home for 13 years. My family and I are completely opposed to the rezoning of the area just above our home for the construction of Pilgrim Baptist Church and 61 senior living units presumably affiliated with the church. Our opposition to this rezoning request are based on the following:

- 1. Every time construction is done in the hills, we believe it destabilizes the hillside just above our homes. In the now abandoned project begun by DaSilva Gates with the City of Hayward's support back in 2006, the hillside was chopped up and subsequently abandoned leaving it as an eyesore to this day. The destabilization as a direct result of the construction started by DaSilva Gates created slides and made it necessary for the large berm to be constructed that is just a few feet from my driveway at the base of the hill at the end of Woodland Avenue. Every time we have heavy rain, we watch as the hillside erodes in front of us. Those of who live at the very base of these hills live in an almost constant fear of slides, especially during the rainy season.
- 2. I appreciate that Hayward is taking on the development of dilapidated and empty properties along Mission Blvd. While the impact on the Mission Blvd. traffic has been significant, on balance, I think it is important that we keep up with what other communities are doing to increase their tax base and provide appropriate commercial and residential properties for Hayward. Our property values have been sluggish compared to Fremont, Union City and San Leandro. Why must this church attempt to rezone an area on a delicate hillside with access issues when there are still a large number of empty lots on Mission Blvd?
- 3. On a very personal note, as a gay man now legally married to a gay man in a 23 year relationship with an adopted child from the foster care system, I do not support having any religious entity added to Hayward that promotes bigotry and targets populations with which it does not agree. Pilgrim Baptist Church in San Mateo was very actively involved in the Proposition 8 campaign in an effort to constitutionally ban same sex civil marriage. The City of Hayward should not be supporting any religious based organization that does not meet with Hayward's own standards of inclusion, tolerance and diversity. I would be opposed to any church or organization that promulgates bias and intolerance and seeks to demonize a group(s) of people with which it disagrees and that has actively worked to deny civil rights, not religious rights, to that group. I certainly do not think we should be rezoning property to make it possible for intolerant religious groups to move into Hayward.
- 4. Why would Hayward consider rezoning this area for a church which, if I am correct, is exempt from any of the tax requirements that would benefit the City of Hayward? Churches pay no taxes to cities, states or the federal government. Hayward should be looking to increase our tax base and bring appropriate business and residential projects for consideration that benefit all of Hayward.

Please register this e-mail as a firm NO vote from the three residents at 688 Woodland Avenue and know that we will happily testify at a public hearing against this project.

Thank you.

Tom Bauer Nilo Ventura Jon Cardoza

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From: Julie Dalcin <quiltnrn@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 7:20 PM

To: Jay Lee

Cc: sdalcin@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Planned Development Rezone for Pilgrim Baptist Church

Mr. Lee, I am sending this email as an objection to the Planned Development Rezone for Pilgrim Baptist Church of of Clearbrook Circle. I am a 25 year resident of 601 Garin Ave and a 40 year resident of this area. We did not receive any written notification of the proposal. It was through members of our local community that we were made aware of the pending rezoning. The church has made no attempts to engage the local community in any type of dialogue regarding this project.

My husband and I have a solid concerns regarding this proposal on this particular piece of property:

- -First, the property is located directly on the Hayward Fault. The risk to the potential structures are significant. In addition, we are concerned about the risk to the homes on Larrabee Street in the event of a significant earthquake that is inevitable in our future.
- -Second, in times of significant rain, the area has been subject to mudslides.
- -Third, parking is insufficient to support the capacity of the church and adjacent center. Often when there are activities in Garin Park, parking spills all the way down Garin. Would this be occurring every weekend?
- -Fourth, we are very concerned about the increased traffic through this residential neighborhood. As multiple homes have been built in the hills above this area, traffic has increased exponentially. We have had our parked car in front of our house totaled in a hit an run. We have seen many accidents and "near misses" on our busy street corner. We have cars racing up and down Garin/Vanderbuilt and spinning donuts daily at the intersection outside our home. When I hear tire screeching, I am always wondering if this time one of these cars will lose control and end up crashing through into our living room or bedroom.

We have had complete window replacement and shutters installed in attempts to decrease the traffic noise. We only have a few hours of quiet at night before traffic picks up at 4:30 am. These streets cannot tolerate the additional traffic a church will bring especially on the weekend in addition to the Garin Park traffic.

Lastly, approval of this project may be the one that pushes us out of this neighborhood. I'm done with the construction noise, dust and the overwhelming traffic.

Very Truly Yours,

STEVE and JULIE DALCIN 601 Garin Ave

Sent from my iPad

From: J B <hcbhoa@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 10:48 PM

To: Jay Lee **Subject:** Pilgrim

Dear Mr. Lee,

As a board member of Clearbrook, I'm also writing to let you know of our objections and concerns about this development.

- 1. Access. Garin is a busy road on the weekends and adding possibly 400 -800 more cars will impact our development as well as Altura and Garin Crest.
- 2. Parking. Is there enough parking for all they are proposing as it's dangerous to park on Garin or Clearbrook as people often do. Also the Apts. will be impacted as well.
- 3. Seismic issues. The engineering, drainage and construction must be of the highest standards to prevent another hill side failure. Approval of the standards and the enforcement will be up to the City.

Thanks you.

Jim Bray

From: Marie Schwabe <dogpowered@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 5:35 PM

To: Jay Lee

Subject: Re: 29831 Clearbrook Circle

As home owners of 29934 Larrabee St, Hayward, we are deeply concerned about the plans for 299831 Clearbrook Circle. The proposed project is far too large and complex to fit into the semi-rural residential community that surrounds it.

- 1) Noise: The multi-purpose nature of the project means there will be greatly increased noise every day of the week, from early morning until late at night. Noises from the buildings, parking lots and parking garage will spill over into the neighboring homes. A sanctuary of that size will have a loud PA system, projecting noise well beyond its doors.
- 2) Traffic: Traffic will greatly increase even if only half of the church's plan come to fruition. Currently only residents and park visitors travel on Garin Ave yet police have a full time job any time they wait for stop sign violations at Garin and Larrabee. The complexity of the proposed project will substantially increase traffic problems that simply adding entrances to the Clearbrook property cannot resolve.
- 3) Soil Shifting/Hayward Fault: Pressure from this Clearbrook Circle lot is already pushing soil into yards, bending walls, cracking sidewalks, and straining the walls of the homes on Larrabee St. It is hard to imagine that the weight of a sanctuary, parking garage, and the many other buildings proposed for this lot would not add to the damage.
- 4) Concern about property values when the neighborhood shifts from upscale homes to an overcrowded, noisy, high traffic area.

Many of the proposed programs might be beneficial for Hayward, but not for this quiet neighborhood. The project goes far beyond past proposals for this small, rural piece of land. As property owners and residents of Hayward, we would like to trust our local government to protect our interests and to value the people who have purchased homes in a quiet part of Hayward with no expectation that it could be so substantially rezoned. Please protect our property values, our safety, and our quality of life by saying, "No" to this massive project.

Marie and Michael Schwabe (Karen M Crofoot Trust)

From:

ev.cormier@comcast.net

Sent:

Friday, February 23, 2018 2:43 PM

To:

'Mimi Bauer'; 'Minane Jameson'

Cc:

List-Mayor-Council; Jay Lee; Kelly McAdoo; 'Cecilia Miskic'; 'Lupe Gil'; dskatfan@aol.com

Subject:

RE: 29831 Clearbrook Circle, Reference # 2011800410 TTM and PD

Thanks to you Mimi and Minane for clearly defining that we don't need another mini Half Dome on or near that slide area. The hillside is verrrrrrrrrrrry slowly recovering but it will take a few more generations for it to be as much recovered as possible.

Evelyn

From: Mimi Bauer [mailto:cmbauer97@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 6:22 PM
To: Minane Jameson <m77jameson@gmail.com>

Cc: Council Members <List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov>; Jay Lee <Jay.Lee@hayward-ca.gov>; Kelly McAdoo

<kelly.mcadoo@hayward-ca.gov>; Evelyn Cormier <ev.cormier@comcast.net>; Cecilia Miskic

<ceciliamiskic@gmail.com>; Lupe Gil <guadalupe.r.gil@att.net>; dskatfan@aol.com

Subject: Re: 29831 Clearbrook Circle, Reference # 2011800410 TTM and PD

Thank you Minane for pointing out the issue of the failed development project of the quarry everyone down here now calls Hayward Half Dome. It is a terrible eyesore that you can see from miles and miles. Thank goodness there are no homes right below it. I understand that the city must allow it to be reviewed. However, the city must protect the existing community around that property by requiring sufficient funds be put in an escrow account prior to any excavation for environmental review. When trace faults and/or mud slides appear and the owners discover they can no longer build on that property the money protected in the escrow account will still be left to repair the damage. Although we don't want another eye sore, more importantly we don't want the existing community surrounding that property to suffer any damages because of their excavations.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 21, 2018, at 4:42 PM, Minane Jameson <m77jameson@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Halliday and Members of the City Council,

I recently sent a very brief email to members of your staff expressing my concerns regarding the proposal to build a church, parking area and 61 senior apartments on the 6 acre site located behind the homes on Larabee Street and adjacent to Garin Ave. in the Fairway Park area. I would like to elaborate and share my concerns with you too since this item might come to you in the near future.

While I have been very supportive of in-fill development along Mission or close to Mission, I am very opposed to this project. This site is in a precarious location as it is near a major fault line and on a hilly slope subject to slides, not to mention too close to neighborhoods that could be negatively impacted by the changes made to the hillside. Furthermore, this type of project will likely subject this part of Fairway Park with more traffic than it can handle (keep in mind, too,

that Treeview Elementary School which is nearby, will be rebuilt in the near future and house a much larger student population).

As you might remember, just north of this site, another developer spent millions of dollars pushing dirt around with enormous 'earth movers' until finally concluding the hillside <u>really</u> is a permanent slide area and could not build the housing project they were so intent on building. After declaring bankruptcy, the developer walked away and left our community with a 'butchered up' hillside which will remain an eyesore indefinitely.

I think the project as proposed belongs in the flat lands, on stable soil and near major road ways and public transportation. We shouldn't challenge Mother Nature like this and engineers can only do so much 'mitigating'. I hope you will not support this grandiose project at this location. However, If this project cannot be stopped or you choose to support it, I think the applicant should be required to put money into an escrow account that will cover the cost of restoring the property to its natural state, should the developer discover down the line that they cannot build on it after all.

Thank you in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Minane Jameson

From:

Laurie Blue <ljsblue@gmail.com> Monday, February 19, 2018 9:31 PM

Sent: To:

Jay Lee

Subject:

Project on Clearbrook Circle

Dear Mr. Lee,

As a homeowner on Gisler Way below Larrabee St., I am strongly opposed to the proposed church/housing project on Clearbrook Circle. It seems a very dangerous plan to build on a slope near a fault line. I applaud Hayward for needed housing being built on Mission Blvd as areas such as the Ford dealership are being repurposed. However, continuing to cover the hills with housing when we have major fault line running through seems irresponsible. As more homes have been built in the hills, the traffic has increased. The worst of that is that speed limits and stop signs are very often ignored.

I was informed of this project by the Fairway Park Neighborhood Association. I received no information from the city. Living so close to Clearbrook Circle, I feel I should have been informed by the city.

Sincerely, Laurie Blue

From: Ranee Weselak <raneeweselak@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 12:46 PM

To: Jay Lee

Subject: Pilgrim Baptist Church Opposition Letter **Attachments:** Pilgrim Church Opposition Letter.pdf

Re: Pilgrim Baptist Church, Reference: 201800410 TTM & PD

Dear Jay Lee,

The attached letter is in regards to the application for a Planned Development Rezone of the Pilgrim Baptist Church at 29831 Clearbrook Circle in the RMB3.5 District.

I live directly in front of the proposed site on Clearbrook Circle and I am in opposition to this development. I personally would be affected by this project for various reasons: safety concerns regarding landslides/earthquake, increased traffic, construction noise, and losing our scenic views. Attached is a my official opposition letter on why this development would be detrimental to not only myself but the Fairway Park neighborhood.

If there is anyone else I should be sending my letter to, please let me know.

Thank you,

Ranee Weselak 510-598-9510 raneeweselak@hotmail.com

From:

Craig VandeBerg <csvandy9@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, February 19, 2018 2:15 AM

To:

Jay Lee

Cc:

Whitney Warhurst; Barbara Halliday; hursthighlands@gmail.com

Subject:

Pilgrim Baptist Church Development

Jay Lee jay.lee@hayward-ca.gov City of Hayward Planning Division:

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While I welcome business and community expansion in our neighborhood, such developments should be carefully planned to minimize disruption of residential areas. Several large vacant lots exist along Mission Blvd such as the development of the Masjid Abu Bakr Al-Siddeeq Mosque at 29414 Mission Blvd in South Hayward, completed in 2001.

The proposed 1000 seat Pilgrim Baptist Church and 800 seat Sanctuary are being wedged into a quiet residential neighborhood. Its 35 foot tall roof lines will block the views of all surrounding homes and apartments that have been here for decades. This huge development appears to have all traffic entering and exiting onto 2 lane Garin Avenue, just above the stop sign at Garin and Larrabee. Many people run this stop sign coming down the hill from Garin Regional Park. Property crimes have significantly increased during the past 5 years of new home development along Garin Ave and Clearbrook Circle. The church and parking spaces will be developed right to the edge of existing Clearbrook Circle, which closely borders many apartments and homes.

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Craig S. VandeBerg 29877 Clearbrook Circle Hayward, CA 94544 224-795-0675

https://www.redfin.com/CA/Hayward/29831-Clearbrook-Cir-94544/home/22962309#fsd

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https://www.architects.org/sites/default/files/Steven-Portfolio.pdf

Refer to pp 2 - 4 above for Pilgrim's preliminary plans.

https://pentagonvision.weebly.com/uploads/2/1/1/3/21137462/nov2017 pentagon introduction letter.pdf

Although Pilgrim's Nov'17 letter clarifies some aspects of this development, the letter hasn't been circulated to the 148 units of Hurst Highland Apartments that borders their parcel. I found it during a Google search after your Notice of Receipt of Application post card.

From: Craig VandeBerg <csvandy9@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 2:14 AM

To: jay.lee@hayward-ca.gov

Cc: Whitney Warhurst; barbara.halliday@hayward-ca.gov; hursthighlands@gmail.com

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224-795-0675

From: Sharilyn Chun <sharichun@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 10:07 AM

To: Jay Lee

Cc: fairwaypark94544@gmail.com; Diana Thornton; Pete & Yip Salmon; Sharilyn Chun; Joan Kurpinsky

Subject: Pilgrim Baptist Church Development Application

Dear Mr. Lee,

I am writing to you in reference to an application for a Planned Development and Rezone for a 35 foot tall, 54,600 square foot church with a life center and a 61unit multi-family affordable senior housing development located at 29831 Clearbrook Circle.

As a homeowner in the Elm's Community between Alguire and Garin, I strongly oppose to this development for the following reasons:

Traffic congestion

- o Parking for residents as well as congregation members
- o Congregation members driving in and out of our communities
- Parking and traffic is so bad that this is definitely a safety risk just getting on and off Mission Boulevard.

Aesthetics:

- o Rezoning for an out of place large structure in the middle of housing neighborhoods
- Removal of more Hayward green space
- Obstructing views of existing homeowners
- Noise pollution
- We need to be able to see our long amazing hills that surround Hayward and should not be developed due to its beauty.

Safety:

- Building a large structure on an existing and known earthquake fault line
- o Increased traffic throughout our neighborhoods
- o Known springs and slide issues on that particular hillside

I with my neighbor, Sue Kessler, would like to schedule an appointment to see the plans, and hear more about this proposed project. I also, with my neighbor, would also like to receive any notices of public hearings regarding this project.

Thank you for your consideration. Sharilyn Chun Sharichun@sbcglobal.net 510 Blue Jay Dr. Hayward, CA 94544 510-582-7256

From: Sue Kessler <sakessler54@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 3:22 PM

To: Jay Lee

Cc: fairwaypark94544@gmail.com; Diana Thornton; Pete & Yip Salmon; Sharilyn Chun; Joan Kurpinsky

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510-861-9701

From: Amy Livingston <amyadams56@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 4:33 PM

To: Jay Lee

Subject: No Pilgrim Baptist Church

Good evening,

I was just notified that the Planning Department of Hayward is considering rezoning a neighborhood to accommodate a large church with housing. The esthetic and practical impact would be detrimental to the existing neighborhood. The entire project would also have a negative impact on traffic.

As someone who lives on Gisler Way, I would like to not see a huge church in my backyard. There are plenty of properties along Mission Blvd that would be much more appropriate for this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Amy A. Asencio

Sent from my iPad

From: spartridge@juno.com

Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2018 1:55 PM

To: Jay Lee

Subject: Pilgrim Baptist Church Rezone

To whom it may concern in Hayward zoning/Mr. Jay Lee,

I am opposed to Mr. Abdul Esmail's application for rezoning of the Clearbrook Circle site in south Hayward for a church. The area in question will not support the increase in traffic due to the already increased traffic on Mission Blvd. and the planned demolition of Holiday Bowl and high density housing units planned in its place. I received news of this from a concerned neighbor. I am also concerned. Hayward is being overdeveloped at an astounding rate, and many of its citizens (including me) are concerned and voicing their concerns.

Stephen Partridge 631 Woodland Ave. Hayward, Ca. 94544

(510) 582-6727

From:

Robin Kong <robinjkong@gmail.com> Thursday, February 22, 2018 11:34 AM

Sent: To:

Jay Lee

Subject:

Pilgrim Baptist Church Project

I am a neighborhood resident near the proposed building site for the baptist church and senior facility. I am concerned because the site is directly over the Hayward fault line. The fault line is still very active and I am curious to know the seismic and geological research performed on and near the surrounding area. I feel that is unsafe for anybody, especially the elder, that may potentially be affected by a large earthquake.

As a resident, I also would like my neighborhood to stay a residential neighborhood. Building a church and parking lot would not add any beauty the the rolling hills above our neighborhood.

Please reconsider a different site for this project. Open land on top of a hill shouldn't mean that something should be built on top of it.

Warm Regards

From: Jennifer Con <missygirl77@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 12:17 AM

To: Jay Lee

Subject: Development Plans - Pilgrim Baptist Church

Hello Mr. Lee,

As a resident of South Hayward near Garin and Larabee I'm against the proposed project that was brought to my attention by other neighbors. I feel that my community doesn't hear about these projects until its too late, like another carwash in Fairway Park.

I've been in the same home for the last 29 years and remember many mud slide issues as well as earthquake fault activity in this area. It's a battle to keep the homes near this fault line in shape due to constant moving. By disrupting the land above Larabee my neighbors are in danger of these natural disasters.

The proposed project not only further destroys what hillside is left in my area for wildlife, but endangers my safety. Garin Ave is a narrow two lane road that is already at capacity. I'm not able to walk up "the hill" anymore due to frequent near misses with cars. Hayward has not been able to address this issue properly and adding more housing in this area is not the right option. This facility could easily be added to any of the empty demolition sites or abandoned buildings along Mission Blvd.

I would like to be informed of any updates with this proposal and hope that the city of Hayward takes our concerns into consideration. We love our neighborhood and hope that our voices are heard.

Respectfully, Jennifer Conner 651 Gisler Way

From: Diana Thornton <dt745kitty@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 8:25 PM

To: Jay Lee

Subject: Fwd: Pilgrim Baptist Church Development Application

I totally agree with the attached, and am not in favor of a rezone to allow the building of a church. Please consider the feedback from the surrounding neighborhood. Thank you.

Diana Thornton

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sue Kessler < sakessler54@gmail.com > Date: February 19, 2018 at 3:21:55 PM PST

To: jay.lee@hayward-ca.gov

Cc: fairwaypark94544@gmail.com, Diana Thornton < dt745kitty@yahoo.com >, Pete & Yip Salmon

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I would like to schedule an appointment to see the plans, and hear more about this proposed project. I would also like to receive any notices of public hearings regarding this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sue Kessler 594 Blue Jay Dr. Hayward, CA 94544

510-861-9701

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From: Robert Goldassio

Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 11:36 AM

To: Jay Lee

Subject: FW: Notice of Public Hearing - Pilgrim Baptist Church - 19831 Clearbrook Cir

Attachments: hillside 2018.doc

FYI.

From: Lee N. [mailto:newgia@yahoo.com] Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 11:33 AM

To: Robert Goldassio < Robert.Goldassio@hayward-ca.gov >; Lee Newfield < newgia@yahoo.com >

Subject: Re: FW: Notice of Public Hearing - Pilgrim Baptist Church - 19831 Clearbrook Cir

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Lee Newfield

Thomas Phamgia

On Friday, March 30, 2018, 4:01:51 PM PDT, Robert Goldassio < Robert.Goldassio@hayward-ca.gov > wrote:

Good afternoon interested parties.

Attached is a public notice which was mailed today as well as a legal ad which was published today in the Daily review regarding a Planning Commission work session agenda item for April 12, 2018. Please see the attached for additional information. If you wish to be removed from the interested parties list for this project, simply reply "Stop" to this email.

Regards,

Robert Goldassio | Senior Secretary | DSD - Planning Division

T: 510-583-4204 | Robert.Goldassio@hayward-ca.gov



From:

Pastor Charlie Eldred <pastoreldred@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:02 AM

To:

Jay Lee

Subject:

Feedback on PD in Fairway Park area

Mr. Lee

I am writing today to voice my objection to the proposed development on 29831 Clearbrook Circle in South Hayward.

The proposed development does not seem to fit the area. The extreme closeness of the Hayward fault line to a proposed senior center sounds dubious at best and hazardous to say the least.

As the pastor of a Baptist church that has existed in the neighborhood for 62 years, there is a need for religious instruction; but the location again does not seem prudent. Several other churches from the same denomination already exist within a small radius of the proposed site; so they will not be adding anything unique by building on Clearbrook Circle.

Finally, the proposed development does not seem to fit the area's needs for economic development. Housing and retail need to be managed in balance. Increased housing is congesting our already busy streets and retail is not being drawn to our area. For these concerns, I would ask you to disapprove the proposed development on Clearbrook Circle.

Sincerely

Charles Eldred

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Charles L. Eldred
Pastor, Fairway Park Baptist Church
www.fairwaypark.org

God tells us what He wants us to KNOW, so we might BE people who DO what pleases Him.

From: Jamie Heston <jheston@hestonsystems.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 10:53 AM

To: Jay Lee

Subject: Church proposal South Hayward (Against!)

Hello,

I'm a resident of South Hayward and am against the proposed church and senior housing near Garin/Larabee for several reasons. First, I have a great concern about increasing traffic in a residential area, that hill has had previous mud slides, and it's practically right on the fault line. For the stated purpose, it seems that they would be better off building this particular project on one of the flat, easier to access, Mission boulevard plots of land instead of being smack dab in the middle of an established neighborhood with a two lane road. Second, I have concerns about a large, view blocking building going up in an established neighborhood. Last, it also doesn't seem like there was much or any outreach to the locals before this proposal was submitted, so I have low confidence about continued communication from the builder and occupants in the future.

Respectfully, Jamie Heston 31923 Chicoine Ave Hayward

jheston@hestonsystems.com

From: Chasity Fulton <chasity.fulton@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 2:04 PM

To: Jay Lee

Subject: 201800410 TTM & PD

Regarding 29831 clearbrook circle plans

Hi,

I'm Chasity Fulton and I live at 29851 Clearbrook Circle. The neighborhood would suffer considerably if 29831 were rezoned and a church was built here. Because of the proximity to Garin Park, there are a multitude of wild animals that flourish in the area. Construction, and the subsequent noise and light pollution from the proposed project would disturb their home, as well as mine. Furthermore, the project would definitely obstruct my view of beautiful Hayward, which I currently pay a premium to enjoy. There are plenty of churches already in the area, and emply lots that can become churches. And Hayward in general has many other options available where the project can thrive that dont interfere with nature so obtrusively. Please dont ruin my home and the home of the deer, turkey, etc. that enjoy 29831 as it currently is.

Thanks for your time, Chasity Fulton

From:

Gong Zhao <gongfzhao@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, March 9, 2018 7:53 PM

To:

Jay Lee

Subject:

Concerning Pilgrim Baptist Church development project

Dear Jay,

We received the notification about the development project of Pilgrim Baptist Church from your department and thank you for sending us the notification.

However, we would like to let you know our concerns to the project. At first, it would cause extremely excessive traffic and parking along the residential streets nearby (some may be illegal parking, since it is not allowed to park vehicles along the streets overnight per the Home Association's rule); Secondly, it may cause hillside failure; Thirdly, it is related to change of the Zone. It should be considered it more carefully.

In summarized the above reasons, we strongly object to the project.

Gong Zhao & Mian Su Residents of 985 Silver birch Ln Hayward, CA 94544

From:

AJ <ainaresh@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, February 11, 2018 5:39 PM

To:

Jay Lee

Cc:

Sara Buizer

Subject:

Concerned Resident at Mission-Garin Regarding Proposed Development and Rezone Reference

201800410

Hi Jay,

My name is Adithya Naresh, and I'm writing this email on behalf of my family (the Naresh family) located at 970 Silver Birch Ln, Hayward.

I recently got a mail about a proposed Planned Development Rezone in the sloped land directly below where I live (Silver birch Ln, and Clearbrook Circle) and above Larrabee Street. The reference # for this project is 201800410.

I am opposed to this development for the following reasons:

First and foremost, I am very concerned about the potential adverse impact this construction will have on the traffic up and down Garin from the pre to the post construction phase. Currently, along Garin avenue, apart from the traffic of people who live in the hundreds of residential homes and more living in the apartments along the road, I notice a regular stream of travelers everyday (more so during weekends) to the popular Garin regional park. That said, there is plenty of back and forth commute traffic from the single family homes and the moderate sized apartment complex on Clearbrook Circle, to a point where traffic backs up to 5 to 6 car length during weekday commute hours. Also Garin Avenue is a single lane road, with 25 mph speed limit. Adding a 61 unit multifamily housing and a 35 foot church, will conservatively probably double the traffic on this small road adversely impacting the productivity and the day to day lives of those that already live here.

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Third reason is that this construction could at worst structurally compromise the overall hillside affecting all properties from larabee to the ones in Clearbrook and above.

I hope you take the time to sincerely consider all the above reasons before approving the development.

Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

Adithya "AJ" Naresh
[Ah-dith-yah]

Cell: (510) 676-0930

From: Sent: Myrna Stephenson <myrna677@att.net> Tuesday, February 20, 2018 10:59 AM

To:

Jay Lee

Subject:

Clearbrook Circle Project

Dear Mr. Lee,

I am a resident and homeowner on Barron Way which goes onto Larrabee Street.

There are many reasons why the Clearbrook Circle project should not be constructed.

It has long been known that the area along the hill is the site of the Hayward Fault. To build a church and senior resident facility is not a logical decision. So far, the hill between the existing apartments and homes on Larrabee has been stable. The property just north, the hill has shown slippage and washed mud onto Woodland Ave. Once construction and change of the contour of the natural hill begin, it's very possible that dirt and mud can come onto the homes on Larrabee.

The information did not state access route but assuming it would be Garin and/or Woodland Ave., the neighborhood streets are not constructed for excess traffic. We are a residential area!

This project could very well be a danger to surrounding homes as well as not fitting into the neighborhood. It is not the type of building that we want or need in our area.

Yours truly, Myrna Stephenson

From:

Lee N. <newgia@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, February 19, 2018 8:46 AM

To: Subject: Jay Lee; Lee Newfield 29831 Clearbrook

Attachments:

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Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail.

To: Jay Lee Hayward Planning Division

From: Lee Newfield, Thomas Phamgia

19 Feb, 2018

Subject: 29831 Clearbrook Circle

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From: Daniel Levine <danielL@conflo.biz>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 10:17 AM

To: Jay Lee

Subject: 29831 Clearbrook Cr

Good Morning Mr. Lee,

My name is Daniel Levine and am the homeowner of 665 Garin Ave. I am very excited over the recent development and improvements being made in South Hayward up and down Mission. Please however, allow me to express a couple of my concerns over the new development being planned for 29831 Clearbrook Cr.

- 1) Garin Ave has been seeing in increase in traffic and the stop sign and speed limit on the corner of Garin Ave and Larrabee St is becoming more "optional" for an increasing amount of drivers. We have drivers coming down the hill without even slowing down for the stop sign and running through at more than 30+ mph. My concern is if the new development connects to Garin, what will be done about street and neighborhood safety? Would speed bumps or traffic control be something considered? We have had 2 animals run over and killed (a cat and a dog) on Garin in the past year by speeding motorists that did not even stop.
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Thank you for your time, if you have any questions from me or if there is any other feedback I can give please just let me know. South Hayward is improving better and more than I could have hope in the last couple years and I would like to see the development and improvements continue.

Have a great day,

Daniel Levine Conflo Services, Inc 25670 Nickel PI Hayward CA 94545 (O) 510.732.6695 Ext. 17 (C) 925.858.1951 (F) 510.732.6697

From: Minane Jameson <m77jameson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 4:43 PM

To: List-Mayor-Council

Cc: Jay Lee; Kelly McAdoo; Mimi; Evelyn Cormier; Cecilia Miskic; Lupe Gil; dskatfan@aol.com; Minane

Jameson

Subject: 29831 Clearbrook Circle, Reference # 2011800410 TTM and PD

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Thank you in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Minane Jameson

From:

Patrick L. Sullivan <pls1040@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 11:40 AM

To:

Jay Lee

Subject:

201800410 TTM & PD

Mr. Lee.

I am forwarding to you an e-mail I received from a homeowner living in our complex on Silver Maple Court.

Patrick L. Sullivan, C.P.A. (RET.)

29965 Sugar Maple Court Hayward, CA 94544

(510) 219-7864 P pls1040@sbcglobal.net

Begin forwarded message:

From: <pat coghill@sbcglobal.net>

be on Garin, Larabee and Woodland.

Date: February 16, 2018 at 3:29:42 PM PST

To: "'Michael Legan'" abalonekid@sbcglobal.net

Subject: RE:

Traffic is the big one for me. All the access is on residential streets that are not designed for heavy traffic. Access from Garin will be dangerous and the stop sign at Larabee & Garin will likely cause big traffic back-ups. Access from Woodland isn't much better. The turn at Vanderbilt & Woodland is already substandard in design without sufficient room for two cars to turn in opposite directions simultaneously when coming from or going to Alguire. That will cause back-ups in both directions.

Also, the 198 parking spots currently planned may not be sufficient when the church is filled to its 800 seat capacity. Spill over parking will likely

The seismic and grading risks that Patrick has raised are also worth reiterating.

From: Fairway Park Neighborhoods Assocation < fairwaypark94544@gmail.com >

Date: April 5, 2018 at 2:13:50 PM PDT

To: <List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov>, <kelly.McAdoo@hayward-ca.gov>

Cc: "Jameson, Minane" <<u>m77jameson@gmail.com</u>>, "Cormier, Evelyn"

<<u>ev.cormier@comcast.net</u>>, "Miskic, Cecilia" <<u>ceciliamiskic@gmail.com</u>>,

<mefaria@yahoo.com>, "Goldstein, Dan" <dgold94544@gmail.com>

Subject: Proposed New Church, Gymnasium, and Senior Affordable Housing (201800410 PD & TPM 10806)

Dear Mayor Halliday, Members of the City Council and City Manger,

I believe it is important that you are aware of the following now. This is not just another project but could become a potential major liablity for the City.

Recently our community was made aware of an application which would require rezoning of 6.2 hillside acres located behind the homes on Larabee Street and adjacent to Garin Ave. We just received notice of a work session on the project scheduled for April 12. This is a fairly large property in our neighborhood bordering the Hayward Fault. I, and many in my community, sent emails to City staff expressing our concerns regarding such a large project (39,500 SF church, 15,100 SF gym/life center parking and 61 senior apartments) being built on such an unsafe site. A number of years ago the City of Hayward approved two housing projects just a little farther north along the same hillside despite many warnings from experts about the soil not being stable. With the closest project, when excavation uncovered unknown fault lines and remediation needed to be done the developers went bankrupt and Hayward was left with a gigantic scarred hillside that can be seen for miles. The other project called "The "Reserve" has encumbered the homeowners with over \$1,000 in fees each, annually, just to maintain the hillside behind them to keep it from crashing down on to their homes. Additionally, several decades ago there were mudslides in our community and houses had to be condemed. As such, we are deeply concerned about the safety of the homeowners on Larrabee St. and below if excavation is attempted on the proposed site. Opening up of a new fault line, increasing danger of slides and shifting soil are, from recent history in our area, likely. Therfore, we cannot support, and argue strenuously against, the proposed project.

The Fairway Park Neighborhoods Association has been a supporter of well designed, in-fill projects and would support this project where it makes sense. It belongs on stable soil, near major road ways and public transportation. This project needs to find a new, safer, more logical location. If, however, the City is compelled, by law, to allow the enviornmental review, excavation, etc. of this application, we request that the applicant be required to place, in escrow, an amount that will cover the cost of restoring the property to its natural state as well as reparing damage done to the homes below caused by any of their work. If they are granted the permit to build they must hold in escrow, or there must be some other means to ensure they have the neccessay funds, in perpetuity, to maintain the hillside or forfeit their property.

Sincerely,

Mimi Bauer

Fairway Park Neighborhoods Association, President

From: Lee N. [mailto:newgia@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 11:33 AM

To: Robert Goldassio < <u>Robert.Goldassio@hayward-ca.gov</u>>; Lee Newfield < <u>newgia@yahoo.com</u>> **Subject:** Re: FW: Notice of Public Hearing - Pilgrim Baptist Church - 19831 Clearbrook Cir

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Denise Chan

To:

Denise Chan

Subject:

FW: 19831 Clearbrook Circle - Church, gym, parking, apartments

Dear Members of the Planning Commission:

I sent the letter below to the city council in mid February. Since you will be discussing this issue on April 12th, I am sharing this letter with you too.

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Minane Jameson

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April 12, 2018

Hayward Planning Commission Hayward City Hall 777 B Street Hayward, Ca 94541

Dear Commission members,

Re: Pilgrim Baptist Church proposal

My name is Patrick L. Sullivan. My address is 29965 Sugar Maple Court, which is near the intersection of Garin Avenue and Clearbrook Circle. I have lived here since February of 1999. This homeowners association is composed of 73 single family homes and is known as "Clearbrook at the Highlands".

Pilgrim Baptist church has proposed building an 800 person Sanctuary, which would include a youth center and a hall available for weddings/funerals and events, a 15,500 sq. ft. building for community programs and events, 61 units of affordable senior housing, and a potential charter school. It will be built on the vacant land bordered by Garin Avenue, Clearbrook Circle, Larrabee Street, and Woodland Avenue. There will be an entrance on Woodland Avenue and one on Garin Avenue. The Garin Avenue entrance would be approximately midway between Larrabee Street and Clearbrook Circle.

I would like to express my concern about this project, namely excessive traffic and hillside failure because of underground aquifers.

EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS - In a worse case scenario, all parishioners attending a Sunday church service, all at the same time, would encompass numerous cars coming up Garin Avenue and turning left across downhill traffic in order to access the site. Garin Avenue, which is a one lane, curving steep road in each direction is currently considered the main entrance to the church grounds as it will be the closest to the parking lot for the church. Even if many cars entered by way of Woodland Avenue, all these streets are residential and are not designed to handle possibly hundreds of cars entering and exiting the church grounds, all at approximately the same time period for church services. If the charter school is built, it would mean numerous cars accessing the sight Monday thru Friday, with cars dropping off and picking up children in the mornings and afternoon.

<u>HILLSIDE FAILURE</u> - The land area has a number of underground aquifers, one of which can be seen clearly as you descend Garin Avenue, just down a little ways from Clearbrook Circle. The runoff from the aquifer is channeled down a cement trough running alongside the sidewalk, then coming out into the gutter alongside Garin Avenue. This water runs just about 24/7, for almost every day of the year. The construction of the church complex will entail grading of the land, which could result in damming up the aquifers, resulting in the underground water building up till it comes up to the surface of the earth and then cascades down the hillside, resulting in slope failure.

This is exactly what happened in our complex due to faulty land grading. When the houses were first built in 1998 and 1999 in the Clearbrook Homeowners Association, the grading for our houses resulted in the underground aquifers being blocked and dammed up, preventing the water from flowing naturally underground. With nowhere to go, the underground water built up until it rose to the top of the slope areas in our complex, flowed down the slopes, and caused slope failure. A number of homes on Sugar Maple Court and Red Maple Court were damaged because of the slope failure. This resulted in the developer having to install 103, 20 inch diameter by 50 feet long cast-in-place concrete piers with steel beam in the slope area, the installation of 4, 30 inch diameter by 35 feet deep permeable filed chimney drains in the slope area, and the installation of horizontal drain lines to drain off the water from the underground aquifers. If the grading for the church complex dams up the underground aquifers, it could cause substantial damage to the slopes in our Association, as well as to the houses along Larrabee Street.

A check of building applications will show that many years ago the previous owner of this land had plans to build 36 (or 38) town homes on the site. At a City Council meeting, attended by myself, the Council rejected the application because of concerns about underground aquifers and instability of the land, and required additional geotechnical studies to be made by the owner. The owner did not go ahead with the proposed development at that time, but now has sold most of the land to the Pilgrim Baptist Church.

The City is aware of the history of the slides in these hillsides and should review the reports of the Geotechnical firms who conducted studies over many years. Some examples are:

Berlogar Geotechnical Consultants report dated March 20, 2001, Purcell, Rhoades & Associates reports dated October 17, 1988, July 1, 1997, and September 3, 1997. In one of the Purcell, Rhoades reports dated February 9, 2000 they recommended that "...water must not be allowed to flow within the slope and uncontrolled over the graded slope". A Construction Report from a City of Hayward Department of Public Works field inspector noted that there was water seepage from Lot 6 during construction.

There are numerous geotechnical reports that point out the dangers in building on this hillside. I would hope that the Planning Commission members, Planning Department and the City Council look at the history of slides and underground aquifers in this hillside and perhaps say "Let's not disturb mother nature again and leave this plot of land in it's natural state."

Thank you.

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San Mateo County's No on Prop. 8 forces not conceding defeat

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SAN MATEO — Hope remains for those wanting to defeat the state measure that

The No on Prop. 8 forces have yet to concede because more than 3 million absentee and provisional ballots still need to be counted.

would eliminate same-sex marriage.

Polls showed the measure passed by 52 percent, which prompted the Office of the Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder in San Mateo County to stop issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples and conducting marriages Wednesday.

Still optimistic, Laurie Carter of San Carlos remained focused on the two bright sides of Prop. 8: It galvanized people who weren't supportive of the gay community to realize it's a civil rights issue, and prompted people to come out of the closet.

Carter is president of the San Jose/Peninsula chapter of PFLAG — Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays.

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"A lot of families of gay people came out and said 'We have a gay cousin, a gay child, or a gay aunt," she said. "The only argument against it was religious."

Millions of dollars were thrown into protectmarriage.com, a large coalition of Roman Catholics, evangelicals, Mormons and non-Christians, which endorsed the passage of Prop. 8.

In May, the state Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage despite Prop. 22 banning gay marriages eight years ago.

The California Catholic Conference saluted voters who supported the measure.

In a statement released Wednesday, Bishop Stephen Blaire, president of the conference, said the constitutional amendment restores the definition of marriage as the union between a man and woman.

Under state law, same sex couples who register as domestic partners will continue to have "the same rights, protections, and benefits" as married persons.

"It is our hope that more people will come to see how important traditional marriage between a man and a woman is to the fabric of human society and the strength of the family," Blaire said.

The Rev. Larry Ellis of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in San Mateo said he was not surprised that it passed.

"A traditional marriage between a man and a woman is rooted so deeply in the fabric of the country," he said. "I don't think the country wants to go that way (accepting same-sex marriage) as a majority."

For months, supporters of same-sex marriage have compared their struggle with the Loving v. Loving case, a civil rights case in Virginia that eventually ended all race-based legal restrictions on marriage in the country. Ellis disagreed with the similarities.

"It was not a case of man marrying a man," he said.

San Mateo County Supervisor Rich Gordon has been legally married to Dennis McShane since August. The proposition has not taken that away from them.

Gordon said he was concerned that California voters "weren't fully there yet," to accept gay marriage.

Aside from being hurt and saddened, he said he is relieved to know that there is a greater understanding and acceptance of equality.

"I believe we will have a day when marriage between same-sex couples will again be a part of the law in California," Gordon said. "I think it's obviously unfortunate that this proposition wrote permanent discrimination into our state constitution, and also it is unfortunate religious groups provided so much funding to create so much hate."

Meanwhile, Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Warren Slocum said it has been a "privilege and an honor" to marry same-sex couples in the county, but predicted there will be lawsuits and legal challenges in the future.

Already, there's rumblings of repealing Prop. 8 in the next election, Carter said.

However, she said it's too soon to tell.

The Rev. Terri Echelbarger at Peninsula Metropolitan Community Church in San Mateo said whatever happens to the proposition, the weddings she has performed in the past will remain legal.

"These marriages performed now and before are valid in the sight of friends, family and the community that loves them," she said.

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To the City of Hayward,

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for Pilgrim Baptist Church, currently of San Mateo, California. Recently, Pilgrim Church has taken steps to relocate to the city of Hayward. As a youngster, I had the good fortune of growing up in the town of San Mateo in the fifties and sixties. San Mateo was a unique small city, and the churches of the community served as anchors for growing families. The churches in our neighborhood mentored young people and promoted education and community involvement. Pilgrim Baptist Church was a significant influence in the city of San Mateo, and decade after decade the impact of this church has continued.

San Mateo, like many cities, has undergone massive changes, and now this neighborhood church finds limited opportunities for expansion and growth. Over the years, many of the congregants have moved to the East Bay, and thankfully many have made their home in our city, The Heart of the Bay.

Glad Tidings church has been in the city of Hayward for 40 years, and we have been blessed to witness the growth of our city. As Hayward continues to expand, we welcome the possibility of Pilgrim Baptist church joining with other outstanding churches of our community in efforts to provide religious and community services to our growing population.

While Glad Tidings Church is in the Tennyson Corridor of South Hayward, my family and I have been residents of Clearbrook for more than 17 years. I am honored to support the efforts of Pilgrim Church and Dr. Ellis, who is one of our countries most respected clergymen. While Glad Tidings will do what we can to assist this historic church, I am hopeful that our city officials and planners will do the same.

Hayward is a great city, and Pilgrim Baptist Church will only serve to make us better.

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Bishop J. W. Macklin