

**CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION  
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020**

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED  
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**ITEM #3 CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY  
NEGOTIATORS**

**Under Negotiation: Caltrans Parcel  
Group 9: Apple and Oak Streets**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**From:** GWNA Admin  
**Date:** May 5, 2020 at 1:31:46 PM PDT  
**To:** List-Mayor-Council <List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov>  
**Subject:** 5/5/2020 5 PM Item #3 Council Closed Session Comments

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As a nearby resident and the Grove Way Neighborhood Association Organizer, I previously submitted comments regarding my objections to the rezoning of parcel #9 to accommodate a hotel (February 27, 2020 letter attached below). I objected for many reasons, primarily because our neighborhood does not need another hotel and this land is already zoned for high density residential. A hotel will not benefit our neighborhood and does not contribute to a long term strategy to improve living conditions and enhance community sustainability and resilience. I object to property negotiations going on with a hotel developer when the development plan has not yet undergone public scrutiny or the usual process.

The public process is especially important in our neighborhood because it is in major development planning flux. The site is located at the intersection of four communities—Hayward and three unincorporated areas, Cherryland, Castro Valley, and Ashland. Much more public process should be included as we plan for a better and more resilient community, as we make plans that will benefit all communities in the long run. This property borders the CVMAC and Eden MAC jurisdictions—have they provided input?

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Please reconsider the rezoning of Parcel #9 to build a hotel there and do not sell the land to a developer for a plan community input has been excluded from.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Maris PhD

Castro Valley, CA 94546

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**From:** Candice Moura  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:43 PM  
**To:** List-Mayor-Council <List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Downtown Hayward Development - council closed session comments

As a resident for many years and now property owner in Hayward, I fully support Ann Maris's letter shown below. Downtown Hayward and in particular "The Strip" along Foothill has gone downhill for many years. Once upon a time, it was a fabulous shopping area. Not anymore. Adding *another* hotel will not improve that situation. Please re-read Ann's comments, particularly about involving the community in future plans, instead of attempting to sidestep community input.

Thank you,  
Candice Moura

**From:** GWNA Admin  
**Subject:** 5/5/2020 5 PM Item #3 Council Closed Session Comments  
**Date:** May 5, 2020 at 1:29:29 PM PDT  
**To:** [List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov)

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**From:** Winifred Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** List-Mayor-Council <List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item #3 Council Closed Session Comments

Dear Mayor Halliday and Hayward City Council,

Please reconsider the rezoning of Parcel #9 to build a hotel and do not sell the land to a developer before receiving input from the community. A hotel will neither benefit the Grove Way neighborhood nor contribute to a long term strategy of improving living conditions and enhancing community sustainability. We object to property negotiations proceeding with a hotel developer since the development plan has not undergone public scrutiny or the usual process.

Public process is very important regarding this issue since this neighborhood is in a major development planning flux. The site is located at the intersection of Hayward and three unincorporated areas - Cherryland, Castro Valley, and Ashland. Has the CVMAC and Eden MAC provided input?

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Sincerely,  
Winifred and Gerald Thompson