### Agenda Item No. 2 - Public Comment

Starbucks Coffee Shop with a Drive-Through Lane in the Twin Oaks Shopping Center Planning Commission Meeting — June 20, 2019

Second Batch of Email Correspondence (17)\* (listed in the order received as of 4:10 p.m., <u>June 19, 2019</u>)
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<sup>\*</sup>The attached email(s) were received after the printing and distribution of the regular Agenda Packet.

Michael Yoffe

To:

Kimberly Rodriques

Cc:

Agoura Hills City Councilmember Deborah Klein Lopez

Subject:

Agoura Hills Starbucks Expansion

Date:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 12:08:32 PM

Ms. Kim Rodrigues

City Clerk - City of Agoura Hills

Hi Kim,

My name is Michael Yoffe and I am a long-time resident of Agoura Hills.

My wife and I moved here for the quality of life.

We've seen many changes over the years, some for the better and unfortunately some for the worse. City expansion would rate as the largest negative.

If Starbucks corporation feels the need to give our local Starbucks a face-lift, I don't see how anyone would have a problem with that. However, when it comes to the proposed drive-thru and tree removal, speaking for much of our community, we have a Hard-No.

Traffic is hideous in front of that Starbucks at certain times of the day to begin with, and a drive-thru would make that traffic unbearable.

Please help us keep Agoura Hills a drive-thru free zone and as green as possible.

Thank you, Michael Yoffe Agoura Hills Resident 818-439-4460

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From: To: John Asuncion

Subject:

Kimberly Rodrigues

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Fwd: Starbucks Drive-thru on Kanan Tuesday, June 18, 2019 12:55:43 PM

#### Hi Kimberly,

Could you include this email in the next batch of public comment letters? I didn't see this letter in the agenda packet or in the first batch of public comment letters.

Thanks.

John Asuncion

Begin forwarded message:

From: Doug Hooper < dhooper@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us>

Date: June 4, 2019 at 2:53:56 PM PDT

To: John Asuncion <a href="mailto:subject: Starbucks Drive-thru">jrasuncion@hotmail.com</a>>
Subject: Starbucks Drive-thru on Kanan

Hi John,

Thank you for forwarding the email you received regarding the Starbucks project. We'll include it as an attachment with the staff report. The project will be on the June 20 Planning Commission agenda.

Thanks,

#### Doug Hooper, AICP

Planning Director City of Agoura Hills

30001 Ladyface Court | Agoura Hills, CA 91301 Tel: (818) 597-7342 | Fax: (818) 597-7352 Email: dhooper@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us

From: John Asuncion < irasuncion@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 2:33 PM

To: Doug Hooper < <a href="mailto:dhooper@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us">dhooper@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us</a>>

Subject: Fw: Starbucks Drive-thru on Kanan

Hi Doug,

I received this email this morning regarding the Starbucks Drive=thru on Kanan. See below.

#### Thanks.

#### John Asuncion

From: Lance Cherniet < lance.cherniet@gmail.com >

Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 10:30 AM

To: John Asuncion

Subject: Starbucks Drive-thru on Kanan

#### Mr. Asuncion,

I am writing about the proposed changes to the Starbucks located 5827 Kanan Road, Agoura Hills 91301. I believe traffic in the area should be a key factor in the decision to approve their request. In our 16 years of living in the city of Agoura Hills we have seen the remnants of numerous accidents at the proposed location of this enhanced Starbucks. I would guess there is at least on average one accident a month of vehicles pulling into and out that parking lot entrance closet to Starbuck on Kanan Road I am not saying it is because there is a Starbucks. But, I believe with a drive-thru Starbucks the risk of future accidents with people walking, bicyclists, and other vehicles could increase.

The accidents that occur, seem to be from vehicles turning left from northbound Kanan Road into or out of the shopping center through the median and into the northbound Kanan Road direction. I would like to suggest that you contact the Lost Hills Sheriff's station and ask for information about the accidents at this location. There have been some pretty disturbing accidents in the past.

This issue is the same for the driveway by Yum Yum Donuts as well. With the increase of traffic since this shopping center was built I feel access to these driveways should be re-examined.

My suggestion would be to close access to the medians or make it "a no left turn" with delineators blocking the ability to turn into northbound Kanan Road. This would make it so vehicles cannot turn in front of oncoming traffic.

I am not opposed to the drive-thru as long as proper measures are taken into consideration for the safety of people walking, bicyclists, and other vehicles with the proposed changes.

Thank you for your time.

Lance Cherniet and Joyce Dacher 28728 Eagleton Street Agoura Hills, CA 91301 818-266-9534

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Don Johnson Kimberly Rodrigues Starbucks plan

Subject: Date:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 1:27:55 PM

I am taking this opportunity to voice my opinion regarding the proposal to build/remodel

a drive through addition to the Starbucks Coffee Store on Kanan Road. I personally do not

believe this would be a positive change for that shopping center where parking is usually hard to

find for Rite Aid, Subway and all the other stores. Also, Kanan Road is bumper to bumper

with heavy traffic several times daily and the extra cars that would be turning into that lot

or exiting onto Kanan would not help the situation.

There is already a drive through Starbucks on Lindero Canyon in Oak Park which is close

enough to serve the community.

It is for these reasons that I am opposed to this building/remodeling plan for the Starbucks Coffee Store on Kanan.

Thank You, Don L. Johnson papadon47@att.net

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Robert Odenberg

To:

Kimberly Rodriques

Subject: Date: Feeback - Starbucks Proposal Tuesday, June 18, 2019 3:42:55 PM

We strongly OPPOSE the drive-through component of this project:

Why remove 3 oak trees (and a mature sycamore not mentioned in the proposal) to make room for a line of idling cars and trucks spewing carbon emissions into the atmosphere?

Also, what traffic mitigation measures are included in this proposal?

Lastly, is another fast-food "drive thru" really wanted in Agoura Hills?

Janette and Robert Odenberg 29900 Forest Cove Lane Agoura Hills, CA 91301 (818) 517-7901

Sent from my iPhone. Please pardon the brevity of this reply.

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To: Cc:

Kimberly Rodrigues Janna Orkney Starbucks drive thru

Subject: Date:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 4:19:17 PM

Hello: I want to place my vote against the starbucks drive through. The encroachment and removal of the Oak Trees is not worth a drive through. Let them drink their coffee under the beautiful Oaks that we all cherish.

Cynthia Maxwell Cold Creek

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To: Subject: Kimberly Rodrigues Regency remodel

Date:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 6:02:14 PM

Dear City Clerk: I am wring regarding The Planning Commission meeting in June 20 at 6:30 at the Agoura City Hall. I can not attend as I am away visiting family. However, I want to express my objection to remove 3 mature oak trees especially after the Wolsey Fires. Removing one is one too many, let alone 3! We lost so many trees to natural wildfire causes that it is imperative we preserve the trees that remaining after the fire!

I am Westlake Village resident and I have an oak tree blocking my view of the lake. I ask for it to trimmed every 4-5 years but to remove it completely would be unheard of. I see so many beautiful birds in these trees including hummingbirds - many!

Please do not allow destruction of these age old trees that keep our atmosphere clean, provide oxygen for us to live, clean up carbon dioxide we put out this giving us fresh air, a home to birds and bugs, provide shade in the severe sun, and are pleasing to the eyes, and many more benefits.

Please do not allow willful destruction off these trees for yet another coffee shop. There are no shortages of coffee shops. There are shortage of trees after the wildfires and droughts. Best,

Zubeda Kara.

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To:

Kimberly Rodrigues

Subject:

Stop destroying my kid"s future, stop cutting down our trees!!!!

Date:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:32:52 PM

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From: To: Stacey Lowen
Kimberly Rodrigues
Starbucks drive through

Subject: Date:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 11:52:04 PM

#### Hello,

I'm writing to let you know I strongly oppose any plan that would remove old oak trees near the Starbucks in Kanan. There is one magnificent tree in particular that really should be protected and celebrated. It must be very, very old since it has a massive trunk.

There are also many kids walking in the area near multiple schools. The likelihood of motor vehicle accidents along Kanan would likely increase.

I love Starbucks drive throughs but not at the expense of historic trees and our kids' safety.

Agoura Hills neighbor, Stacey Lowen

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Alicia Hair

To: Subject: Kimberly Rodrigues
Save the trees!

Date:

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 12:56:28 AM

I object strongly to any plan to remove trees without a well advertised public meeting.

#### Lisa (Alicia) Hair

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Marcy Tamayei

To:

Kimberly Rodriques

Date:

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 8:27:56 AM

We're all for it off of Kanan & T.O. Marcy and Randy Tamayei

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Valerie Darbouze Kimberly Rodrigues

To: Cc:

Doug Hooper; Dave Ward

Subject:

FW: Starbucks Community Support - Twin Oaks Wednesday, June 19, 2019 12:25:57 PM

Date: Attachments:

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Starbucks Support Signatures - 6.14.2019 20.pdf

Please see the additional signatures for the Planning Commissioners from Regency Centers. Thank you.

#### Valerie Darbouze, Associate Planner

Planning Department

T. 818-597-7328

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From: Cabral, Lindsay <LindsayCabral@regencycenters.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 12:08 PM

To: Valerie Darbouze <VDarbouze@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us>

Cc: Conway, Patrick < PatrickConway@regencycenters.com>; Kayacan, Ray

<RayKayacan@regencycenters.com>

Subject: Starbucks Community Support = Twin Oaks

Hi Valerie,

Per Patrick's request, I am sending the final 20 community support signatures obtained for the Starbucks drive-thru at Twin Oaks.

All the best,

Lindsay

#### **Lindsay Cabral** Senior Property Manager 213 553 2223

915 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 2200 Los Angeles, CA 90017

Regency Centers.

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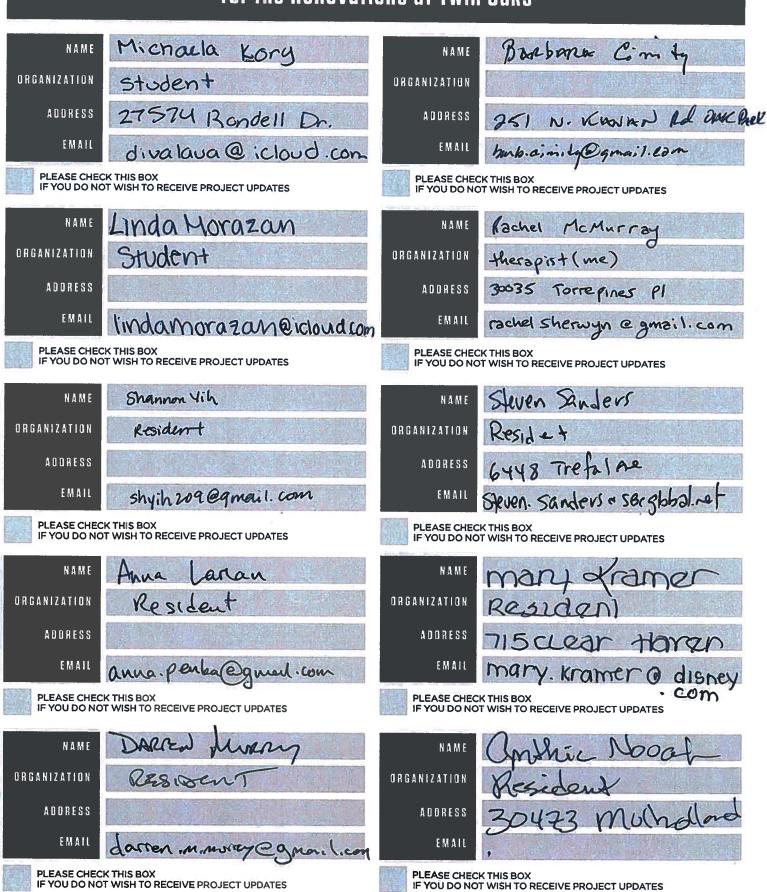
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Janet M. Wall

To:

Kimberly Rodrigues

Subject:

Oak Tree Permit Case No.: OAK 01463-2018 Wednesday, June 19, 2019 12:44:27 PM

Date: Attachments:

06,19,2019 COTA Ltr to Agoura PC re Starbucks Oak Tree Permit.PDF

Dear Ms. Rodrigues,

Attached is a letter to the City of Agoura Hills Planning Commission from Conejo Oak Tree Advocates which relates to an item they will decide tomorrow evening. Could you please forward our letter to the Commissioners and staff members and confirm it was received.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

~Janet Miller Wall for Conejo Oak Tree Advocates

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#### **CONEJO OAK TREE ADVOCATES**

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June 19, 2019

Planning Commission
City of Agoura Hills
Attention: Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC, City Clerk
Civic Center - City Hall
30001 Ladyface Court
Agoura Hills, California 91301

Re: Regency Centers: Starbucks at 5827 Kanan Road
Oak Tree Permit Case No: OAK 01463-2018

Dear City of Agoura Planning Commissioners,

Conejo Oak Tree Advocates (COTA) has reviewed the Planning Commission packet for the above application and asks you to deny the above permit. Please consider the impact of removing three large Valley oak trees (a species already in decline throughout our region) and encroaching on the remaining three oak trees at this location. In particular, the project's extraordinary amount of encroachment into heritage Valley oak tree #2486 is extremely likely to kill this living monument that falls under your protection. In fact, Kay Greeley's May 15, 2019 letter to Ray Kayacan at Regency discloses that the total encroachment suffered by the tree will amount to 52.5% (see attached). In addition, Ms. Greeley explains on pp. 4-5 of her March 26, 2018 report that the actual footprint of the building is uncertain and will be ascertained after the demolition of the existing building and further excavation. This scenario paints a very bleak picture for this important Valley oak tree.

As background, Conejo Oak Tree Advocates formed after the massive destruction of oak trees by Regency Centers at Westlake Plaza in 2014. The City of Thousand Oaks approved the removal of dozens of heritage oak trees and landmark sycamore trees under an exception to the Oak Tree Ordinance which was later abandoned in 2015. However, please note that in the last few years, 5 more oak trees at this location have died and been removed despite assurances made in Kay Greeley's June 10, 2013 oak tree report for Westlake Plaza that the trees would remain unharmed ("No direct impact anticipated"). Each additional loss was a heritage tree much like your Valley oak #2486.

COTA proposes that the desire to build a larger Starbucks with a drive-through window can be accomplished elsewhere on the property or in another location within Agoura Hills that

preserves all of the valuable native oak and sycamore trees on site. Valley oaks and native Sycamore trees in your city constitute some the most important elements of your City's tree canopy. In addition, Agoura suffered devastating loss of tree canopy during the November 2018 Woolsey fires and additional protection of remaining trees is warranted. We hope you will send the applicant back to the drawing board and protect these living specimens for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments and concerns.

Gail Bianchino, Marilyn Carpenter, Bonnie Clarfield-Bylin, Joan Edwards, Tina Frugoli, Ed Lawrence, Janet Miller Wall and Silvana Yucca for **Conejo Oak Tree Advocates** 

Attachments: 3 pages

#### MR. RAY KAYACAN 05/15/18 PAGE 2 OF 4

and shall be inspected by a certified arborist or the City's Oak Tree Consultant within 72-hours prior to planting.

<u>Response:</u> Trees were located in Fillmore, California, which is local to Agoura Hills. Regency can therefore accept this requirement as presented.

Oak Tree Report Review Comment #3: The project site plan shall show the actual canopies drawn to scale for all existing oak trees, rather than symmetrical canopies that are not drawn to scale that misrepresent the existing driplines and Tree Protective Zones (TPZ) of the oak trees.

Response: The tree canopies were measured at eight compass headings in accordance with the requirements of the Guidelines. That data is provided on the Field Evaluation Forms contained in Appendix B of the Oak Tree Report, staring on page 13. The canopies were then drawn to scale on the "Starbucks Landscape Concept Plan", included in Appendix D of the Oak Tree Report, starting on page 29 of the Oak Tree Report to accurately depict the oak tree canopies as measured during the field inventory. Based on this explanation, the City's comment is unclear and further explanation is therefore requested if the City still feels correction is required.

Oak Tree Report Review Comment #4: The OTR shall indicate the percentage of encroachment within the TPZ of trees that will be encroached by the project.

Response: The encroachments are calculated as follows:

- Tree #2486 The Oak Tree Report includes a detailed evaluation of the percentage of encroachment for each impact to this tree, starting on page 4. The total encroachment is 52.5%, though 26.0% of this amount is in the same footprint of the existing building that is proposed to be removed and rebuilt. New encroachments for the walkway and patio would impact 26.5% of the protected zone.
- Tree #2487 The existing parking lot planter will be enlarged. The existing encroachment of the curb and asphalt surrounding tree will be reduced from 84.8% to 27.1%. The larger planter will provide added space for fine root hair growth, which may eventually improve the health of the tree.
- Tree #2488 The existing parking lot planter will be enlarged. The existing encroachment of the curb and asphalt surrounding tree will be reduced from 87.4% to 74.8%. The larger planter will provide added space for fine root hair growth, which may eventually improve the health of the tree.

Oak Tree Report Review Comment #5: It appears that tree #2485 would merely be encroached by the project and that removal of the tree would not be necessary. The applicant shall consider use of permeable concrete underneath trees #2485 and 2486, or a raised patio for the seating area. Tree wells shall be installed around these trees for irrigation and aeration purposes.

Response: The design cannot utilize a raised patio due to grades required to keep the site compliant with ADA standards. Permeable concrete was considered as an option for the patio material during our initial review of the project. However, a geotextile-lined reservoir must be constructed below the paving to accept the water that impacts the pavement. Excavation to create that reservoir and to place the base material required to support the pavement would

through lane. Three new spaces would be added at the easterly end of the row of spaces adjacent to the center's entry drive. An additional space would be added at the easterly end of each row in the center of this area. The northernmost row of parking spaces would be relocated closer to the building by eliminating the planter and will increase the number of parking spaces by six in this area.

In addition, as shown in the report prepared by this office dated January 4, 2018, renovation of the existing asphalt pavement will occur within the parking lot and drive aisles.

The proposed building and adjacent hardscape design are presently conceptual in nature as to their precise layout, materials and construction details. The soils investigation for the project is not yet complete and the actual amount of over-excavation for the proposed building is unknown. Regency has informed us they hope to limit this to three feet beyond the building footprint and three feet in depth; this is the distance used in the calculations for the encroachments below. The calculations may require revision once the soils report is complete.

Once the solls report is complete and the proposed design of the building footprint and drive-through lane are confirmed, we recommend an exploratory trench be excavated at the edges of the limits of excavation. Prior to start of construction documents this office should be contacted to review the final layout and design details to ensure that the large oak tree proposed to remain will not suffer from long-term adverse impacts as a result of the project.

The most recent edition of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) <u>Best Management Practices (BMP) for Managing Trees during Construction</u> includes guidelines for determining a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ). The TPZ is based on a tree species' tolerance for construction damage and the relative age of the tree. Taking these two factors into consideration, a TPZ can be established using multiples of a tree's trunk diameter measurement. In addition to analyzing impacts based on the City's Oak Tree Preservation Guidelines we have analyzed them based on the ISA BMP. Valley oak trees are reported to have medium tolerance to construction impacts.

Specific comments with respect to potentially impacted trees are as follows:

<u>Tree #2483 and #2484</u> – These two mature valley oak trees are located north of the northwesterly corner of Starbucks. The trees are within the footprint of the proposed drive-through lane. The trees would therefore require removal to construct the project as proposed.

<u>Tree #2485</u> — This mature valley oak tree is located west of the northwesterly corner of Starbucks. It is located within the footprint of the proposed concrete paver patio to the west of Starbucks. Installation of pavers typically requires excavation to a depth of one foot. This would therefore require removal of the tree to construct the project as proposed.

<u>Tree #2486</u> – This over-mature valley oak tree is located west of Starbucks. Using the ISA BMP, the recommended TPZ for an over-mature valley oak of this size is 65 feet. The tree would experience the following encroachments based on the conceptual design:

Proposed new building:

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Encroachment by the new building on its east would amount to just under 26 percent of the tree's protected zone and would occur no closer than 11 feet from the trunk. Half of this encroachment is within the footprint of the existing building where it is highly unlikely any roots would be encountered due to the existing soil density.

As stated previously, once the final desired footprint for the building is determined and the soils report completed, an exploratory trench should be excavated at the limits of proposed construction. Based on the results of the excavation it could be determined whether or not the proposed building could be built, and the tree remain with no long-term adverse impacts.

#### Concrete boardwalk:

The new concrete boardwalk would encroach within 21 percent of the protected zone and construction would occur within 2.6 feet of the trunk on the north of the tree and within five feet the trunk on the east. Excavation for construction on two sides of the tree at these distances would require removal of the tree to construct the project as proposed. A walkway could be constructed in a manner that would allow the tree to remain, but it will most likely need to have a different configuration than is shown in the conceptual plan. The final configuration of the walkway might have to be adjusted in the field to accommodate the structural root configuration as it is discovered during a field investigation.

#### Concrete paver patio:

Encroachment by the proposed concrete paver patio north of the tree would amount to 5.5 percent of the tree's protected zone and would occur no closer than 10 feet from the trunk. Excavation the base for this patio should be performed under the direct observation of this office to ensure that structural roots are not damaged during the excavation.

#### Oak woodland garden:

An oak woodland garden featuring oak woodland riparian plants is proposed. At its closest it would come within approximately 2.5 feet from the tree's trunk. Riparian plants are those originating in wetlands adjacent to streams. Valley oaks evolved in a Mediterranean climate, with hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. They should not receive summer water which favors some soil pathogens. Summer irrigation is a major cause of oak mortality, creating favorable conditions for oak root fungus (Armillaria mellea) and avocado root rot (Phytophthora cinnamomi).

We recommend the woodland garden and drip irrigation be kept a minimum of eight to ten feet from the trunk of any oak tree. We also recommend that plants with a lower water requirement be used within the protected zones of the oak.

#### **Demolition of existing features:**

Demolition of the existing sidewalks, building and trash enclosure and removal of all concrete within the protected zone of the tree will need to be accomplished with great care with hand tools or a mini-excavator to ensure that roots are not damaged during the excavation.

<u>Trees #2487 and #2488</u> – These two coast live oak trees are located within the planters at the easterly ends of the two southernmost rows of parking spaces. The trees are within

Nicole Leroux

To:

Kimberly Rodrigues

Subject: Date: Starbucks drive-thru project on Kanan Wednesday, June 19, 2019 1:46:56 PM

this message is for the Planning Commission to deny the proposed Starbucks drive-thru project on Kanan which will be destroying our protected Valley oaks.

Starbucks should find a different location for a drive through

#### Thank you

#### -Nicole Leroux

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John Asuncion

To: Subject: Kimberly Rodrigues; Doug Hooper
Another public comment on Starbucks

Subje Date:

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 1:48:05 PM

HI Kimberly and Doug,

See below and please forward t othe otehr planning commissioners.

Thank you!

#### John Asuncion

From: Lance Cherniet <lance.cherniet@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 1:33 PM

To: jrasuncion@hotmail.com

**Subject:** Followup to email of 6/4/2019

Hello Mr. Asuncion,

I wanted to follow up on my email of 6/4/2019. Since my previous email other issues have been brought up that I felt I should comment on.

I understand that the oak tree adjacent to the Starbucks located at 5827 Kanan Road, Agoura Hills 91301 might be removed. I am guessing this would be to make room for the remodeled Starbucks with a drive-thru. If this in fact true, I am against any remodeling of the Starbucks that affects the tree. Even though they might be planting newer oak trees in place of this tree, which take years to mature the tree has a right to stay.

Another item I feel is important that should be addressed is the additional traffic during peak school traffic hours. Kanan is already congested and can take up to 30 minutes to get from Fountainwood to the 101 freeway in the mornings. With the additional vehicles that would be going into the remodeled Starbucks it could be too much for the current roads to handle.

I now feel that Starbucks should not be allowed to move forward with their plans. If they want to put in a drive-thru store in Agoura Hills, maybe Whizins center could accommodate them better. Close to the freeway with easy access to the on and off ramps of the 101 freeway.

Thank you for your time.

Regards, Lance Cherniet 818-266-9534

Mary Wiesbrock

To:

Kimberly Rodrigues

Subject:

Starbucks drive thru and Oak Tree Permit/Agenda item June 20, 2019

Date: Attachments: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 3:41:39 PM Starbuck"s drive thru, SOS letter to Planning Commissioners.odf

Can you deliver this to all the Planning Commissioners today and also oversee that it is put into the record for this agenda item on tomorrow night's agenda.

Let me know as to when the Commissioners received our SOS letter.

#### Thanks!

#### Mary

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June 19, 2019

RE: Agoura Hills Starbucks/Kanan and Oak Tree Permit

**Dear Planning Commissioners:** 

Save Open Space/Santa Monica Mountains opposes this proposed Starbucks drive-thru project

There are two main legal reasons to deny this Starbucks drive-thru proposal:

- 1) The Agoura Hills Oak Tree Ordinance protects these 3 large Valley oaks and the Heritage oak from encroachment. You have a right to vote "No" to uphold our Oak Tree Ordinance which is the law in Agoura Hills. Save this groove of trees to uphold the vision of what Agoura Hills voters hold most dear about our unique city.
- 2) Agoura Hills General Plan does not allow even one more additional car to impact an intersection that is now functioning at a -not allowed- level of Los D. Legally, you are required to be "consistent" with our General Plan which does not allow any level less than a LOS C here. You can not be "inconsistent" with our General Plan requirement of a LOS C here. General Plan inconsistencies trump any CEQA threshold argument which merely serves as guidelines in case law.

In addition, the project should not have been deemed exempt from CEQA. The proposal is a new "use" which causes environmental impacts which by law require analysis as the project impacts an intersection which is now functioning at an "inconsistent" level of service.(LOS D) These focus areas include: adding even more cars idling causing greenhouse gases in a LOS D location where a lineup of cars spewing pollution are stuck through several lights, traffic needs mitigation (like annual funds towards for the Kanan Shuttle for bus service drop offs to alleviate traffic levels here), and biological on the oak trees. Interestingly, a traffic and oak tree analysis was done but not posted as an environmental documents to review for the public until Friday, only a mere week before the hearing. The fact that these studies were done at all proves that this project with its brand new use causes environmental impacts.

Respectively,

Mary Weerbook

Mary Wiesbrock, Chair

Cc/Alyse Lazar, Esq.

P.S. Below are some recent Agoura Hills conversations which I believe that you as decision makers- need to be aware of:

At a recent Agoura Hills Public Works meeting on this LOS D Kanan/T Oaks Blvd intersection, a Las Virgenes School Board member comments (as it appeared to me) that she thought it a bit hypocritical for Agoura Hills to be allowing a Starbucks drive thru here.

Also, a woman was told at Starbucks that there would be no impact to the heritage oak, but the truth is-is that it will be impacted: 52% encroachment is an impact and a slow death for this centuries old massive majestic oak tree.

Another Starbuck's customer was shocked to learn that these large towering Valley oaks will be cut down and that Starbucks plans to destroy this shaded natural tree grove for a drive thru.

Eric Kenehan

To:

Kimberly Rodrigues

Subject:

 $\label{eq:matter} \mbox{My opinion regarding drive thru Starbucks.}$ 

Date:

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 4:00:53 PM

Hi Kimberly. I received your email from Deborah Klein Lopez on a nextdoor post. My family and I are residents in the Hillrise community.

My opinion regarding the proposed Drive Thru Starbucks is as follows. I believe it is a good idea should certain criteria be met.

- 1. The largest oak tree behind the location remains.
- 2. Sufficient evidence is shown that it would be nearly impossible for traffic to back up onto Kanan.
- 3. The parking lot near the Starbucks is adjusted to remove any crossing traffic.

Should these criteria be met, this is why I think it's a good idea.

- 1. The added business will be a source of both part time and full time local employment.
- 2. The proposed outdoor area will be very convenient for students and people who work from home. It's sometimes great to relax and congregate in an area with wifi and coffee.

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To: Subject: Kimberly Rodrigues

Date:

Re: My opinion regarding drive thru Starbucks. Wednesday, June 19, 2019 4:03:30 PM

Sorry had a copy/paste issue. A few items continued.

- 3. The drive thru is very convenient for those with toddlers or babies sleeping.
- 4. The drive thru is convenient for those like myself on their way in to work in the morning.

Based on the plans the company displayed outside their business, I believe this renovation is an improvement to the community. Also I appreciate the company's desire to appease residents in their concerns. I don't feel that all communities get the same treatment. However they must know that citizens of Agoura demand a certain level of consciousness, which is why I love it here.

On Wed, Jun 19, 2019 at 4:01 PM Kimberly Rodrigues <a href="mailto:krodrigues@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us">krodrigues@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us</a> wrote:

Thank you, your comments have been received.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC

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