Attachment 5

From the July 11, 2012 Joint Administrative Zoning and Subdivision Hearing Minutes:

3.3 1962 El Camino Real West, Chris Gebhart for Kerr Project Services on behalf of Chick-fil-A, 285-11-UPA; APN: 154-36-012

CONTINUED FROM JUNE 27, 2012 ADMINISTRATIVE ZONING HEARING

Request for a Conditional Use Permit and Development Review Permit to allow a 4,400 square foot fast food restaurant (Chick-fil-A) with drive-through, a Heritage Tree Removal Permit to remove three Heritage trees, and a Sign Permit for a new monument sign and building wall signs to replace an existing 4,200 square foot restaurant (Sizzler) on a 0.74-acre site located on the north side of El Camino Real at the Clark Avenue and El Camino Real intersection in the CRA (Commercial/Residential—Arterial) District.

Project Planner: Melinda Denis

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We oppose the removal of three heritage trees and replacing them with neon-red signage.

We oppose the land use change from a low-traffic sit-down restaurant into a high-traffic “drive thru” that encourages more cars to drive up and over the pedestrian and bicyclist right-of-ways.

We oppose the construction of more signage on El Camino Real on land zoned for mixed-residential use.

We oppose any land use change that moves the parcel involved away from Mountain View’s overall plans to create a more pedestrian and bicycle-safe city.

We oppose the use of “wall signs” on any frontage of El Camino Real as they are geared toward the “car culture” rather than encouraging a pedestrian and bicycle friendly community.
We oppose the construction of a “drive thru”-style business in an area marked for mixed-use redevelopment, including higher-density residential due to the air pollution caused by idling cars, the noise pollution from blaring radios and constantly-running engines and general trash pollution that is endemic of such establishments in an area in which we as a community have decided to encourage mixed-used residential development.

We oppose disregard for Mountain View’s Heritage Tree program by simply allowing the removal of one of the few patches of green along that stretch of El Camino Real without considering the impact this removal has on our community. Removal of Heritage trees should only be done if the development improves our community as a whole and exceeds the benefits the our heritage trees provided. Trading in our heritage for a generic fast food restaurant and its signs is not an adequate bargain.

Mountain View is a proud city of innovation, where we embrace a future as a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly city. It is also a booming city with new construction popping up all over town.

Mountain View is arguably home to more start-ups than just about any other city in the nation - we live and breed innovation and a pro-business climate while maintaining a distinction of being one of the most friendly and livable cities in the Bay Area.

Over the past few years, the City Council of Mountain View has been very careful in planning El Camino Real as our city grows and matures from a rural suburb to the home of some of the biggest tech companies of the 21st Century. Part of the job of the city is to make sure its residents maintain the best and safest quality of life as the city grows.

Mountain View also is known for some of the best sit-down restaurants and quaint eating establishments in the South Bay. Now Chick-Fil-A wants to move in and bulldoze a sit-down restaurant and replace it with a high-traffic "drive-thru" restaurant.

Along with the high level of trash generated by fast-food joints, and the pollution and noise of idling cars close to a residential development, a drive thru's goal is to get as many cars as possible to drive in to get food and leave as quickly as possible.

This change in property use will exponentially increase the number of cars that are *driving* over sidewalks and crossing bike lanes every day.

The proposed development and change of land use is only two blocks from the site where an elderly bicyclist was hit by a car during rush hour in December. (http://mountainview.patch.com/articles/car-hits-elderly-man-on-bike-today#photo-8748025)

In November, We had a 91-year-old man hit and killed as he was walking along El Camino Real.

And just this month - a couple blocks from this location, William Ware, a long-time
Mountain View Resident was run down by a hit and run driver as he was waiting at a bus stop.

So, now Chick-Fil-A wants to had another high-traffic-generating land-use change to our city.

No thank you.

That is the wrong restaurant in the wrong place - the wrong use of land in the area.

El Camino Real and the Neighborhoods impacted by its already too-congested traffic is already too dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists.

We need to make our city better - more sidewalk and bicycle friendly - not worse by increasing the number of cars driving up and over our sidewalks to speed in and get fast food.

The convenience of drive through junk food is not worth the increased danger the traffic poses to our citizens.