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JULY 20, 2021

From: Elena Bonilla [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 8:33 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hold on STVR new permits

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Hello city council-

I am writing to you because I have not heard any new developments on the STVR new permit hold. I have called and spoken to staff in the permit department & understand there is no band on STVR... just a hold on new permit.

I need an ET ... estimated time line on when a decision will be made. I understand the STVR topic is not on calendar for tomorrow & city council will go on vacation all of august so that takes me to September.

Please make a decision soon. It matters to me & my family tremendously!

Elena & Family

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kevin Braga [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 2:38 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: New Issuance of STVR Licenses

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Dear La Quinta City Council,

We are new home owners in the La Quinta Cove, as of October 2020. We purchased a home here in La Quinta because we love the area, as I was born and raised in the Coachella Valley, but had moved away for career and family. The home we have purchased and are currently remodeling has taken several months to bring up to our living standards. We have put love, sweat, and without saying lots of money into this beautiful property. One that we were looking forward to sharing with others through STVR. My husband and I follow city council matters fairly closely and did not see this on today's agenda. We have been patiently waiting for the return of the STVR licenses ban to be removed. We are eager to get our license and would like a time frame as to when they will be issued to new homeowners. If you could please respond with a date, so that we may continue with our planning to list our property as a STVR or any pertinent information there of.

Thank You,
Alma and Kevin Braga

From: Alena Callimanis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 1:28 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Cc: Monika Radeva
Subject: Monika, my presentation without the videos that can be distributed to the Council and staff
Attachments: CallimanisLaQuintaPresentation7202021withoutvideoB.pdf

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Monika, I created this file "without video" so it is very small. This way I respectfully request that it can be now distributed to the Council and staff. I still hope we can show my version with the videos.

Alena Callimanis
[REDACTED]

Impact of Coral Mountain Surf Resort

Alena Callimanis



La Quinta CA 92253

Right after Sunset Looking at Coral Mountain
from Lisa Castro's house on 60th



Night sky panorama on 60th from Guillermo's house
across Coral Mountain to Lisa's House July 19 at 8:38pm



Video of Night Sky and sound: Coral Mountain from Guillermo's house to Lisa's house

Video removed due to size.
This video shows the dark Coral Mountain and features only the sound of crickets. Request copy of video from acallimanis@gmail.com

Hearing just crickets

Video removed due to size.
This video shows the dark Coral Mountain area and the sound of a car on Madison. Madison is further from this point than from this point to the Wave Basin. Request copy of video from acallimanis@gmail.com

Hearing a car on Madison which is further away than the Basin is from this point

Picture from the 58th St near Madison – what is that light?



Bagdouma Park in Coachella – Light is always diffused and visible due to particulates in our air (the light on the right is 60 feet)

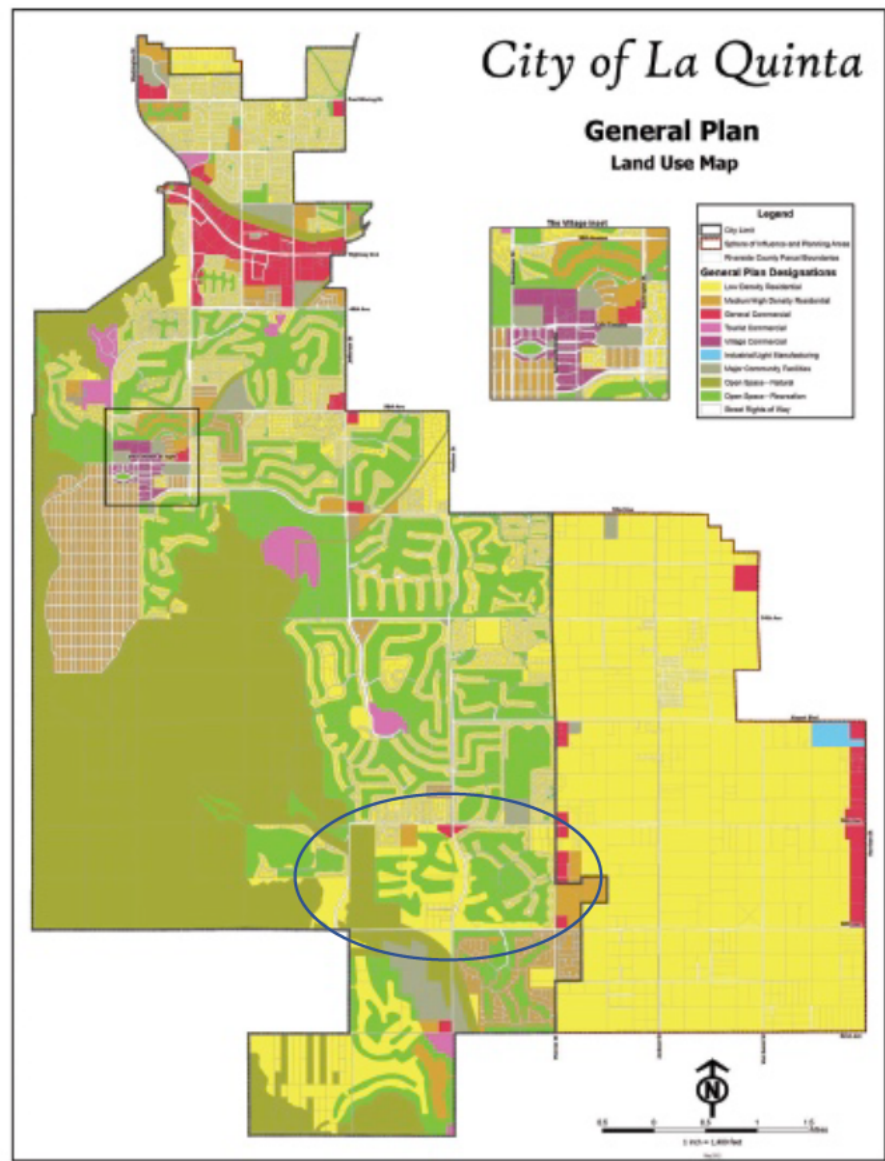


Please don't let the developer insult us by saying there will be no light and noise impact to the surrounding developments

This will be physically impossible considering the location with quiet nights in this area of the desert, plus the proximity to Coral Mountain with sound echoing and reverberation off the mountain and light reflection and dispersion

City of La Quinta

General Plan Land Use Map



Source: City of La Quinta General Plan, 05/07/2002



City of La Quinta General Plan
Land Use Map
La Quinta, California



Exhibit
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Excerpts from La Quinta General Plan 2035 – Land Use

Policy LU-3.1

Encourage the preservation of neighborhood character and assure a consistent and compatible land use pattern.

GOAL LU-4

Maintenance and protection of existing neighborhoods.

Policy LU-4.1

Encourage compatible development adjacent to existing neighborhoods and infrastructure.

GOAL SC-1: A community that provides the best possible quality of life for all its residents.

GOAL OS-3: Preservation of scenic resources as vital contributors to the City's economic health and overall quality of life.

We want Low Density Residential
at this Site and NOT 100% STVRs
and a Wave

Preserve this beauty and serenity for the five developments around Coral Mountain and for the new 100% low density residential development that should be on this magnificent this property

Please no Zoning Change!

From: Alena Callimanis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12:37 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Cc: Monika Radeva; Lisa Castro
Subject: Presentation by Lisa Castro for public comment session for July 20 City Council Meeting
Attachments: Lisa Castro City Council Presentation.pdf

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Here is the document that Lisa Castro will be using while speaking during the public comment period at today's City Council meeting at 4pm.

Lisa will be in person.

Thank you very much.

Alena Callimanis
[REDACTED]

Good Afternoon Honorable Mayor Evan, Council Members and Staff. My name is Lisa Castro and I am a resident at [REDACTED] First I would like to thank Alena for the pictures and videos she showed you from my house. **The videos just record the lack of noise from my house and that you can slightly hear a car on Madison. Think of HOW many cars will come and go through the night in a rezoned area.**

The point is that the wave basin is closer to me than Madison so if I can hear the car, just think of the noise every night - not just the waves crashing as the promo for the developer says and the noise of the wave machinery, but the people noise - surfing, jet skis, music etc, etc. ... the “people noise” that a rezoning change will allow. And the people noise at night will increase exponentially in the summer because it will be too hot for them to “surf” during the day!!

Also, water will be so hot during the summer months because it is only six feet deep at its maximum on a concrete pool. And the evaporation alone is enormous.

I am a little more than halfway up the unpaved Avenue 60 toward Coral Mountain. I have lived there for 30 years.

Guillermo and I are the closest houses to this development. It is fair to say the driveway into the development as well as parking areas are right next to my house.

I have spoken to Garrett Simon the developer many times at my house.

During the latest meeting he told me that I will not be impacted by light and noise.

I asked Garrett to please sign a document to that effect and he said no. I told him that I would be severely impacted by the dust and dirt during construction, that I have asthma, and that my pool and air conditioners would get clogged with dust and dirt.

His colleague with him told me to move away during construction. How insulting is that! Garrett told me that the grading on the property would be done in six weeks. I know that it is closer to six months. My family was in the grading business. Is he thinking he can push me around because I am alone?

I am also concerned about the constant vibrations caused by the waves due to the tremendous weight and force of 18 million gallons of water. I am only around 600 feet from the wave pool. All the seismic records were done at the wave pool at Lemoore California which has totally different soil composition. We are above the aquifer on sandy soil. So the developer has no idea of the impact of the wave motion to our area.

I can attest to the fact that I am in a wind tunnel. The wind whips around from the Quarry and I have clocked the wind at 60 mph. When I mentioned this to Garrett he acted like he didn't believe me. That will also add to extreme evaporation.

Maintenance and construction trucks will be lined up outside my house because of the restrictions that they can't start working until 7AM. Since the wave is operating from 7AM to 10PM every day, 365 days a year, they will probably need to do maintenance during the night. And what about the heavy chlorination they will need to do during the heat? I will be exposed to chlorine in the air everyday.

This project is a disaster for me as well as for our neighbors.

Please do not approve the zoning change that will allow all of this to happen.

Thank you very much.

From: Alena Callimanis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 12:40 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Cc: Monika Radeva; Sheila Warren
Subject: Presentation today by Sheila Warren at the public comments section of today's City Council meeting
Attachments: Sheila Warren City Council Presentation.pdf

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Here is the document that Sheila Warren will be using during today's City Council meeting. Sheila will be at City Hall in person.

Thank you very much.

Alena Callimanis
[REDACTED]

Good day Honorable Mayor Evans, Council Members and Staff. My name is Sheila Warren and I am a Trilogy Resident. I have two quick things to cover with you today.

The first is that we are getting tired of the developer justifying his water use for the wave basin by saying that he will use only 25% of the water used by a golf course.

What he fails to mention is that golf courses can use gray or recycled water and that he must use potable water from our aquifer. If you haven't read it, there was an excellent article in the July 18 Desert Sun, Golf Courses prepare for water shortages. I would like to highlight just a few of the key points of that article:

There is a 15% voluntary request in reduction of water use across the state, New level of drought emergency declaration will be coming by 2022.

Unlike many golf courses elsewhere in the State which rely heavily on groundwater, Coachella Valley golf courses have sought to reduce reliance on the local aquifer.

Protecting that groundwater, the main source of water for households and businesses in the desert is a focus of the Golf and Water Task Force.

“Because the aquifer is literally the lifeblood of everything that happens in the desert, as important as it is reducing the overall water usage footprint over time, we do put more emphasis on the health of the aquifer. Desert courses have been moving away from aquifer water in the last decade.

Desert courses have been removing turf.

“We have to recognize that we are in a desert and the aquifer isn't endless.”

So how will the wave pool move away from use of the aquifer? It can't.

How can a wave pool cut water use by 15%? It can't because it will not be able to operate.

And what about evaporation? When we asked the developer, they tried to compare evaporation at the Kelly Slater pool in Lemoore California with this one. Once we reminded them that Lemoore had 40 days over 100 in 2020 and we have 143 days over 100, that their high was 107 and our high was 124, that their lows were mostly in the 60s with a few 70s during those hot days, and our nights were always in the 100s, or high 90s and 80s, they stopped comparing evaporations.

And finally, I would just like to mention about the 7AM to 10PM operation of the wave basin, 365 days of the year. Up to and including our face to face meeting with the developer on June 16, when asked, the developer always told us that it would be 12 hours of operation, 7AM to 7PM so we had nothing to worry about with noise or light at night. Two days later on June 18, the draft of environmental impact report that had the hours of 7AM to 10PM, 365 days of the year.

Seems awfully strange they did not know that two days earlier...

But who is going to be surfing during the day in this heat? With water temperatures in the 90s and air temperatures in the 100s, that is a recipe for heat stroke.

This project is in the wrong place at the wrong time.

From: Alena Callimanis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:50 AM
To: City Clerk Mail
Cc: Carolyn Winnor; Monika Radeva
Subject: Carolyn Winnor will do Zoom public comments today at 4pm
Attachments: Carolyn Winnor City Council Meeting.pdf

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Carolyn Winnor, Trilogy resident at 81134 Barrel Cactus Road, LQ will be speaking over Zoom about Coral Mountain Resort during the public comment session.

This is Carolyn's document.

Thank you very much.

Alena Callimanis
[REDACTED]

Good Afternoon Honorable Mayor Evans, Council Members & Staff

My name is Carolyn Winnor, I live in Trilogy La Quinta moved here in August 2005.

I am opposed to the Coral Mountain Wave Project and the Re Zoning of this property for many reasons:

Water Usage – Couple of weeks ago on the news I heard a representative from Coachella Valley Water District, speak regarding the water they currently have in reserve. I believe it was 6 billion gallons. How did CVW get this large reserve? From homeowners and businesses, conserving water since last drought that affected the Coachella Valley. Also due to water efficient toilets, faucets & appliances. The residents of the Coachella Valley is the reason CVWD has a large reserve and I am against using the reserve to fill a Wave Pool with 18 Million Gallons of Drinking Water, for People to surf on. We changed our habits to be assured the residents of the Coachella Valley would have water for the future.

Lights/Lighting – 17 80' Poles with 70 fixtures on each Pole. Be like living next to LQ High School football field or the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, the lights will be on until 10 pm, 365 days a year.

Noise, Traffic - If La Quinta City Council approves the Coral Mountain Wave Project, the residents of South East L Q will be living near or next door to an amusement park.

My biggest fear: in 3 to 5 years no one is interested in surfing in a Wave Pool and the Wave will close down. What will the City of La Quinta and the neighbors near Coral Mountain be left with a BIG HOLE, measuring in length over 12 football fields?

Thank You.