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November 16, 2020

RE: Proposed Commercial Development "Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort"

Place : City of Santa Clarita Planning Commission Public

Meeting : Set for November 17, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Dear Planning Commission Members:

We are writing to support of the Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort proposed project. The Sand Canyon Country Club has been a continuous supporter of the Castaic Lions Club in contributing funds to the SCV Seniors Center for Thanksgiving, in addition to many other good and worthy causes. The proposed Project would be beneficial to the Community. Moreover, we support of the Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort proposed project, for the reasons mentioned below.

The Proposed Commercial Development City of Santa Clarita Planning Commission Public Meeting Set for November 17, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. regarding the "Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort" (hereinafter the "Project") should go forward. This is just one of several meetings that are scheduled for public discussion of this Project. That public discussion should begin both in fairness to the Santa Clarita and to the developer of this project. The Tuesday, November 17 meeting merely gives opportunities for the public to review and provide comment to the Planning Commission on the Project. It is simply a fact-finding method for the Planning Commission to make a determination as to the benefits and drawbacks of this Project for all of the Santa Clarita Community.

It appears that the Opposition to this meeting merely sees their objections as a means to delay the Project further. The Opposition's action seem to understand that such projects as this appropriately require significant time to get out of the planning stage under the best of conditions and but that undue delays in the planning stages can prove fatal even to the best and most beneficial developmental proposals to a community. The Opposition appears to be well aware that a small self-interested minority of the community in opposition to such a project can create significant delay in the planning stages that virtually kills worthwhile projects such as this that would benefit the entire community as a whole.

The Santa Clarita golfing/recreational community has recently lost two nearby reasonably priced golfing venues open to the public, Elkins Ranch in Filmore and Mountain

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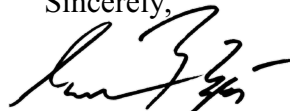
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View in Santa Paula. The Sand Canyon Golf Course, which is the only local regulation golf course open to the public nearby to Santa Clarita is a significant contributor to the beauty, ascetics and recreational opportunities in our community of 300,000 people. This golf course was specifically designed to utilize the beauty of the surrounding natural environment with an extremely small manmade footprint into the existing natural Chaparral and Oak Woodland environments. It would be incredibly sad for all of Santa Clarita to lose such a well thought-out Project to such a small self-interested vocal minority.

As this Commission well knows, open discussion is the best and most democratic way to approach these matters. The Opposition is attempting to subvert these democratic institutions and methodologies to protect all members of the public, both the majority and the minority.

As a consequence of the foregoing, the Proposed Commercial Development City of Santa Clarita Planning Commission Public Meeting Set for November 17, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. regarding the "Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort" should go forward.

Sincerely,



George Kezios