

December 14, 2020

Dear Planning Commissioner:

I am writing this letter in support of Master Case 18-021, the development of the Sand Canyon Country Club and Resort. I have been a resident of the City of Santa Clarita since May of 2013 and my wife and I own a home here. I have golfed at Sand Canyon Country Club and Resort since 2015 and have known Mr. Steve Kim, CEO and owner, since shortly after it reopened in 2017 following restoration from its partial destruction in the 2016 fire. I have read Mr. Kim's book about his upbringing, his life in business and his plans for the project. I have also met with him personally. I have found Mr. Kim to be an extraordinary businessman with a great vision for the project and a determination to make it a wonderful attraction in Santa Clarita.

Having been a resort guest at other distant and non-competitive Southern California resorts that also feature golf (including the Ojai Valley Inn and Spa in Ojai, Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes, and the Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point), I am looking forward to the addition of the Sand Canyon Country Club and Resort to the list of premier Southern California resorts. I believe it will become a strong attraction to bring resort guests and golfers to our beautiful city. I am also encouraged that it will bring over 500 new jobs to the Santa Clarita Valley as well as tax revenues to the City of Santa Clarita, County of Los Angeles, and the State of California. When so many businesses are leaving California, it is a great thing to see an existing business expand and create jobs in the community.

I attended the on-line Planning Commission hearing on November 17, 2020. I heard the concerns of the members of the community and the representatives of the neighborhood organizations. If I were a resident of that immediate neighborhood as well, I would certainly want to understand the steps being taken to mitigate both traffic concerns and fire evacuation concerns. Having heard the presentation on the project and the comments of Mr. Kim's consultant, I believe that appropriate steps have been taken to mitigate these risks. My anecdotal experience from driving to Sand Canyon Resort and Country Club frequently on all days and times of the week is that traffic will not be an issue. There appears to

be plenty of capacity for normal ingress and egress as well as emergency evacuation of both area residents and resort guests in the unlikely event of another fire in the area.

I enthusiastically and unconditionally recommend that the Planning Commission and the entire City Council approve this wonderful and economically vital project for the benefit of the guests of the resort, present and future employees of the resort, and the City of Santa Clarita.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charles R. Boyce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Charles R. Boyce

Resident, Taxpayer, and Small Business Owner

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