

*SUBJECT: SUPPORT THE SAND CANYON PROJECT*

*Dear City Council Members:*

*I am writing this letter in support of the development of the Sand Canyon Country Club and Resort.*

*Homes 4 Families recently completed a 78-home community for low-income veterans on Center Pointe Parkway in the City of Santa Clarita. These military families moved in from crowded, unstable, dangerous, and/or unaffordable living conditions. Since moving into their new community, which was supported by the City, its leadership, and vital community members, they have increased their income, are no longer at risk of homelessness, and have even been supported through the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*We strongly believe that this resort will be good for the city and its residents, like the ones we continue to serve. It will bring hundreds of new jobs to the city, at many different levels of employment, as well as tax revenues. It will increase home value, which is extremely beneficial to our veterans—first-time homebuyers who are earning equity in their homes. It will provide another community gathering space that can support veterans and will also be a strong attraction, bringing guests and tourists to the City.*

*In working over the years with Mr. Kim, we have found him to be a great businessman, but more importantly, somebody who cares about his community. He and this project will be an asset to the City of Santa Clarita. I enthusiastically and recommend that the Planning Commission and City Council approve this project for the benefit of the many jobs it will create in the development and building of the resort. I trust Mr. Kim as a good citizen to successfully manage and correct all environmental issues to ensure the safety of his endeavor for the betterment of the community. And then create a property with good solid jobs for future employees, including veterans, and good outcomes for the City of Santa Clarita.*

*Sincerely,  
Donna Deutchman, President & CEO  
Homes 4 Families*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*On behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, which represents over 65,000 member-employees, we wish to express our general support for the Sand Canyon Resort and Spa economic development project.*

*This project will bring much needed new jobs, leisure and recreation, meeting and convention space and other important economic benefits and opportunities to our City.*

*The SCV Chamber continually advocates for job creation and growth. This project will create construction jobs and other construction-related positive financial impacts on our business community. As the project is fully complete, hundreds of good-quality, permanent hospitality and recreation related jobs will be created.*

*Additionally, a new hotel and resort will bring new economic opportunities to the City. It is estimated that the project will generate over \$80 million in the region. A resort will also bring in additional tourism and convention income. It will increase tax revenues for the City and bolster revenues for other local businesses. 12% of the resort's accommodation fee is bed tax, which will increase the city's tax revenue and greatly contribute to our region.*

*Now is the time for the developer, the City and local residents to work together to make this the best possible project for our city. We would encourage the developer and the City to continue to work with the local community and neighbors to implement mitigation measures which directly address potential local impacts.*

*We ask that the Planning Commission and the City continue to work with the developer to fine-tune development plans for the proposed Sand Canyon Resort and Spa to ensure this project becomes a reality with all the positive economic benefits it will create for our growing City.*

*Sincerely,*

*John Vance  
Chair of the Board of Directors*

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*It appears that this project could provide significant economic development and much needed employment. As you know, Bridge to Home helps those in our community experiencing homelessness. As a result, job opportunities, especially some entry level jobs, will help our clients. In addition, the tax revenue generated by this project can help the City of Santa Clarita maintain its General Fund support for various projects.*

*Mr. Kim has shown an interest and concern for those experiencing homelessness and has been very involved with our efforts and programs. Based on our experience, we are confident that he, as the applicant of this project, will work to ensure that any environment issues are mitigated so that this project can be a benefit for the entire Santa Clarita Valley.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tracey Carpentier  
President, Bridge to Home Board of Directors*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*Foundation has given to Assistance League Santa Clarita and thus to the families we serve in our valley.*

*For thirty years, it has been our chapter's dream to own our own resale store. Currently, our chapter is in the process of realizing that dream. We have purchased and are renovating the building located at 26045 Bouquet Canyon Road. To support our efforts, we have been contacting local businesses for financial assistance. One of our members, a longtime resident in the Sand Canyon community, reached out to Sand Canyon Country Club. Mr. Kim responded with a generous and highly impactful contribution. I believe his response came from a deep desire to make a difference to the families in need in our community.*

*Since 1992, thanks to the sponsorship of people like Mr. Kim, 35,163 Santa Clarita students in need have received new clothing, shoes, eye exams and eyeglasses through our flagship program, Operation School Bell.*

*Our Teddy Bear Patrol has delivered over 11,500 teddy bears to children and seniors who need comfort. Through Family Ties, candlelight dinners, baked goods, entertainment and birthday gifts have been provided to assisted-living clients and homebound seniors. Fostering Success, which began in 2018, provides basic needs to local community college students who have aged out of foster care and/or are homeless.*

*Since 1989, our chapter's all-volunteer membership has grown from sixty to 215 members who have contributed over 900,000 service hours. With the investment that the Steven Y. Kim Foundation has made, together with the dedication of our members, we look forward to being a permanent and powerful resource for the Santa Clarita Valley. We are incredibly grateful to have Mr. Steven Kim as a member of our community and we wish him every success.*

*Sincerely,*

*Gayle Abril-Nolet  
Board President  
Assistance League Santa Clarita*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*Quick note to let you know I am in favor of the proposed project and would love to see it get moving as soon as possible! It would be a boon to our tax needs at this time and into the future.*

*To afford the services we have come to expect, we will need to pay more and grow more in the services area. The density and overall plan of the Sand Canyon Project looks to enhance our community's future needs with a sense of style and control and tax revenue.*

*Best Regards,  
Crystal Springs Ranch HOA Board Member*

*Art Herrera*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*Opposition to the Resort: I have seen from "Opposer's" - Lots of pushing, email blasts on and on about this bad idea, suggestions on how to oppose it. Opportunities, promotions and emails / letter suggestions and even "form letters" to be used by Opposer's on how to "Object to the Resort ". Not in my back yard naysayers.*

*But... How about «equal opportunity" suggestions and promotions on .... "Why you or I would like this Resort in Sand Canyon". It is Not All Bad. There are some benefits in having the Resort. I have not seen the other side of this. Promotion for the Project. I would like to see suggestions on how we could help to make this work out for a "Win/Win? for both sides.*

*Progress is inevitable. A "Classy Resort" in our area would be nice. Just help us figure out a better second route out of the Resort area. Maybe another route back to Soledad or the Freeway? Probably been thought of, but make it happen!*

*Be Fair. Look at Both Sides.*

*--*

*Rebecca S. Rowe, resident of Sand Canyon*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*It is my understanding that there is a group of residence in the Sand Canyon area of this good city that think they speak for all that live in this beautiful canyon. For the record they do not! My family and I have lived in Santa Clarita full time for the past 30 years, and in Sand Canyon since 2004. I can only speak for myself, though there are many residences in the area that I have spoken to that support my same beliefs. I do not object to this project moving forward, with the understanding that any project in this canyon is vetted properly, and has advancements for the surrounding neighborhoods that address the egress of those living and visiting this area. I say this because it seems nobody including those who oppose this project have seemed to factor in the high volume, and high speed of traffic that comes through Sand Canyon a few times a day, especially when filming is going on at either of the two Movie Ranches in the South side of this canyon. Those who oppose this project gets very irate when some of us bring this up at their meetings and do not want to have discussion on traffic coming from that area, instead just insisting that it will all be the fault of this project.*

*After listening and reading information supplied by those that seem to be in great opposition to this project, it is my personal feelings that their opposition is based on more that the project itself, which include a mere personal dislike for the person who purposes this project, which I feel is baseless and inappropriate in my personal opinion.*

*That being said, I believe that you, your staff, and those who take great measures to ensure that projects in this city are vetted properly, designed properly, built properly, and follow the regulations and guidelines, will do your job properly, and in doing so will have support from those of us in this neighborhood to move the project forward if you deem it appropriate to do so. To cut it short, we support this project if it is built properly.*

*Best Regards,  
Don Easy,*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*I am a resident living on Live Oak Springs Canyon Road (Adjacent Street to the resort entrance) and have lived here for 25 years. I am in favor of the new resort! We need some new vitality to the area – it is currently stagnant.*

*When the Robinson Ranch golf course was proposed years ago – some opposed. Now that the golf course was built, I have noticed NO impacts to traffic.*

*Note: If the new Sand Canyon Resort is built – we do need an alternate Evacuation Route (needs to be included in the plans). What we currently have is inadequate for the area.*

*Thank you,*

*Richard Waugh*



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*Dear City Council Members:*

*This correspondence is to notify the stakeholders considering the application of the proposed Sand Canyon Resort and Spa Country Club, of my enthusiastic support of the project.*

*Mr. Steve Kim has turned a bleak situation with a failing golf course into a strong financial success by investing his resources in many improvements. I have every confidence that his proposed addition of a resort and spa will be a great addition for the City of Santa Clarita and the Canyon Country area as well.*

*The opponents of this project have made unwarranted, personal attacks on Mr. Kim and seem to be waging a vendetta against him. Mr. Kim has been a very supportive neighbor to the residents of Robinson Ranch and has been a generous donor to many Santa Clarita non-profit initiatives.*

*The tax income that this project will generate for Santa Clarita will be significant in addition to the hundreds of jobs that it will produce.*

*Mr. Kim's recent offer to add 50+ acres of a beautifully landscaped park and walking trail is just one more example of his commitment to do good things for the people of Santa Clarita.*

*I believe that this proposed project is a major improvement and I urge the Planning Commission, the City Council and City Management to approve this project as soon as practical.*

*Regards,*

*Paula Hoffman*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*I received a letter from Steve Kim, owner of the Sand canyon Country Club Who is asking for my support to support the plans for the proposed Sand Canyon Resort and Spa. I have a copy of the plans and it appears that it was done very well and describes many of the concerns that the city of Santa Clarita and neighbors in the area of the country club have. After reading Mr. Kim's plan it appears that he has does his homework.*

*I do support Mr. Kim's Plan and hope that the city planning committee and City Council can reach a reasonable plan that would work for everyone effected.*

*I have a lot of experience in planning this sort of issue. I was on the LA Traffic Sub Committee for four years planning the 1984 Olympics. We worked with every city and business and neighbors in every city. If you remember our plan WORKED.*

*In conclusion, it appears that Mr. Kim's plan could work if properly addressed to all effected and concerned of the impact it will bring to their neighbors.*

*Thank You*

*James Smith*

*Resident of the beautiful city of Santa Clarita for 55 years.*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*I am writing to you regarding the proposed Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort development, which is before the Planning Board at the January 19th meeting. I would like to voice my strong support for this project.*

*I am a 20-year Santa Clarita Valley resident and a local business owner. I strongly believe the Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort would be a welcomed addition to the Santa Clarita Community.*

*The proposed hotel and resort will add additional first-class Dining, lodging and recreation options for the entire valley to utilize and enjoy. This includes walking trails, dining, sports courts, a spa, and a large ballroom for special events, and more. These new amenities will add to the quality of life for all Santa Clarita residents.*

*In addition, this project will create hundreds of jobs while it's being constructed and many local resident jobs when operational. A new hotel and resort will also bring economic benefits to the City. The resort will bring in visitors and dollars to all our local restaurants, tourist attractions and theme park. Additional city sales tax revenue will also be generated by this project.*

*I am also impressed with Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort's environmentally friendly plans. This includes being 100% solar powered, a greywater system, and new open space.*

*Finally, I have come to know Steve Kim, the developer and believe he has the business acumen and financial resources to make this a first-rate project and a financial and esthetic success.*

*Thank you,*

*Richard Budman*

*Publisher/Owner*

*Signal Multimedia*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*Sand Canyon Resort project, I am corresponding with each of you to voice my strong support for this project.*

*I have previously written to you prior to the previous hearing for this project. As noted then, I have been a resident and homeowner of the Sand Canyon community for over 40 years. I and my wife have been a resident of the Robinson Ranch community for over 16 years (we are one of the original 9 homeowners in the community). I have been on the Robinson Ranch HOA Board for about 14 years, serving in a number of positions including President for 7 years. The opinions I am expressing herein are only mine as a resident in the community and not as a spokesperson for the HOA.*

*The Canyon Country area of the City of Santa Clarita has evolved much slower compared to other areas of the Santa Clarita Valley. Many (or most) of the residents spend time and money travelling to the other areas of the City to obtain goods and services. One of the major changes to the area will be the Vista Canyon project as it moves towards completion.*

*I strongly believe that the proposed hotel and resort will add a significant positive resource to Canyon Country and the City of Santa Clarita. It will definitely combine well with the Vista Canyon project business services. What an opportunity to bring more visitors and guests to our Valley. They will come for events at the new resort as well as events held throughout the valley.*

*The owner of the Golf Course and future resort, Steve Kim, has "rescued" the entire facility after the devastating drought and subsequent fires. It was a defining moment when Mr. Kim chose to cleanup, rebuild and expand the golf facilities into a destination resort. This represented a significant personal investment on his part.*

*In so doing, he helped to preserve the value of many homes in the Sand Canyon community. He has always been a very good neighbor to the Robinson Ranch community by being very responsive and supportive of any of our requests for cooperation or improvements.*

*Finally, with Mr. Kim's continued efforts to adequately and properly respond to all EIR concerns, I am confident that the Sand Canyon Hotel and Resort will meet all City Planning requirements and fit well into the Sand Canyon community.*

*I respectfully ask that you approve the project for its eventual completion.*

*Regards,*

*Steve Sturgeon*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*We relocated our family to Canyon Country in 1992. We watched the development of Robinson Ranch and the golf course. At first it was a private gated community and the golf course was also private and eventually the golf course was open to the general public.*

*We have now witnessed further evolvment of the Sand Canyon Country Club and have been to many wonderful events at the site over the past four years. We have read Mr. Steve Kim's book, American Dream, and are in favor of his vision for the Country Club by developing a Resort and Spa. This will further enhance the amenities already offered.*

*When I first spoke to Mr. Kim in 2016, I wanted to be sure our name was added to the contact list for the grand opening of the Spa and Restaurant(s). We are still waiting for this to happen, as are many of our friends and other family members.*

*We applaud Mr. Kim for his perseverance in this project and do hope that it will soon become a reality for the Eastern side of Santa Clarita. The Spa and Resort will be a very positive addition to our town and will bring in many jobs for our local residents.*

*Your consideration of approving Mr. Kim's development plans is greatly appreciated by our entire family.*

*Sincerely,*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*My name is Lisa deSouza and I am a resident of the Sand Canyon community in Santa Clarita. I wanted to write you because while there are many in the community who are opposed to the Sand Canyon Resort and are voicing their opinions. I thought that you also needed to hear from those who support the project.*

*I moved up to Sand Canyon a little under five years ago and I soon fell in love with its beauty and open landscapes. I first learned about the project in a conversation with Steve Kim himself and I was excited to know that such an amazing project was coming to the area. This is a GOOD thing for us! In the short time that I have been here many people from LA are discovering and moving to Santa Clarita. Having a resort such as Mr. Kim is proposing helps solidify Santa Clarita as a destination to not only visit but also live. This has amazing implications for our city. Visitors bring \$\$\$ and the resort will bring jobs to the area...all that are desperately needed after this pandemic. Furthermore, it will drive up our property values and when the same people who are opposing this project get to sell their homes for 2 – 3 x more than what they paid for it, I suspect that they will see the value of this project then. And I question the underlying motives of the same people who oppose this project and didn't oppose Vista Canyon or the Sand Canyon Plaza.*

*Nevertheless I think it is important for you to hear from a resident who is in support of this project. I hope to see the Sand Canyon Resort become a reality!*

*Regards,*

*Lisa deSouza*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*As a resident of the City of Santa Clarita, I am writing to you in support of the Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort. This project will bring significant number of jobs, tax revenues and many other economic opportunities to our community.*

*A hotel and resort will bring hundreds of jobs to the city. The resort will provide numerous new constructions, as well as hospitality and recreation jobs for our local residents. These additional jobs for local residents will also reduce traffic and congestion on our local freeways.*

*Additionally, a new hotel and resort will bring new economic opportunities to the City. A resort will bring in additional tourism monies. It will also increase tax revenues for the City and will help bolster revenues for other local businesses.*

*I am especially excited about the new leisure and recreation opportunities that the resort will provide, including walking trails, dining, sports, a spa and a large ballroom for special events. These new amenities will help increase property values and quality of life in the City. It is also important to note that these opportunities will be available on the Canyon Country side of Santa Clarita.*

*Finally, I have personally worked with Mr. Steve Kim and his staff for several years. Mr. Kim cares deeply for his adopted new community here in Santa Clarita. His improvements to the Sand Canyon Country Club have been effective and appreciated. His philanthropic giving, from his foundation, to Santa Clarita non-profits have been extraordinarily generous. This took on even greater significance during the difficulties that our non-profits have endured during the pandemic.*

*I appreciate this opportunity to show my support for Mr. Kim and for the Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort project.*

*Sincerely,*

*Michael Jaffe*

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Dear City Council Members:

*I have lived in Santa Clarita Valley for the past six years. It had been a dream to live here, since I moved to Southern California, in 1990. I moved here for the diversity of opportunities, amenities, and neighborliness I could not find elsewhere. I hope to remain here as long as I am able.*

*I have played the game of golf for over 22 years. It is a passion, even though I do not play well these days, due to an injury 14-years ago. Nevertheless, I still get out there and swing the clubs. I play wherever my vehicle can take me. I stopped playing at "Robinson Ranch" years ago when it fell into such disrepair. This past year, I was wonderfully reacquainted not only with the course, but the Owner, (Mr. Kim), General Manager, and Maintenance and Grounds Manager. Amazing people to have taken their dream of creating the highest quality golf opportunity here in Santa Clarita Valley! If you play golf, you know what I mean! Every single detail of what makes a great recreational experience has been foreseen and put into place. The staff are absolutely amazing. They say it is the staff who make the place, and it is entirely true. You will always receive a smile and an assist for whatever is needed.*

*Something is missing though. We desperately need a RESORT and a SPA to accompany the golf and restaurant. I say desperately because I am the only member of my family that resides in California. When my family come for a visit, I have NO PLACE to house them close to me, NO PLACE for them to recreate themselves in comfort and NO PLACE for them to be together with me as a family. Santa Clarita Valley do not offer either of those amenities, so I always have to take them miles away from here. What a shame I cannot show off where I live and the community in which I live. I cannot offer them anything here. What a shame I cannot offer a large venue for a group meeting.*

*Mr. Kim and his team have spent years planning and caring for the land that is now the Sand Canyon Golf Club. I am EXCITED about the leisure and recreation opportunities the RESORT will provide. It is an amazing and integrated use of the desert landscape with attention to the details we all care so deeply about: water usage, sewer output, fire suppression and control, and environmental impact. I have NEVER been to a golf course that has done a better job at all of these things than Mr. Kim and his team.*

*We really do need everything else the resort and spa will provide. We really need a fine dining experience, spa facilities, and recreational activities with well-kept hiking trails. We also need the increased economic boost this resort and spa will provide: TOURISM monies. With COVID being so rampant and destroying livelihoods everywhere, wouldn't it be in our best interest to provide jobs and tax revenues for the city? Imagine the added valuation when tourism and recreational monies are spent right here in Santa Clarita!*

*I know there is concern about the environment. I play out there on a weekly basis. This Hotel and Resort is planned to be 100% solar, use greywater effectively and provide for purposeful open space, all integrated seamlessly with the natural landscape! Imagine if all the businesses in Santa Clarita could boast such a thing.*

*I am well aware of Mr. Kim and his team. They do not do anything half-way. Quality is key within every aspect of his endeavors. It is truly an honor to be able to lend my support to this process and this hearing for the approval of Sand Canyon Hotel and Resort.*

Thank you for your time,

Debby Westcott



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*Dear City Council Members:*

*This notice is to voice my support for the proposed Sand Canyon Resort for the City of Santa Clarita... As the 3rd largest city in Los Angeles County, Santa Clarita is in dire need of recreation and entertainment venues looking into the future. With all the residential development occurring at this time, it is imperative for our valley to keep pace in an effort to avoid becoming merely a bedroom community serving the City of Los Angeles as we look into the future.*

*Mr. Steve Kim has demonstrated his ability to adapt to new challenges, and is willing to put his time, effort, and assets into this project. The new jobs, tax revenues, and recreational diversification for the area are badly needed, and leisure activity utilizing our valley's natural beauty, enviable weather, and existing community infrastructure is all the more reason to see this project through to reality. I have offered up my personal assistance to Mr. Kim to help bring this idea to fruition. This represents an opportunity with too much potential to pass up as the area continues its pattern of growth, opportunity, and diversity... Count me in as one of those supporting this proposal.*

*Sincerely,*

*Stuart Miller*

*30-year Santa Clarita Valley resident...*

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*Thank you for this opportunity to show my support. I am hopeful of further progress being made on the Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort.*

*Sincerely,*

*Betty Rabin Fung*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*As a 15-year resident active in our community and as independent business owner in the city of Santa Clarita, I am writing to you in support of the Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort. The proposed project will provide new employment opportunities, leisure & recreation, and more importantly economic growth for our community.*

*With LAX and Burbank airports in close proximity to Santa Clarita, the resort would be a welcomed choice for travelers and business owners abroad.*

*I am especially enthusiastic about the new leisure and recreation opportunities the resort will provide. I particularly appreciate the proximity and not having to drive to Ojai or Ventura to enjoy a little Rest & Relaxation. I am also confident the new amenities will increase property values and quality of life in the City.*

*Finally, I sincerely appreciate Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort's environmentally friendly plans, which includes being 100% solar powered, a grey water system, and new open space.*

*Thank you for this opportunity to express my support. I look forward to the progress of the Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Sincerely,*

*Alex Cortez*

*Owner*

*AC Media & Marketing*

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*Matt Nelson*

*Non-Profit Executive*

*Santa Clarita Resident*

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*Michael Foley*

*Executive Director*

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*Sincerely,*

*Sandra Manning*

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*Dear City Council Members:*

*I am writing this letter in support of the development of the Sand Canyon Country Club and Resort. Santa Clarita has been my home for nearly a decade now and before that I would travel out here on the weekends from Burbank Ca, simply to get away from the city life. I found this wonderful escape and with Steve Kim's vision I know others will as well.*

*Golfing at Sand Canyon Country Club has become one of my favorite destinations in the area. Mr. Kim's attention to detail and flat out caring for the community has guided his decision making. His vision for the resort project is as much about Santa Clarita as it is about the endeavor itself.*

*I have stayed and played at the Ojai Valley Inn and Spa in Ojai. I have spent time wandering around the town of Ojai and talked to the residents there. They all beam with pride when talking about "Their resort." I am looking forward to speaking that way of the Sand Canyon Country Club and Resort.*

*In these times we need to encourage men like Mr. Kim to invest in our community. To add value and jobs to the area. 500 new jobs to the Santa Clarita Valley as well as tax revenues to the City of Santa Clarita, is a major win for us all.*

*I whole heartedly endorse this project and look forward to taking advantage of what the resort has to offer. I recommend that the Planning Commission and the entire City Council approve this wonderful boon for City of Santa Clarita.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Ted Tobin*

*Executive Creative Director*

*Creative marketing Solutions*

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*Thank you for this opportunity to show my support. I am hopeful of further progress being made on the Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mr. Joe & Dr. Jane Ramboldt*



*SUBJECT: SUPPORT THE SAND CANYON PROJECT*

*Dear City Council Members:*

*As a resident of the City of Santa Clarita, I am writing to you in support of the Sand Canyon Hotel & Resort. This project will bring jobs, leisure and recreation, and other economic opportunity to the community.*

*A hotel and resort will bring hundreds of jobs to the city. Initially, construction jobs will be needed. After the resort is built numerous new jobs in hospitality and recreation will be available for local residents. More local jobs will reduce traffic and congestion on local freeways.*

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*Sincerely,*

*Shari Summers*

*SUBJECT: SUPPORT THE SAND CANYON PROJECT*

*Dear City Council Members:*

*I am a 30-year resident of Sand Canyon and live on Condor Ridge Road. I wish to express my support for the project as proposed by Mr. Steve Kim. This project will enhance our neighborhood by providing good jobs, an exciting resort destination, and beautification of Sand Canyon. It is a win win for the residents of Santa Clarita, and the entire Canyon Country area.*

*After reviewing the opposition to the project, I want to let you know their claims of traffic and disruption of the canyon are red herrings, put forward to diminish the prospects for the project to move forward.*

- I am an avid biker on Sand Canyon, and the resort will have no effect on bike riding due to Traffic.*
- In 30 years, we have had one evacuation and it was a nothing event since the fire department did an excellent job protecting the community. The resort will act as a buffer to future fires and provide fire fighters with needed infrastructure to fight any fires.*
- The public lands are a mess of tangled weeds where no one will ever go, yet a resort will make that area usable to the residents and visitors. That is a huge upgrade to the scrub brush and tumble weeds on the plot of land today.*
- There are no way hotel rooms will become low-income housing. A red herring by newcomers and old complainers.*

*Mr. Kim has resurrected the golf course and appears to be doing the same for the entire area. The Sand Canyon Resort is helping our land values and increasing property taxes. To be against the Sand Canyon Resort is absurd, like cutting off our collective noses to spite our faces.*

*Respectfully,*

*Art Herrera*

*SUBJECT: SUPPORT THE SAND CANYON PROJECT*

*Dear City Council Members:*

*I support the proposed Sand Canyon Hotel and Resort. I have lived and worked in Santa Clarita for forty years. My family and I have resided in Sand Canyon for thirty years.*

*The Hotel will not only positively affect Sand Canyon, but also the greater SCV.*

***Jobs:***

*There will be hundreds of high paying construction jobs desperately needed in an economy not yet recovered from the viral pandemic. Arrangements can be made with the contractors to hire local unemployed youths as apprentices.*

*Though Sand Canyon is a wealthy community, it is adjacent to Canyon Country with some of the poorest areas in the SCV. The hotel will require hundreds of full-time workers in the hospitality and culinary arts. Many young people will have the opportunity to train, and eventually start careers in the culinary arts. Also, the Hotel could develop a partnership with COC's Culinary Arts Institute offering additional facilities for teaching students.*

***Traffic:***

*Since closure of the Pine Crest School, traffic has reduced. Also, there are now two new exits out of Sand Canyon leading to Vista Canyon.*

*The concern about pedestrians and animals delaying evacuation from the Canyon has been mitigated by the new bridal path along Sand Canyon Road.*

*Also, a maintained dry road through the river wash can serve as an emergency exit out of the Hotel. The fire season and the wet season do not coincide, and, therefore, water in the wash will not be an issue.*

***Hotel Failure:***

*Opponents argue the hotel will be so busy causing massive traffic delays, while at the same time claiming it is bound to fail leaving abandoned rotting buildings. One cannot have it both ways.*

*To increase the odds of success, it might be better if Mr. Kim be the CEO overseeing his vision, and have an experienced COO on site to run the daily operations.*

*Also, to allay many concerns, the project might be developed in stages.*

*The Ojai Valley Inn, a similar development, has been successful.*

***Property Values:***

*Despite homes in Sand Canyon being expensive, they sell for significantly less than similar homes in the west part of the SCV when considering square footage and lot size. The reason for this is lack of amenities in the east part of the SCV. The Hotel's facilities will help raise property values.*

*SUBJECT: SUPPORT THE SAND CANYON PROJECT*

*Dear City Council Members:*

*I support approval of the draft EIR and the Sand Canyon Resort project. The EIR adequately address the objections of the small group of people who loudly oppose anything and everything in the Canyon. We have owned a ranch property in Sand Canyon for 15 years. The Golf Course has been a wonderful addition to our community and the Resort and Spa should be welcomed.*

*Tim and Jill Gerrity*

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*SUBJECT: SUPPORT THE SAND CANYON PROJECT*

*Dear City Council Members:*

*On or about September 12, 2019, Mr. Steve Kim, hosted an open house at the Sand Canyon Country Club, starting at 6:00PM. The purpose was an informational event about his vision for the future development of the Sand Canyon Resort and Spa. He provided an open bar and served gourmet hors d'oeuvres prior to the presentation.*

*I arrived at about 6:50PM and the banquet room was filled to capacity with standing room only. Mr. Kim welcomed the group and before the presentation he opened the floor for comments. The mood of the room was quite interesting, to say the least. There was definitely a vocal outburst filled with anger and verbal attack slated against Mr. Kim and the vision he has for the Country Club. Not one person pre-empted their attack by thanking Mr. Kim for his graciousness of hosting the event and providing an unlimited supply of wine, liquor and food for all to enjoy. One of the commentators asked a show of hands of all who were in favor of the development. There were about three or four people who were brave enough to raise their hands- I chose to stand in support of Mr. Kim and his vision. Realizing that I was in a room filled with protestors I sat down and decided, for my own safety, not to speak. I ultimately left the meeting as the verbal attacks and rudeness was more than I cared to witness. These were adults who opted to take their anger out on Mr. Kim. I was so uncalled for.*

*Had Mr. Kim not purchased the property, the Golf Course would have further deteriorated to the point where it would have become an attractive nuisance for off road vehicles etc., and an eye soar for the Robinson Ranch Gated Community.*

*My late husband, a World War II Veteran told me always to practice the three P's of the Orient- "Patience, Politeness and Perseverance." Had I known of the tone of the crowd on September 12, 2019 I would have brought a sign with the 3 P's of the Orient printed on it and held it up for all to see.*

*We are definitely in full support of Mr. Kim's vision. We have been looking forward to the Spa and Restaurant(s) for over three years now. To date, there is no evidence of any progress-just more down-sizing of the proposed development and additional costs to Mr. Kim for amended architectural drawings etc., in an effort to appease the protestors, I imagine.*

*I did register to speak at the meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, but my name was never called to speak. I was quit disappointed.*

*The Sand Canyon Resort will be a definite boost to Canyon Country. It's a perfect setting for a weekend conference, large enough for local fund-raising events for non-profit organizations etc. and a destination place for families and individuals to just get away and enjoy peaceful surroundings.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mary R. Martin*

*SUBJECT: SUPPORT THE SAND CANYON PROJECT*

*Dear City Council Members:*

*We have lived in Canyon Country for over 50 years. We have watched while other areas in the valley have added upscale features, we seem to be the forgotten side of the valley.*

*We feel that the addition of the Sand Canyon Hotel & Spa would be an added benefit to all. We would have a truly Five Star place for Weddings and Receptions, along with fine dining restaurants. It would be a pleasant place to take family and friends for all occasions.*

*We have seen Robinson Ranch transcend into Sand Canyon Golf course. As long-time members we have watched it go from a very beautiful destination to a desolate non playable course. After not only the drought and fires, we have seen what the hard work of Mr. Kim and his staff have done with the area. We can again say "What a wonderful place to play golf." With the addition of restaurants, you could have a complete day of golf and dining.*

*We live close enough to watch the fire roar through the golf course and surrounding area (not just once) and we have been thankful that Sand Canyon Golf Course has been able to supply water from various lakes to help fight those fires.*

*The issue with the traffic is interesting. Currently you have two schools (and soon a large development of houses, apartments and businesses). The current traffic is caused by parents dropping off and picking up their children. In addition, many commuters use Sand Canyon as an Alternate route off Hwy14. Traffic created by people visiting the Hotel & Spa would be at different times. Most people staying at the Hotel would not be traveling at school hours and commuter traffic times.*

*We also believe the revenue that city would get will help continue to improve and maintain our area. Plus, this project would create hundreds of jobs.*

*Thanks you for your consideration*

*Sincerely*

*Bob and Judy Keeler*

*SUBJECT: SUPPORT THE SAND CANYON PROJECT*

*Dear City Council Members:*

*I am Chef Walter Kiczek, I have been working for Sand Canyon Country Club since 2017. I managed the restaurant and banquet events.*

*I am a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. I have been preparing food and serving guests for over 36 years. I started my culinary career at The Breakers Hotel and South Sea Plantation Resorts in Florida. I worked as an executive chef in New Jersey restaurants and as a corporate executive chef where I oversaw food production and catering operations for 3000 people on a daily basis.*

*I've been involved in the Sand Canyon Resort & Spa project from the inception. I closely work with interior design team, work on the restaurant floor plans, kitchen layout, and the menus for each restaurant venue.*

*Our Vision is to greet you like close friends with loving care that touches each and every guest's unique spirit. You will be filled with adventure and warmth, extraordinary service, unforgettable experiences in our joyful and caring environment with lasting and wonderful memories.*

*Our main dining Restaurant - 3 meal buffet venue will have 350 seats. Upon entering you will have a culinary adventure of international cuisines and flavors of the world.*

*Our ever – changing menus will also feature California influenced cuisine with locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.*

*Picture chefs preparing food at our action stations while accessible to answer culinary questions.*

*Watch our chefs demonstrate fresh mozzarella, beignet fritters, pasta dough, gnocchi to name a few. Our 200 seat Italian Restaurant will be our Signature dining venue with aspirations of achieving Michelin status*

*Envision a restaurant with changing menus depending on the availability of seasonal and fresh ingredients and importing the most acclaimed products while maintaining the strictest traditions of regional Italian cooking. European luxury, palate enriching cuisine, world renowned service, a wine list with Italian roots.*

*Our Chefs will be encouraged and entrusted to envision traditional cuisine with a modern deconstruction to a recreation of deep Italian regional cuisine as tasting menus and private events.*

*We will have a dry aged prime beef display case in full view of the restaurant, a lobster tank with the best hard-shell lobsters available at market in addition to a wine display case that hold 1000 bottles.*

*Additional dining venues will have a lounge on the 2nd floor in the main hotel featuring unique small plate menus along with a gourmet bar menu. Our pool bar / grill will feature all the favorites associated with pool side dining with some special culinary demonstrations such as poolside paella as an example.*

*Our community and visiting guests will truly enjoy a first-class experience at the Restaurants of Sand Canyon Resort.*

*SUBJECT: SUPPORT THE SAND CANYON PROJECT*

*Dear City Council Members:*

*The resort at Sand Canyon is a wonderful opportunity for the people of Santa Clarita to have their own world-class get-away similar to Ojai and other high-end communities. Canyon Country has incredible natural beauty being close to Sand Canyon, the San Gabriel Mountains, Angeles National Forest, native oaks, and the pastels of the chaparral. The project design would enhance the natural beauty of the Santa Clarita Valley, highlighting the oak forest of the canyon bottoms and the pine forests of the bordering mountains. In addition, golf courses act as natural fire breaks, adding an increased protection for homes in the Sand Canyon and surrounding areas from the wildfires that are a recurring feature of the natural evolution of the native chaparral.*

*The resort will provide hundreds of jobs, increase property values, and significantly increase tax revenues both from the resort and the businesses nearby. It will provide the same opportunities that Valencia provides for western Santa Clarita, but for eastern Santa Clarita. Please strongly consider approving Mr. Kim's request.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. and Mrs. George Hathaway*



*SUBJECT: SUPPORT THE SAND CANYON PROJECT*

*Dear City Council Members:*

*At your meeting on Tuesday, March 3, I was a speaker in support of the proposed Sand Canyon Resort. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.*

*I stayed on the entire call to see how it would all go down. And quiet frankly, it went downhill with some disappointing comments by a commission member, and inaccurate statements from the “anti-resort” group.*

*No planning board member should make comments that are insulting and disparaging to the person who is proposing the resort. Ms. Lisa Eichman, has a right to her thoughts, but when she suggested Mr. Kim might be “buying” his support through donations to non-profits, she crossed the line. It was totally inappropriate and insulting. I was embarrassed for the Commission and the lack of reprimand by the Planning Commission. Mr. Kim is very generous to Santa Clarita’s charities and supports them with good will and to help those in need in our community. He also does this in his own country – South Korea.*

*Secondly, I think we need to be careful about statements that are made suggesting people will be brought in from LA to do the work on the resort if approved. To me it sounds like racial profiling. Of course, we want our community to benefit from jobs that will become available, but you hire those who have the skills and want to work on the project.*

*Finally, there were some comments made in error about the resort. One, the Spa will be open to the public without having to rent a room at the hotel and stay the night. Not sure where that falsehood started. Secondly, someone said La Quinta Resort in Palm Springs has 54 pools compared to Sand Canyon which has one. First La Quinta has 2 full size pools for 796 rooms compared to Sand Canyon which will have two pools for 379 rooms. Secondly, yes there are mini/spa pools outside of casitas. However, La Quinta is also a RESORT CLUB where rooms are rented thru owners and VRBO. It is a CLUB, which Sand Canyon Resort is not.*

*After attending three meetings, it is hard to believe people are being objective in looking at the proposal. We all want our community to be the wonderful place it is to live. I see a lot of giving on the part of Mr. Kim, who has been before this board too many times to get approval. It is time to make a decision on this resort and treat people with the respect they deserve.*

*Thank you for letting me give my opinion.*

*Jean La Corte*

Subject: SUPPORT THE SAND CANYON PROJECT

Dear City Council Members:

My name is Tom Lenahan, and I am a 35-year resident of the Santa Clarita Valley. I wish to express my support for project as proposed by Mr. Steve Kim. The project will enhance Santa Clarita by providing good jobs, an exciting resort destination, and the beautification of Sand Canyon.

My background is firefighting, and I am a 31-year veteran of the City of Burbank Fire Department (Retired) and currently the Fire Chief for the Hollywood Burbank Airport Fire Department. I have many years of experience with both structural and wildland firefighting.

The project alone could not stop wildfires from occurring but through design and mitigation, the project could ensure existing wildfire conditions are not made worse. The project would be constructed using the newest and most current building codes and standards with all buildings being fully equipped with fire sprinklers. Fire sprinklers assist with compartmentalizing the origin of the fire for quicker mitigation by the Fire department.

The project would also be required to meet the latest wildfire prevention standards, including the provision of fuel modification zones which allow for a minimum of 200 ft. of defensible space around all structures. The project would truly be a "Stand Alone" structure in the wildland environment. The large greenbelt around the project would provide safety for the hotel occupants and employees. The project could be used as an evacuation site for residents in the area if necessary.

The Project is also providing a secondary emergency access that connects Robinson Ranch Road to Oak Springs Canyon Road that meets fire department standards.

In conclusion, I feel this project would be very safe in any structural or wildland firefighting situations and would enhance the beautification of Sand Canyon.

Respectfully,

Tom Lenahan

**Alex Kim**  
**Milestone Community Resident**  
**Santa Clarita**

Thursday, July 1, 2021

City of Santa Clarita  
Attn: City Council Members  
Delivered via email

**Re: Yes to the Sand Canyon Resort!**

Dear City Council Members:

First and foremost, thank you for your countless years of public service to the SCV, residents, and businesses. This amazing city wouldn't as prestigious, beautiful, and as prosperous without your continuous ideas, reviews, and support. For all that you have done and will continue to do, thank you. You are the unsung heroes in SCV politics.

I am a relatively new resident to Santa Clarita (lived in West LA most of my life). I wouldn't have considered the SCV had I not seen this as a safe, modern, and city that was going in the right direction. From an outsider perspective prior to moving here, I saw the SCV as one of the few places in LA that is moving in the right path in terms of city planning, housing building codes, public safety, education, and balanced lifestyle.

When I think about what the SCV is missing, I can only think of two things: a regional airport (for which there is no space) and a luxurious golf resort for a quick weekend getaway, guests, and corporate events. The majority of the 3+ star hotels are all located in Valencia and there are no decent places for guests in the East SCV which has a growing affluent population with the Fair Oaks community and surroundings.

The Sand Canyon Resort has too many positive aspects to ignore. It would be a great compliment to the city in terms of boosting tourism, increasing property values by increasing the value proposition of living in the SCV, providing high-end lodging that is actually in high demand, refining an existing classy golf course, and creating *hundreds* of jobs which will support the many growing families in this community. It would also be fantastic to have an additional corporate events venue which will probably also be utilized by motion picture productions. All of this has been mentioned by everyone else before me, but perhaps some people don't realize that the average resort developer/owner wouldn't be willing to provide so many concessions at the owner's cost for the benefit of the SCV and its residents. I should add that I have *no* affiliation whatsoever with the owner Steve Kim (a common last name). In an industry where developers are used to strong-arming city council members to get it their way, it's refreshing to finally see a developer who listens to the community concerns, makes adjustments, and works with city council to make everyone just a bit happier. As far as I know, outside developers aren't pouring into the SCV with these kinds of opportunities that could benefit us all.

My view of this Sand Canyon Resort project is probably slightly different than most long-time SCV residents who are resisting most changes. Sometimes people forget that the SCV is what it is today thanks to the many changes and projects approved by the City Council. One has really to *zoom out* in the SCV development timeline to understand how new developments have usually helped the city and its residents in a myriad of ways. Santa Clarita wouldn't be a family city without all of its major landmarks (Six Flags, Westfield Mall, Costco, Sam's, Central Park, Aquatics Center, The Cube, etc). As an outsider that moved to the SCV and is now an insider, the Sand Canyon Resort development would be an amazing welcome that will better our lifestyle and community.

I look forward to seeing Santa Clarita continue to develop into the highly-desirable community that it is today.

Sincerely,

Alex Kim

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