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## Holt House Officially Denied - For Now

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View of Lot 66 from Sierra Vista Way, house site would have been on the right side of Sessions Road Photo Cathy Tyson

Just before the February ninth City Council meeting which would have finalized the denial of former Planning Commissioner Dick Holt's building application, his attorney requested that the resolution be removed from the consent calendar. What had seemed like a done deal to opponents was now up in the air. The usual procedure is that a decision is made by the Council, who direct staff to return with a resolution at the following meeting - in this case, on February ninth. At that meeting, the matter was opened up to discussion, but ultimately the Council adopted the denial resolution.

Neighbors who had been following the many twists and turns of this controversial application to develop Lot 66 were once again incensed. C.W. Chung, President of the Northridge Park Home Owners Association said, "We are fed up with this. We would like to reject this once and for all." He wasn't the only one expressing his displeasure, many neighbors offered comments encouraging the Council to deny the application.

"Once again I am appalled at the arrogance and continued defiance shown by Mr. Holt and his representative with respect to this request. By my count, this is the sixth time that this scandalous proposal has been rebuffed or denied by representatives of the City of Lafayette," said Jeff Harmon in a letter to the City Council.

In the end, the Council did deny the appeal of Holt for a request for a hillside development permit for a home at the corner of Sessions Road and Sierra Vista Way.

David Bowie, attorney for Holt noted, "It must be perfectly clear that this matter is not going away," suggesting they will submit a new application at some point.

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