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## Letters to the Editor

CV Development is Not What Moragans Want

The City Ventures (CV) development by the fire station is not a "done deal."

The town is giving away for free approximately 20' over three acres of public easement on Moraga Way to City Ventures. Moraga is in major debt and giving land away, so the developer can make more money and build a project that is too big for the lot!

CV violates at least 16 clauses in the General and specific plans. It violates the minimal space between buildings, setbacks and height. Other projects were turned down for height and setbacks much larger than these. Why is CV exempt from the same standards?

There are 6-foot setbacks, three stories, and 10 feet between buildings! It is too large for the lot, so they are building 20 feet into the road easement for free! A planning commissioner was horrified by this and voted against CV. A design review board member abstained from voting because it violates the scenic corridor.

This has already set a precedence for other developers to violate the plans. Now three stories, smaller building separations and smaller setbacks are "standard."

CV traffic report is absurd: 90 parking spaces, they claim it will only add 16 cars in the morning, and 19 cars in the evening commute! If it was 20 or more cars, Moraga is supposed to report it to Orinda and Lafayette!

The town never did a separate traffic report. No specific EIR was done.

The entire process of this project has been questionable. A planning commissioner is challenging one part now.

Fifteen hundred concerned people of a town of 4,000 registered voters signed a petition for the right to vote on rezoning the lot. We ask the town to listen to its residents, and to honor the fire department's rejection. The town should represent the view of the residents, not developers.

We want the town to honor its' own codes, character and plans.

If CV had been reasonable with two-story, single family homes that fit the lot, the residents would have accepted it.

Please write to your town now.

Margaret Gee

Moraga

A Thanks from Orinda's Roads Committee

Fix Orinda Roads Now sincerely thanks the Orinda community for approving Measure L, a \$25 million bond to continue progress in repairing our roads and drains. Also, we extend our sincere appreciation to the many volunteers who helped us reach out to citizens to inform them about the benefits of supporting Phase 3 of the Orinda Road and Drainage Repair Plan.

To receive updates on road repairs, please sign up for the City of Orinda's e-newsletter, Orinda Outlook, by going to the City website home page ([www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org)) and the Fix Orinda Roads periodic newsletter updates by visiting [www.fixorindaroads.org](http://www.fixorindaroads.org).

With gratitude,

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