

Sarah Godinez

From: Doug Castilleja [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 5:02 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: 508-512 S. Ivy Ave

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Hello,

I am opposed to allowing the development of the property for the commercial use. Beyond the commercial use I vehemently oppose the selling of alcoholic beverages at this location. Allowing a business to sell alcoholic beverages on a route heavily used daily by middle school students is a bad idea.

I think allowing commercial use west of Ivy is pushing too far into residential areas. Specifically allowing a business that will attract the general public may create additional parking issues in an area already short of parking. Friday nights are especially difficult due to the street fair. I live on Colorado very close to Ivy. Fridays always bring unwanted parking congestion and foot traffic.

More so, than the coffee shop itself is the request to sell alcoholic beverages. The location is only a few blocks from Clifton middle school. Currently there are not any businesses selling alcoholic beverages on Ivy. The closest are about half way between Myrtle & Ivy, in various locations between Colorado and Foothill. This is also a heavily used route by students every day to and from school.

Doug Castilleja
[REDACTED] E Colorado Blvd

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From: Erin Dufault-Hunter [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 2:33 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: 508-512 South Ivy Avenue

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Concerns for the current addresses:

First, I have met the owner and am glad for the work he and his partner are doing on these properties.

Second, as someone who lives just around the corner, the possibility of the venues being used for large groups (e.g., weddings etc.) concerns me greatly. The Kingdom Hall gathering and the large number of multi-resident homes on our block means that parking is incredibly difficult for those of us who live near the sometimes intensely busy corner. Add Friday night fairs and other events and parking continues to be challenging. We often cannot park near our home, let alone host others who can park nearby.

I hope for the venue to remain only a B and B, not approved as a restaurant and venue for parties.

With thanks for your concerns and work for the city,
Erin Dufault-Hunter
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Sarah Godinez

From: Brian Yamaguchi [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2023 11:57 PM
To: Alice Atkins
Cc: Brian.Yamaguchi
Subject: Public Comment - City Council Meeting 7/18/2023 - Agenda Item CC-12 Lease Agreement with AT&T/Smartlink

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my strong support for Agenda Item CC-12 regarding the lease agreement for the installation of a wireless cell tower by Smartlink Group on Norumbega Drive, adjacent to the water tower. I believe that this project will bring significant benefits to the community and address the urgent need for improved cell coverage in the area.

One of the key factors driving my support for this project is the unique geographical and safety considerations of the eastern Monrovia foothills. As you are aware, the region is susceptible to wildfires like the Bobcat Fire, and there is only one road leading into the area. The recent incident involving a downed tree blocking the road that resulted in residents being trapped for nearly a full day highlights the importance of reliable communication in emergency situations. With poor cell coverage currently experienced in the area, it is imperative that steps are taken to address this issue and ensure the safety and well-being of the residents.

In today's modern world, cell phones have become essential tools for communication and access to vital information. Many residents no longer rely on traditional landlines, making a reliable cell network even more crucial. By approving the installation of a wireless cell tower, residents will have improved access to emergency services, the ability to stay connected with loved ones during emergencies, and greater convenience in their day-to-day lives.

Given the tower's proposed location is in an area with abundant tree cover and with its distance from any residential building, it would be discreetly hidden and inconspicuous to the community. It is reassuring to know that the tower will not disrupt the natural aesthetics of the surrounding environment while providing the necessary cell coverage. The project's repaving of the City's access road to the water tower and other site improvements are a welcome bonus.

Furthermore, the installation of this cell tower will not only benefit the immediate community but also contribute to the overall development and progress of Monrovia. As a forward-

thinking city, it is crucial to embrace technological advancements that enhance the quality of life for residents and promote economic growth. Access to reliable cell coverage will attract businesses, foster communication, and ensure that Monrovia remains competitive in a digitally connected world.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Monrovia City Council to approve Agenda Item CC-12 regarding the lease agreement for the wireless cell tower installation by Smartlink Group for AT&T wireless. This project is critical for public safety, improved communication, and the overall well-being of the community. I trust that the council will consider these factors and make a decision that serves the best interests of the residents and contributes to a premier quality of life.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to making informed decisions that positively impact our community.

Sincerely,

Brian Yamaguchi

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From: Brian Yamaguchi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 7:37 AM
To: Alice Atkins
Cc: Brian.Yamaguchi
Subject: Public Comment - City Council Meeting 7/18/2023 - CC-8 MOA with SGVCOG for Participation in SGV CARE Program

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Dear Councilmembers,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to address an important matter regarding the SGV CARE Program, specifically agenda item CC-8, which pertains to the Memorandum of Agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG). I kindly request your attention to the current operating procedures of the program, as I believe they warrant reconsideration in order to better serve our community members in need.

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude for the implementation of the SGV CARE Program, a pilot initiative that provides specialized response to individuals experiencing mental health crises or emergencies. The collaborative efforts of the SGVCOG and the non-profit organization Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (L.A. CADA) are commendable, and the program has the potential to make a significant positive impact in our community.

However, it has come to my attention that the current operating procedures of the SGV CARE Program prevent L.A. CADA from intervening with individuals who may be observed on the streets experiencing mental health issues, unless a member of the public has placed a call to report the individual. I believe that these restrictions are counterproductive to the underlying objective of the program, which should be to ensure that those in need of care receive the assistance required as soon as possible to begin their path to recovery.

By limiting the ability of L.A. CADA to engage with individuals in crisis proactively, we risk missing critical opportunities for preemptive intervention. Mental health issues can manifest in various ways, and it is essential to recognize the signs and provide appropriate support promptly. Waiting for a member of the public to report an individual in crisis introduces unnecessary delays and could potentially result in escalating situations or missed opportunities for early intervention.

I respectfully urge the Monrovia City Council to work in collaboration with the SGVCOG and L.A. CADA to review and amend the operating procedures of the SGV CARE Program. I propose

that the restrictions on preemptive intervention be lifted, allowing L.A. CADA to engage with individuals experiencing mental health issues, regardless of whether or not a call has been placed by a member of the public. This change would align the program's procedures more closely with its primary goal of providing timely and effective care to those in need.

Additionally, I encourage the council to consider allocating resources for increased public awareness campaigns and education initiatives. By educating our community about the signs of mental health crises and how to appropriately report them, we can empower individuals to play an active role in helping those in distress.

In conclusion, I believe that by revisiting and revising the current operating procedures of the SGV CARE Program, we can improve its effectiveness and maximize its positive impact on our community. I appreciate your attention to this matter and kindly request that you take the necessary steps to address this issue promptly.

Thank you for your dedication to serving the needs of our community and for your consideration of my request. I am confident that together, we can create a program that truly supports individuals in mental health crises and ensures a safer, healthier, and more compassionate Monrovia.

Sincerely,

Brian Yamaguchi