

**Summary of Written Public Comments
Submitted for Development Review Committee Meeting – March 6, 2024**

<i>Comments Received BEFORE DRC Agenda Publication</i>			
Public Comment #	Name	Agenda Item	Comment Summary or Full Comment if brief
#1	Jesse Lomas	AR-1	Email from resident in opposition of the proposed project. Resident states that the project would have a detrimental effect on the owners and renters in the area due to unstable soil, increased traffic and noise, fire risk, and the risk of dangerous construction equipment failure.

<i>Comments Received AFTER DRC Agenda Publication</i>			
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#2	Lulu Rosales and Patrick Gallagher	AR-1	Letter from residents in opposition of the proposed project. The residents state that the proposed project would disrupt the ecosystem and detract from the natural beauty of the area, affect their and their neighbors' privacy, and cause potential flood and fire hazards that would compromise their safety and the safety of their homes.
#3	68 Monrovia Residents	AR-1	Letter signed by 68 residents in opposition of the proposed zone change. The residents also have concerns regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the invasive nature of the proposed project due to the height of the proposed home; • how the environmental documents do not adequately address impacts to the community; • the proposed removal of up to 40% of native oak root zones; and • the impact of the proposed project on wildlife, hillside views, and other homes on Norumbega Rd. and Norumbega Dr.
#4	Hope Velarde	AR-1	Email from resident in opposition of the proposed project. The resident has concerns regarding privacy as it relates to the height of the proposed home and the number of proposed windows that would face their home. They also believe that the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), and the included previous comments in the appendices, were not adequately addressed regarding soil, privacy, the size of the project, and compliance with the City's Municipal Code.

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Sat 2/24/2024 4:24 PM

Jesse Lomas [REDACTED]

545 Norumbega Dr. Proposed development.

To: planning

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This would have a detrimental effect on the owners/renters.
This came up 18 months to 2 years ago and was opposed then.

1. Land is far from stable, despite what any geologic surveys may say. Plenty of soil and stone gets washed away from the area behind the proposed site.
2. If the development goes ahead then they properties opposite will be directly affected by traffic, noise, dirt, etc.
3. Danger should any construction equipment fail.
4. Potential risk of fire during construction.

Jesse Lomas

[REDACTED]
554 Norumbega Dr
Monrovia CA 91016.

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Public Comment Letter from Lulu Rosales and Patrick Gallagher

We, the undersigned residents of 525 Norumbega Rd, strongly oppose the proposed construction of a home behind our neighborhood. Our primary concern stems from the fact that we purchased our home here precisely because of the unique features this area offers.

First and foremost, one of the main attractions of living in this neighborhood is its proximity to nature. The serene surroundings, lush greenery, and abundant wildlife contribute significantly to the quality of life we enjoy here. The proposed construction would disrupt this delicate ecosystem and detract from the natural beauty that drew us to this area in the first place.

Furthermore, one of the key factors that influenced our decision to purchase our home was the promise of full privacy. The addition of a new home behind our cul de sac neighborhood would encroach upon our privacy and that of our neighbors, diminishing the sense of tranquility and seclusion that we value so highly.

We're also extremely concerned about potential flood hazards, which the project MND does not adequately address. Placing such a large structure there will cause dramatic issues for the homes sitting above and beneath it.

Lastly, we have serious concerns regarding fire safety. The densely wooded areas surrounding our neighborhood pose a potential fire hazard, and the addition of a new home would only exacerbate this risk. We fear that increased development could compromise our safety and the safety of our homes.

In conclusion, we urge the relevant authorities to consider the wishes of the residents and reject the proposed construction behind the Norumbega Rd cul de sac. We believe that preserving the natural beauty, privacy, and safety of our neighborhood should take precedence over any development plans.

Kind Regards,

Lulu Rosales and Patrick Gallagher

525 Norumbega Rd

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From: Evan Stewart [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 12:19 PM
To: Sheri Bermejo <sbermejo@ci.monrovia.ca.us>
Subject: Development Review Committee: Petition opposing Norumbega Drive Residence Project

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Hi Sheri,

Please accept the attachment and the body of this message as a written comment for the development review committee hearing this afternoon concerning the Norumbega Drive Residence Project.

Please circulate with the city manager and advisory committee.

I'd like to further note the URL in the notice was deficient, which is extremely concerning.

Also, when will we receive notice about the neighborhood compatibility review?

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you

Evan Stewart
[REDACTED]

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**Petition Opposing the Rezoning of Public Foothill Land for
Private Development**

We the undersigned are strongly opposed to the proposed re-zone of public land for private development on Norumbega Dr. near Norumbega Rd. (Parcel # 8523-002-045.)

This development would set a dangerous precedent threatening for our foothill community well into the future.

The height demonstration currently on site confirms the residents' fears of just how invasive the structure will be and that the proposed home would irrevocably alter the nature and character of the neighborhood.

The environmental documents submitted do not adequately address the impacts this development will have on the community.





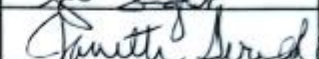
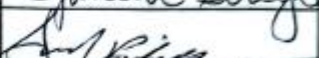

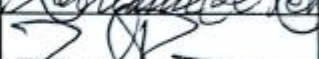
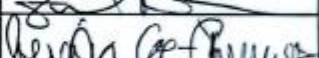
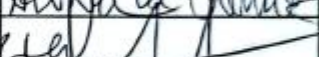
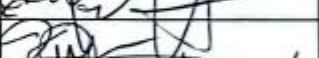


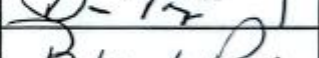
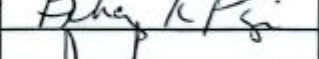



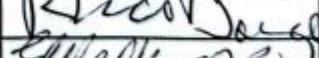
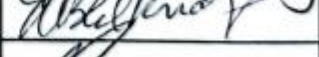

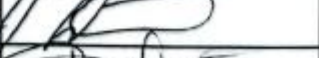
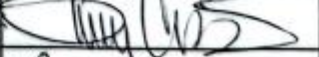
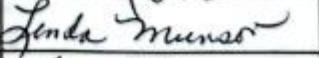
The amount of grading and removal of up to 40% of native oak root zones is excessive.

Factors such as the impact to wildlife, hillside views, privacy and lighting have not been adequately considered.

These documents also fail to address the impact the project imposes on the Norumbega Rd. and Norumbega Dr. properties.

We stand opposed to the re-zoning and approval of development on the above mentioned property and similar developments in the future.

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Juvia Coe-Renner		520 Norumbega Rd	
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Carmen Luna		513 Norumbega Rd	
D. P. P.		544 Norumbega Rd	
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Jose Lomas		554 NORUMBEGA Dr	
Salvador Gomez		551 NORUMBEGA Dr	
Rob Berggren		531 Norumbega Rd	
Richard Dangel		600 Norumbega	
Ed Bellamy		616 Norumbega Rd	
John Kuehn		502 norumbega	
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TRICIA		541 VALMONT DR.	<i>[Signature]</i>
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MC CALL WILLIAMS		513 VALMONT PI	<i>[Signature]</i>
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JANET JONSTON		528 VALMONT DR	<i>[Signature]</i>
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HEATHER NORSGARD		529 VALMONT DR.	<i>[Signature]</i>
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Prun		525 Nolumbega Ln	Prun
Anil Desai		571 Nolumbega RD	Anil Desai
Cindy Chen		13 521 Nolumbega Rd	Cindy Chen
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Rick MARTIN		524 VALMONT DR.	Rick MARTIN
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GARY POTTER		773 NORUMBEG DR.	<i>Gary Potter</i>
ERIC HBS		781 NORUMBEG DR.	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Mehla Ale		781 NORUMBEG DR.	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
VELA MUMSCH		771 NORUMBEG DR.	<i>Vela Mumsch</i>
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From: Hope Velarde [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2024 2:06 PM
To: planning <planning@ci.monrovia.ca.us>
Subject: 545 Norumbega Drive - Comments for Development Review Committee

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Good afternoon,

My name is Hope Velarde and I live at 524 Norumbega Road, the house located directly in front of the proposed project. My husband and I intentionally moved to Monrovia from Downtown Los Angeles to establish roots as this was the perfect place for us to start our family. My daughter is 2.5 years old and just started preschool here, we attend Immaculate Conception, and frequent the many beautiful parks the city has to offer.

We are committed parents and residents of Monrovia – we’ve built a community and see ourselves living here for many years to come. One of the reasons that attracted us to Monrovia, and our house in particular, was the friendly community and the open space that gave us the privacy and proximity to natural elements – something we lacked as residents of Downtown Los Angeles.

When we met with the Planning department a few years back in our neighborhood we expressed concern for the project and in particular was hopeful to see design changes that would address some of our concerns.

For example, the amount of windows aimed directly into our living room and bedroom do not offer much privacy. The project incorporates some privacy windows in the living room, but we would appreciate some additional steps to maintain the privacy requirements listed in the neighborhood compatibility requirements of the municipal code. Shifts in orientation, size of windows and related solutions would be greatly appreciated. In addition to the wrought iron fence, I hope privacy landscaping is integrated to further enhance privacy while not taking away from the natural elements we love so much about this area.

We enjoy many afternoons in our backyard and living room – this unfortunately may change with the addition of a new three-story house directly on top of us, negatively affecting our quality of life and positive perceptions we have on our home and City.

I also don’t believe the MND or the responses to the previous comments in the appendices adequately address the concerns about the soil, privacy, and the sheer size of the project and whether it complies with city code.

I hope you take our comments into consideration and explore alternative sites that would have less of an impact on existing residents. It’s important to consider the concerns of those who will be directly affected by this project and ensure that any housing projects are thoughtfully planned and integrated into the community – preserving the privacy, charm, and safety of our neighborhood should be your top priority. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Hope Velarde