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Jim Kalb, Mayor
Michael Jones, Solicitor
Honorable Council Members
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Re: Compliance with Ordinances and Regulations for New Construction Permit

Citizens have expressed concern with the City's recent construction permit approval process because it was reported to not have addressed their concerns during a City Planning Commission Meeting. I am requesting pertinent documentation to assure compliance of applicable regulations and codified ordinances concerning the new residential construction above Seneca Drive with the entrance from the top of Old Post Road. It was reported the citizens objected because neighbors felt harm may occur to adjacent properties from the additional storm water and potential hillside slippage.

Confirm that prior to approval of the permit for construction the requirements within the City's Codified Ordinances Part 11 – Planning and Zoning Code were met. More specifically consider the requirements within Chapter 1113 - Prerequisites to Approval of Final Plan and Municipal Services, Chapter 1117 - Hillside Regulations, and 2001 Storm Water Regulations.

It is reasonable to expect local government to respond to their citizens concerns by assuring them applicable standards were established prior to construction and enforced during construction. Please address this issue expediently to alleviate the anxiety felt and avert potential legal actions within this neighborhood.

Please notify me if you should have any questions.

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Advocate and Representative on City Council

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cc: City Planning Commission
Engineering Department
Jo Ann Aeh, Clerk (Record)