## **ATTACHMENT 6**

## Baldwin Way & Kelsey Knolls Neighborhood Petition

Petition for the Santa Rosa City Council

The Kelsey Knolls neighborhood seeks by petition to permanently open fire gate between the Boulders Apartment complex and Baldwin Way & Kelsey Knolls neighborhoods.

The Baldwin Way neighborhood seeks to keep the gate permanently closed. Kelsey Knolls neighborhood argues the open gate is a fire escape route. Baldwin Way neighborhood argues the open gate will increase traffic significantly from the Boulders development and exacerbate the ongoing excessive vehicle speed risks to people and pets.

- Historically, the issue has been addressed by the neighborhood and City two times since 2003, with Baldwin Way
  neighborhood petitioning for keeping the gate closed. On both occasions the City engineering department recommended and
  the City Council agreed to keep the fire gate closed.
- Baldwin Way home original home buyers were promised the gate would be closed in respect to restricting increased traffic from The Boulders development.
- 3. On the two occasions when the gate has been left opened for an extended period the traffic on Baldwin Way increased significantly.
- 4. The speed of traffic traveling to and from the Kelsey Knolls neighborhood is excessive, frequently far exceeding a safe speed. The excess speed is observed to be by local neighbors, visiting contractors and guest vehicles.

This petition seeks:

- a. For the City Engineering Department to study the traffic patterns of Baldwin Way before committing to opening the gate.
- b. To continue the study with a temporary opening of the gate to compare the difference.
- c. That the City adds traffic controls to Baldwin Way to reduce the speed of vehicles.
- d. Subsequent to the study, the City hold a neighborhood meeting and the City Engineering make a recommendation on the appropriate actions to take.

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