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Via U.S. Mail and Email Agustavson@srcity.org

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Re: Roseland Village Appeal Hearing

Dear Mr. Gustavson:

Thank you for providing the July 24, 2017 County Counsel letter to the Sonoma County PRMD.

On February 28, 2019, the City of Santa Rosa Planning Commission hearing staff stated that there was communication between County Counsel and the City of Santa Rosa Attorney and/or an opinion about the Easement provided by the City of Santa Rosa. This communication and/or opinion is what I requested. Does such communication exist?

Please advise whether there is any City of Santa Rosa communication or opinion about the County entities and/or opinion regarding the Recorded and Prescriptive Roseland Easements.

The City of Santa Rosa should be aware that the absurdity of the County Counsel's July 24, 2017 conclusion is consistent with, for example, the "factual" recitations under "§A Background". Roseland Village NEVER owned "the current Commission Property." Conversely, Codding Enterprises NEVER owned either the "Paulsen Property", or relevant here, the "Roseland Village" property.

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Please see my letters of August 3, 2017 and March 26, 2018 attached responding definitively to the Sonoma County Counsel letter. The County also failed and refused to respond to John Paulsen's August 2, 2017 letter affirming the 50 years of existing uses and Prescriptive Easements consistent with the recorded Easements.

Because of the gross misstatements of objectively verifiable fact made by Mr. Mercado the City of Santa Rosa Attorney should revisit any opinion predicated on the misstatements. Please advise if I should communicate directly with the City Attorney.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours

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August 3, 2017
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RE: Roseland Village Property
John Paulsen, President
Recorded and Prescriptive Parking and Driveway Easements
at the Roseland Shopping Center

Dear Mr. Mercado:

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RE: Roseland Un-permitted Campground Arsonists
Santa Rosa Fire Department Incident No. 2018-0006899
Roseland Parking Lot, Easement Book 1467 Page 415

Dear Mr. Mercado:

This letter addresses two subjects.

First, the un-permitted campground on the County's portion of the Roseland "Baugh" contaminated property harbors arsonists. On Thursday, March 22, 2018, a recycling dumpster adjacent to the buildings on my client's Roseland Village property was intentionally set on fire. The arsonists were observed by merchants at Roseland Village. After they started the fire, the arsonists were observed returning to their un-permitted encampment. The County is fully aware that:

- (1) The County property contamination exceeds allowable residential levels.
- (2) The County un-permitted encampment harbors pervasive drug use, and now arsonists.

Please reference Santa Rosa Fire Department Incident number 2018-0006899 when identifying how the County will resolve this issue within the next 48 hours. Please be advised the County is on notice that it will be jointly and severally liable for any future damage.

Second, pursuant to the Recorded Easement, Book Number 1467, page 415, Recorded September 12, 1956 the property owners agreed:

"GRANT OF RECIPROCAL EASEMENTS"

"THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of July, 1956, by and between: ROSELAND VILLAGE, a California Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "First Party"; and CODDING ENTERPRISES, a California Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Second Party:."

- ... "2. The 'second party hereby grants unto first -party, or its assigns, a non-exclusive easement to use and to allow the use of the vehicular parking lots and drive-ways which presently exist, or will be developed hereafter, on the property of the second party...for the ingress, egress, and parking of motor vehicles...easement to be on the real property of the grantor, the second party herein..."
- ... "3. It is understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the easements granted herein are to be held by the respective grantees, their assigns or successors, as appurtenant to the land owned by the said respective grantees,"
- "4. It is further understood and agreed...that said second party will care for and maintain, and shall pay for said care and maintenance, the parking lots and drive-ways upon the said property of the second party."

The historic and referenced parking lot and access is now almost impassable. (Photos enclosed) Please confirm that as soon as practicable the County will ensure repair and maintenance of the existing asphalt parking and access on its property. Next week is predicted to have weather allowing for the repaired asphalt work.

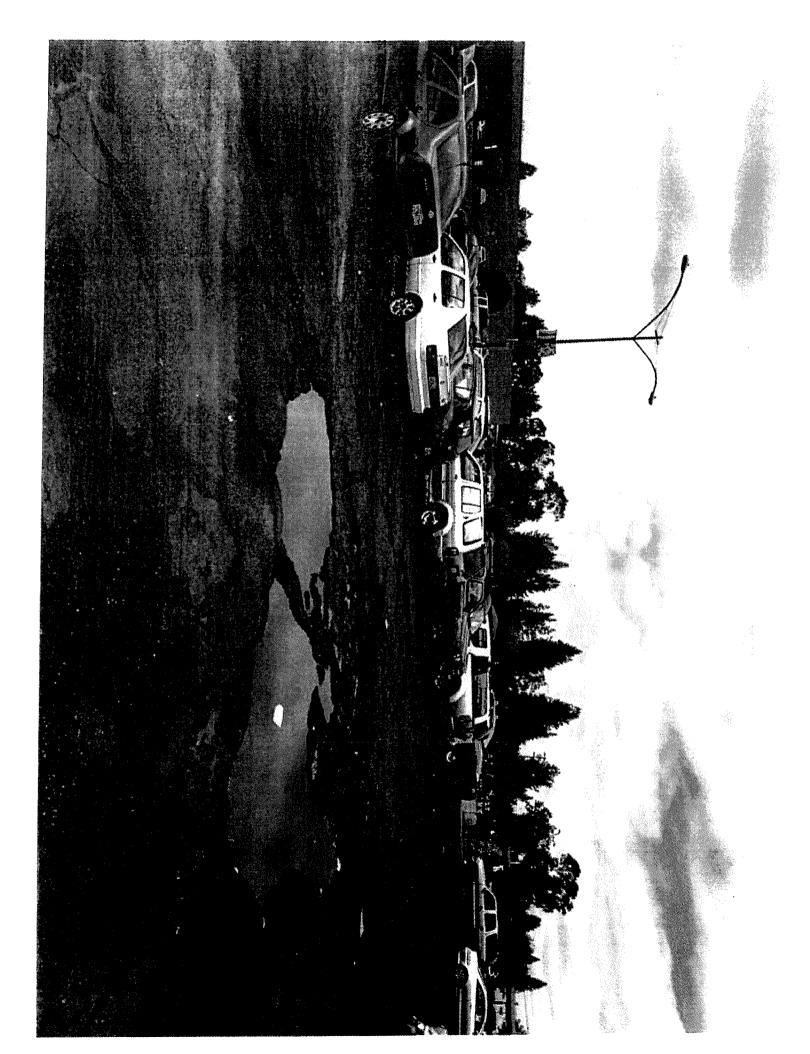
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April 11, 2019 VIA EMAIL AND U.S.P.S. MAIL: zmatley@w-trans.com

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RE: Traffic Impact Study for the Roseland Village Project SOX580

Dear Mr. Matley and W-Trans:

Your Report from Project SOX580 (Sonoma County and MidPen was provided to me yesterday. Mr. Paulsen/Roseland Village and I were **never** contacted about, muchless advised of, the "Study."

There are two (2) glaring omissions in your Report which render it both incomplete and suspect.

(1) The Reciprocal Easements are expressly for "store buildings" and use for "retail business establishments." Your Report ignores both the express Recorded Easement language and the voluminous documentation of actual retail business establishment parking lot usage **currently** in excess of 30% of the allocated APN 125-111-37 (Codding) available parking space on any given weekend. A casual walk through the sight would have been eye opening, as well as demolish your Reports suppositions and conclusions.

If Sonoma County has wilfully failed to provide evidence of the documented and undeniable use, we are happy to provide you with photographic and sworn testimony so you may complete your Report, honestly. Would you like the documentation? No?

Zack Matley W-Trans Traffic Impact Study Project SOX580 April 11, 2019 Page2

(2) The historical "prescriptive" Parking Easement serves to "flesh out" the extent (number of parking spaces actually used) and also constitutes its own separate legally enforceable Easement. Knowing of the open and notorious legally enforceable prescriptive Easement, what effort did your company undertake to determine actual use and legally enforceable use? None?

My representation, and the personal knowledge of John Paulsen who was born at Memorial and attended Roseland grade school and accompanied his father (signatory Viggo Paulsen) during his Roseland maintenance and administration, have been long known to Sonoma County and the City of Santa Rosa. Were you directed **not** to interview witnesses for historical truths invalidating your abstract conclusions? We remain available if learning the truth about the parking and essential driveway ingress/egress is not inconvenient to you/the City of Santa Rosa/Sonoma County.

On your report p. 39 you finally mention "Parking Easement with Adjacent Property" and reference the Recorded "Parking and Driveway Easement." You acknowledge "the Easements" "include drive-ways." Nonetheless your Report contends that the "drive-way" or ingress-egress access is "a private matter that is currently being addressed." Sonoma County, MidPen and the City of Santa Rosa all refuse to "address" the Easements reality. Welcome to the collusion.

Wholesale ignored, again, is the currently in use Recorded Easement that is essential for economic viability of the "Roseland Village" half of the Roseland Shopping Center. This Deeded and used vehicular access from the eastern half of Roseland Village to West Avenue is destroyed by the proposed Sonoma County/MidPen plan.

Why is this not discussed by you? We know why it was not discussed by Sonoma County/MidPen. Do the City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County have a mutual interest in subordinating the truth?

How could your company be so abjectly unaware of the existing Roseland traffic flow REQUIRING access across the formerly known as Codding parcel (APN 125-111-37) for Roseland Village to access West Avenue?

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Is there **no** outside or intra-office communication recognizing this undeniable reality? Did no one ever actually visit the site?

In conclusion, with input from the owner of Roseland Village never having been considered, the value of hindsight being 20-20, and the undeniable parking lot recorded and prescriptive use, and the recorded and prescriptive driveway ingress egress access to West Avenue now undeniably before you, what is your intention to fully and fairly analyze the proposed Roseland Village Project parking and Traffic Impacts on Roseland Village, a corporation, and the neighborhood?

Very truly yours,

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Re: Roseland Village v. Sonoma County; Sonoma County Community
Development
City Council Meeting May 7, 2019

Dear Mr. Gustavson:

Thank you for forwarding a link to the City of Santa Rosa Planning and Economic Development Department Staff Report.

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Andy Gustavson Roseland Village v Sonoma County, et al April 29, 2019 Page 2

Please confirm at your earliest convenience that these materials are provided to the City of Santa Rosa City Council.

Can you please email me a copy of the May 7. 2019 City Council agenda?

Please convey any questions you have.

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- John Paulsen was born in Santa Rosa, attended grade school in Roseland, and 1.3 since before the age of ten (10) regularly worked with his father to maintain and manage Roseland Village. John Paulsen has personal knowledge of events and conditions at ROSELAND VILLAGE since 1961. Viggo and Elinor Paulsen, John's parents who owned all of the land benefitted by the Easements following, transferred some and the land to PAULSEN LAND CO., LLC.
- Plaintiffs have the same economic interest in the Easements and this lawsuit: 1.4 accordingly the name "ROSELAND VILLAGE" will also include PAULSEN LAND CO., LLC and JOHN PAULSEN.
- John Paulsen and Roseland Village have a monetary interest in Roseland Village 2. remaining a viable entity, which it can do only if the recorded and historical reciprocal access and parking Easement are honored by Defendants.
 - The recorded document "Reciprocal Easements" ("EASEMENTS") for Access 3.1 and Parking is Exhibit A hereto.
 - The Easement document was recorded in 1956 by the two contiguous property 3.2 owners anticipating their retail business development.
- Exhibit A at all relevant times was known to Sonoma County, the Sonoma County Community Development Commission ("Commission"), and MidPen Housing Corporation ("MidPen"), and Urban Mix Development LLC, ("Urban Mix") as binding and a burden on APN 125-111-037, aka 665 Sebastopol Road.
- The existing "drive-way" traffic flow (ingress and egress) pattern and parking use by Roseland Village and its tenants and their customers was at all relevant times known to Defendants.
 - Roseland Village is a California Corporation, in existence since 1956 with John 6.1 Paulsen as its President.
 - Paulsen Land Co., LLC is a California Limited Liability Corporation, with John 6.2 Paulsen as its Managing Partner.

- 9.2 For the ROSELAND VILLAGE commercial activity to be of economic value the EASEMENTS recited herein needed to be honored.
- 10. At the time of the Sonoma County purchase from Baughs, the use by Roseland Village, its tenants and customers, of the Baugh property for direct access to West Avenue and Sebastopol Road and for parking for the ROSELAND VILLAGE commercial activity was also pursuant to the mutually honored and known recorded EASEMENTS.
 - 11.1 Sonoma County, knowing of the Recorded and Prescriptive Easement nonethelesstransferred some or all of its interest in the PROPERTY to its subsidiary COMMISSION and thereafter MIDPEN and URBAN MIX.
 - 11.2 Sonoma County, knowing of the Recorded and Prescriptive Easement nonetheless transferred some or all of its interest in the PROPERTY to its subsidiary COMMISSION and by public gift to MIDPEN and URBAN MIX.
 - 11.3 Sonoma County acting under color of law conspired with MidPen and Urban Mix to take Plaintiff's property without compensation.
 - 11.4 Sonoma County acting under color of law conspired with MidPen and Urban Mix to disparage Plaintiff's property interest in the EASEMENTS by publication throughout Sonoma County.
 - 12.1 The ostensible goal of the Sonoma County transfer of APN 125-111-037 was to build high density housing that would have been unacceptable anywhere else in Sonoma County except the ghetto of the Roseland Community. Exhibit B.
 - 12.2 Further, Defendants' transfers and municipal approval from Santa Rosa were designed to facilitate Defendants taking of Plaintiffs' property without just compensation.
 - 12.3 Further, Defendants' disparagements of Plaintiffs' EASEMENTS were designed to facilitate Defendants taking of Plaintiff's property without just compensation.
- 13. To achieve its goal of unlawfully taking Plaintiffs' property, including by saddling Roseland with high density, four (4) and five (5) story, apartment buildings with inadequate

parking and access, inadequate infrastructure, subsurface soil contamination, and already deficient play/playground space in Roseland, the COMMISSION entered into "development contracts" with MIDPEN and URBAN MIX.

- 14.1 At all relevant times Sonoma County, Commission, Urban Mix and MidPen knew the prescriptive and recorded parking and access easement legally prevented their proposed development.
- 14.2 Sonoma County and the City of Santa Rosa conspired to and did rubberstamp municipal approvals intended to and with the inevitable consequence of destroying Plaintiffs' property value and casting a cloud on Plaintiff's Title to the EASEMENTS.
- 15. At all relevant times Sonoma County, MidPen and Urban Mix knew that its proposed market rate high density housing was in violation of the ROSELAND VILLAGE prescriptive and recorded Easements.
 - 16.1 On or about May 7, 2019, the City of Santa Rosa, which exercises municipal regulatory control over the PROPERTY, will approve the development proposal submitted by Defendants COMMISSION/MidPen/Urban Mix. Exhibit C.
 - 16.2 On or about April 19, 2019 Sonoma County Community Development

 Commission personally threatened John Paulsen financial ruin if he made any
 effort to enforce the Easements or delay the Defendant's development plans.
 - 17.1 Sonoma County is a political subdivision of the State of California.
 - 17.2 Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the Sonoma County Community

 Development Commission is a political subdivision of either or both Sonoma

 County or the State of California and at all times acted under color of State law.
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- 19. Reserved.
- 20. Whereupon Defendants and each of them have publicly stated their intention to embark on residential development which Defendants know will violate the Recorded Easement and damage and destroy Plaintiffs' property interest and economic viability.
- 21. Whereupon Defendants and each of them have publicly stated their intention to embark on residential development which Defendants know will violate Plaintiffs' Prescriptive Easements on APN 125-111-037, "The County Property.".
- 22. Whereupon Defendants and each of them have publicly stated that the Easements are of no legal effect and will proceed under color of State law to embark on residential development which Defendants know will violate the Easements and therefore the economic viability of ROSELAND VILLAGE.
- 23. Defendants and each of them are aware their proposed development is illegal for the reasons stated above and nonetheless continue to deny Plaintiffs' Title so as to pursue

development inevitably damaging or destroying the economic viability of ROSELAND VILLAGE. Correspondence as Exhibit E.

- 24. The Defendants sued herein by the fictitious names of DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, are so named for the reason that their true names and capacities are unknown to Plaintiffs at this time. When their true names and capacities have been ascertained Plaintiffs pray leave of this Court to insert the true names and capacities, with all necessary allegations to properly change them. Plaintiffs are informed, believe and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously named Defendants are in some way or manner responsible for the acts, errors and omissions herein alleged.
- 25. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon alleges that at all times herein mentioned each of the Defendants were acting as the partner, agent, servant, and employee of each of the remaining Defendants, and in doing the things alleged herein was acting within the course and scope of such agency and with the knowledge, consent and/or ratification of the remaining Defendants.
 - 26. Reserved.
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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR INJUNCTION

(Against Sonoma County, Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Recipients of illegal gifts of public funds MidPen Housing Corporation and Urban Mix Development, LLC)

- 30. Plaintiffs herein reincorporates paragraphs 1-29 herein as though fully set forth.
- 31.1 The express terms of the Recorded EASEMENTS binding and burdening APN
 125-111-037 (formerly the Codding Parcel now the Sonoma County/Commission
 Parcel) and benefitting Plaintiffs' Parcels include:
- 31.2 "WHEREAS, said properties are adjacent to each other and that the west line of the property of the first party [Paulsen] forms the east line of the property of the

second party [Codding]; and"

- 31.3 "WHEREAS, both of said properties are now employed and used as the site of various store buildings, comprising a shopping center known as ROSELAND VILLAGE; and"
- 31.4 "WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to grant to each other EASEMENTS over that portion of said real property which has been, and will be in the future, set aside for vehicular parking lots and drive-ways;"
- 31.5 "NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the reciprocal rights herein granted by each party to the other, and of the mutual covenants, agreements, conditions, and stipulations herein contained, it is mutually covenanted, stipulated, and agreed as follows:"
- 31.6 "The first party [Paulsen] hereby grants unto second party [Codding], or its assigns, a non-exclusive easement to use and to allow the use of the vehicular parking lots and drive-ways which presently exist, or will be developed hereafter, on the property of the first party as herein above describe, for the benefit of itself and its invitees and licensees, for the ingress, egress, and parking of motor vehicles, for all proper purposes connected with the operation of retail business establishments by the grantee, its lessees, tenants, or agents; such easement to be on the real property of the grantor, the first party herein, and which is more specifically describe herein above at the property of the first party."

 [Emphasis added].
- 31.7 "The second party [Codding] hereby grants unto first party [Paulsen], or its assigns, a non-exclusive easement to use and to allow the use of the vehicular parking lots and drive-ways which presently exist, or will be developed hereafter, on the property of the second party as herein above described, for the benefit of itself and its invitees and licensees, for the ingress, egress, and parking of motor vehicles, for all proper purposes connected with the operation of retail

business establishments by the grantee, its lessees, tenants, or agents; such easement to be on the real property of the grantor, the second party herein, and which is more specifically described herein above as the property of the second party." [Emphasis added].

- 31.8 "It is understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the easements granted herein are to be held by the respective grantees, their assigns or successors, as appurtenant to the land owned by the said respective grantees.' [Emphasis added].
- 31.9 "It is further understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the first party will care for and maintain, and shall pay for said care and maintenance, the parking lots and drive-ways upon the said property of the first party, and that said second party [Codding] will care for and maintain, and shall pay for said care and maintenance, the parking lots and drive-ways upon the said property of the second party." [Emphasis added].
- 32. The Prescriptive Access and Parking Easements have been used since before or shortly after the July 25, 1956 Recorded Easement.
- 33. The historical traffic flow from the ROSELAND VILLAGE property across the fka Codding and then fka Baugh property and now Sonoma County property, is well established and essential to the economic viability of ROSELAND VILLAGE.
- 34. The historical parking from the ROSELAND VILLAGE property across the Baugh property and now Sonoma County property is well established and essential to the economic viability of ROSELAND VILLAGE.
- 35. Defendants intended and City of Santa Rosa approved residential development violates the express terms of the Easement as recited.
 - 35.1 Defendants conspired to, intend to, and embarked on residential development to destroy the "shopping center known as ROSELAND VILLAGE."
 - 35.2 Defendants conspired to, intend to, and embarked on residential development to

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- 35.3 Defendants conspired to, intend to, and embarked on residential development to destroy the "easement to use and to allow the use of the vehicular parking lots... and driveways...which presently exist or will be developed thereafter...for the ...parking of motor vehicles for all proper purposes connected with the operation of retail business establishments." [emphasis added].
- 35.4 Defendants conspired to, intend to, and embarked on residential development to destroy "the driveways...which presently exist or will be developed thereafter...for the ingress, egress...of motor vehicles." [emphasis added].
- 35.5 Defendants conspired to, intend to, and embarked on residential development to destroy the obligation of Defendants as the current owner of APN 125-111-037 to "care for and maintain, and shall pay for said care and maintenance, the parking lots and driveways upon the said property of the second party."

 [Emphasis added].
- 36.1 Plaintiffs relied expressly on the Mutual EASEMENTS by *inter alia* undertaking the development of retail business establishments on Plaintiffs' property.
- 36.2 Plaintiffs relied expressly on the Mutual EASEMENTS by *inter alia* caring for and maintaining its driveways and parking areas which were used by the Codding and Baugh retail business lessees and tenants.
- 37. Pursuit by Defendants of their residential development would unarguably prevent driveway use across the shopping center, including historical and necessary access to the traffic signal controlled intersection at West Avenue and Sebastopol Road, necessary to the economic viability of ROSELAND VILLAGE, a corporation.
- 38. Pursuit by Defendants of their residential development would unarguably prevent vehicular parking use across the shopping center, including historical and necessary access to the traffic signal controlled intersection at West Avenue and Sebastopol Road, necessary to the

economic viability of ROSELAND VILLAGE, a corporation.

- 39. Monetary damages not adequate to compensate Plaintiffs and prevent Defendants threatened harm.
 - 40. Reserved.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for Judgment as hereinafter set forth.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION FOR QUIET TITLE

(Against Sonoma County, Sonoma County Community Development Commission, MidPen Housing Corporation and Urban Mix Development, LLC)

- 41. Plaintiffs herein reincorporate paragraphs 1-40 herein as though fully set forth.
- 42. Plaintiffs claim that Defendants harmed them by making public statements and by taking an action that cast doubts about Plaintiffs ownership of recorded Easement burdening APN 125-111-037 and benefitting APN 125-111-037.
- 43. Defendants unprivileged acts include, but are not limited to pursuing "Municipal Approvals" at the Sonoma County and City of Santa Rosa levels to: (1) destroy the retail business zoning designation and development (2) establish new residential zoning, both of which plans necessarily require abolition of Plaintiffs' Easement rights. Accordingly, these actions and others by Defendants cast doubts about Plaintiffs' ownership of the Easements in issue.
- 44. Public statements were made to a person other than ROSELAND VILLAGE, not including repeatedly to the general public, including but not limited to Roseland Community meetings at the Roseland Library that Plaintiffs' had no Easement rights limiting in any manner Defendants unlimited development rights. Further, Defendants sent communications, inter alia, to the City of Santa Rosa which defendants knew to be untrue that the recorded and prescriptive Easements were "worthless".
- 45. The statements were untrue and Plaintiffs did and do in fact own the recorded Easements and historical prescriptive easements burdening the "County property" at APN 125-111-037.
 - 46. Defendants knew, or with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity as to whether,

Plaintiff owned the Easements, when Defendants told the City of Santa Rosa and the general public Plaintiffs held no Recorded or Prescriptive Easements limiting Defendants' development.

- 47. That Defendants knew or should have recognized that the City of Santa Rosa or someone else might act in reliance on the statement causing Plaintiffs financial loss.
- 48. Plaintiffs did in fact suffer immediate and direct financial harm including potential ROSELAND VILLAGE Lessees and/or by incurring legal expenses necessary to remove the doubt cast by the Defendants' statements, and to clear title by establishing in Court the Easements.
 - 49. That Defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.
 - 50. Reserved.
 - 51. Defendants' malice may be implied-in-law.
 - 52.1 Defendants repeatedly and intentionally attempted to secure the Easement property over which the Defendants had no legitimate claim, including by accusations the Easements were void or voidable at Defendants' option, made without foundation.
 - 52.2 Defendants also threatened Plaintiffs with financial ruin if they did not accept \$50,000.00 to extinguish the easements.
- 53. Defendants acts were and are disparagement of title, also sometimes referred to as injurious falsehood.
 - 54.1 Defendants acts would lead a reasonable person to foresee that a prospective purchaser or lessee thereof might abandon his intentions to enter into an economic relationship by plaintiffs.
 - 54.2 Defendants Acts were invasions of the Plaintiffs' interest in their property interest in operating a commercial retail establishment.
- 55. Defendants acts are unfounded claims of an interest in the ROSELAND VILLAGE property Easements which throws doubt upon its ownership and usability.
- 56. Plaintiffs may recover for the depreciation in the market value of Plaintiffs' property as a result of the Defendants' acts and publications.

- 57. Defendants intended for publication of the aforesaid statement to result in harm to interests of the Defendants pecuniary value in ROSELAND VILLAGE. Defendants either recognized or should have recognized that its statements and assertions were likely to do so, and knew that the statements of unilateral voidability of the Easements are false or acted in reckless disregard thereof.
- 58. Malice exists because the Defendants had no reasonable grounds for believing the statement of unilateral ownership of and control over the Easements to be true and/or, made the statement to take Plaintiffs' property without just compensation.
 - 59. Reserved.
 - 60. Reserved.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for Judgment as hereinafter set forth.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION FOR INVERSE CONDEMNATION (EMINENT DOMAIN) AND DAMAGES (Against Sonoma County, Sonoma County Community Development Commission)

Plaintiffs herein reincorporate paragraphs 1-60 herein as though fully set forth.

- 61. This inverse condemnation Cause of action is an eminent domain proceeding initiated by the property owner rather than the condemner.
- 62. The principles which affect the parties' rights in an inverse condemnation suit are the same as those in an eminent domain action.
- 63. The principle sought to be achieved by this Cause of Action is: (A) to reimburse the Plaintiff owners for their property interest taken and (B) to place the owners in as good a position pecuniarily as if the property had not been taken.
- 64. Plaintiffs right to a Jury Trial REQUIRES THE Jury as the trier of fact to determine the following:
 - A. Determining the appropriate amount of compensation.
 - B. Determining the fair market value based on the property's highest and best use.
 - 65. The highest and best use of Plaintiffs' property is the most profitable legally

respective parties, such that Plaintiffs request a declaration their rights and duties to the premises, including a determination of construction or validity arising under the Reciprocal Easement instrument.

- 76. Plaintiffs therefore ask for a declaration of rights or duties, and the court may make a binding declaration of these rights or duties, whether or not further relief is or could be claimed at the time.
- 77. The declaration may be either affirmative or negative in form and effect, and the declaration shall have the force of a final judgment.
- 78. The declaration may be had before there has been any breach of the obligation in respect to which said declaration is sought.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for Judgment as hereinafter set forth.

PRAYER ON FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against Sonoma County, Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Recipients of illegal gifts of public funds MidPen Housing Corporation and Urban Mix Development, LLC)

Wherefore Plaintiffs Pray:

For an Injunction, Preliminary Injunction and Temporary Restraining Order:

- Prohibiting Defendants from development on their property in any manner which diminishes or restricts Plaintiffs and their tenants parking on that developed portion of APN 125-111-037 as it existed in and from 1956 to the present.
- Prohibiting Defendants from development on their property in any manner which diminishes or restricts Plaintiffs and their tenants parking on that developed portion of APN 125-111-037 as it existed between 2000 and 2018.
- Prohibiting Defendants from development on their property in any manner which
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 1956.
- 4. Prohibiting Defendants from development on their property in any manner which

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VERIFICATION

l. John Paulsen, declare:

That I am the President of ROSELAND VILLAGE, the Managing Partner of PAULSEN LAND CO., LLC., Plaintiffs herein. I have read the foregoing *VERIFIED CROSS-COMPLAINT FOR INJUCTION, GUIET TITLE, DAMAGES, INVERSE CONDEMNATION AND DECLARATORY RELIEF*, and know the contents thereof of my own personal knowledge.

I certify that the same is true of my own knowledge except as to those matters which are stated upon my information or belief, and as to those matters. I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Verification was executed on the ______ day of May. 2019, at Santa Rosa, California.

President of Roseland Village and Managing Partner of Paulsen Land Co., LLC

EXHIBIT A

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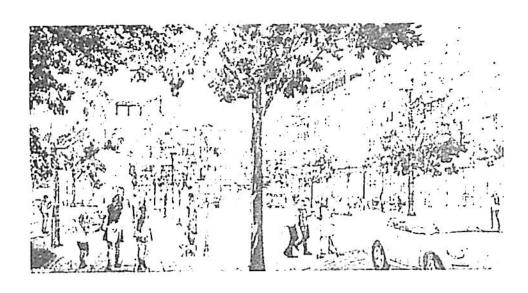
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EXHIBIT B





Roseland Village Tentative Map Density Bonus

Planning Commission

February 28, 2019

Andy Gustavson Senior Planner Planning and Economic Development

EXHIBIT C

Roseland Village Appeal Hearing

Subject: Roseland Village Appeal Hearing

From: "Gustavson, Andy" <AGustavson@srcity.org>

Date: 3/13/2019, 11:40 AM

To: "nellessen@sonic.net" <nellessen@sonic.net>

Mr. Nellessen,

Thank you for confirming that you and Mr. Paulson are available for the Council's May 7th hearing date. Council public hearing items, such as your appeal, will be heard at or after 5:30 pm on that day. I will confirm to all parties the City Clerk has accepted your hearing item on the May 7th agenda.

Attached is the County Council letter you requested. It was included in the PC 2/28 Roseland Village hearing packet. The following link provides access to the PC hearing packet which includes staff report, attachments, and draft resolutions.

Planning Commission Item 19-111PC

Please call me if you have questions or comments.

Andy Gustavson | Senior Planner
Planning and Economic Development
100 Santa Rosa Avenue | Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Tel. (707) 543-3236 | Fax (707) 543-3269
AGustavson@srcity.org



Attachments: —		

Attachment 9 - County Counsel Easement Advice.pdf

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APPEAL FORM (cont'd)

The Subdivision and Tentative Map which was submitted by MidPen and approved by the Planning Commission eliminates access behind Roseland Village Shopping Center ("RVI Shopping Center") locations 617, 625, 635, 645, 655 Sebastopol Road. Additionally, access across the back of the RVI Shopping Center subdivision for truck deliveries to Camacho Market and 673 Sebastopol Road have been eliminated by the approved MidPen Subdivision.

All access described above is not only contained in a Recorded Easement, dated July 25, 1956 and recorded September 12, 1956, but has been in use and thus a proscriptive easement since 1955, i.e., 64 years.

The approval of a conditional Use Permit allowing Mixed Use, i.e., note 100 "Market rate housing units, 75 affordable housing units" (in the future?) is contrary to and against (1) the Recorded Easement which states, "...for all proper purposes connected with the operation of retail business establishments..." (See, Page 3, Paragraph 1): and (2) City of Santa Rosa standards requiring lower income housing incorporated in and constructed, simultaneously.

The approval of Density Bonus eliminates over 270 currently shared (as per the Recorded Easement and proscriptive historic use since 1955) parking spaces. All housing units will have dedicated parking space(s) per unit. The only "shared parking"

will be reduced to 70 street spaces. The reality of car use on Sebastopol Road and on site cannot legitimately be disregarded.

The specific action the City Council must take is to <u>deny</u> the Planning Commission's approval of the following:

- 1. The Subdivision Tentative Map submitted by MidPen until pians submitted comply with the Recorded Easements and Proscriptive Easements for shared parking and access across the project parcel;
- 2. The approval of Use Permit must be denied by City Council since it disregards the Recorded Easement which states that future development must be retail;
- 3. The City Council must deny approval of the Density Bonus for the project which eliminates over 270 shared parking spaces on the project; and
- 4. Until MidPen submits plans to construct low income housing incorporated into market rate housing with adequate parking and infrastructure development in compliance with the same City of Santa Rosa standards applied in "first class" neighborhoods, this "third class" development is illegal.

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CITY OF SANTA ROSA PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT FOR PLANNING COMMISSION February 28, 2019

PROJECT TITLE APPLICANT

Roseland Village Neighborhood Center MidPen Housing Corporation (MidPen)

ADDRESS/LOCATION PROPERTY OWNER

665 & 883 Sebastopol Road 665 Sebastopol Rd.- County of Sonoma

Community Development Commission

(CDC)

883 Sebastopol Rd.- MidPen

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS FILE NUMBER

665 Sebastopol Rd. - 125-111-037 PRJ17-075 (MAJ17-006, CUP17-153,

883 Sebastopol Rd. - 125-101-031

APPLICATION DATE

APPLICATION COMPLETION DATE

February 22, 2018 December 5, 2018

REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED

Tentative Map, Density Bonus and Minor Design Review (for Roseland

Concession/ Incentives Village Project), Minor Use Permit (for the

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PROJECT SITE ZONING GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION

665 Sebastopol Rd. - General 665 Sebastopol Rd. - Mixed - Retail &

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PROJECT PLANNER RECOMMENDATION

Andy Gustavson Approval

EXHIBIT D

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Secretary of State Statement of Information (Limited Liability Company)

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December 14, 2018
VIA EMAIL AND U.S.P.S. MAIL:
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Aaron Hollister, Project Coordinator City of Santa Rosa 1440 Guerneville Road Santa Rosa, CA 95403

RE: APN # 125-111-037
Proposed "Roseland Village Neighborhood Center"

Dear Mr. Hollister:

Please find enclosed:

- (I) Grant of Reciprocal Easements in favor of "Roseland Village" and burdening APN 125-111-037, recorded September 12, 1956.
- (2) John Paulsen's August 2, 2017 letter to Sonoma County pointing out that Sonoma County Community Development Commission and its nominee "Mid-Pen" at all times failed to consult with Roseland Village, a corporation, about its easements.
- (3) My letter of August 3, 2017 to the responsible Deputy County Counsel pointing out that the Mid Pen/Community Development Commission Residential development proposal entirely ignores the prescriptive and recorded access and parking Easements.

The County and Mid-Pen have failed in any way to respond to my letter and the facts and reality recited therein. The last community meeting occurring on March 14, 2018 witnessed about 60 neighborhood residents who uniformly and unanimously spoke against the inevitable massive traffic nightmares and the absence of adequate neighborhood infrastructure to host the number of proposed residential units. The only two citizens to speak in favor were from Northeast Santa Rosa who thought the food trucks would be cute and the high density housing inappropriate for their own neighborhood.

In addition to the contents of my August 2017 letter with which the County took no issue, I wish to reaffirm what the Santa Rosa Assistant Fire Marshal, Ian Hardage, and City Planners all stated last week about the existing Roseland Village Shopping Center and the proposed Mid-Pen high density Residential Development.

(1) The existing Traffic/Fire access circulation needs to be maintained.

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(2) The recorded Reciprocal Easements restrict the existing Access and Parking casements to the historical and subsequent operation of Retail businesses.

While Mid-Pen could build some residential units while maintaining the existing retail business square footage and existing parking space (while complying with City of Santa Rosa residential parking requirements). Mid-Pen does not propose to do this. Mid-Pen can neither legally unilaterally extinguish Roseland Village's parking easement nor can it wall off the existing traffic circulation and Fire Department Access.

In fact, by proposing to diminish the retail business operations on APN 125-111-037, all Midpen accomplishes is to forever extinguish any parking and access easement it would otherwise enjoy on the Roseland Village property.

The threat of Mid-Pen/Community Development Commission to put shovel to earth as soon as the City of Santa Rosa allows, is certainly an improvident threat. It is also a clarion call to the City of Santa Rosa's planning officials including in particular the Fire Department.

Very truly yours.

Robert A. Nellessen, Esq.

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cc: John Paulsen (via email)
Dan Westphal (via email)

Assistant Fire Marshal Ian Hardage (via email)

John C. Paulsen. President Roseland Village, a Corporation P.O. Box 7948 Santa Rosa, CA 95407

August 2, 2017

Sonoma County Project Review and Advisory Committee Community Meeting August 3, 2017

Re: Reseland Village, A corporation (Paulsen Parcels) 125-111-45, 46, 47, 48

Dear Project Review and Advisory Committee Members,

In 1956 as part of the overall development of Roseland Village, Hugh Codding and Viggo Paulsen, principals, encumbered APN 125-111-37, (Codding Property) and 125-111-45, 46, 47 and 48 (Roseland Village/Paulsen Property) with mutual "Reciprocal Easements" for Parking and Access/Ingress/Egress.

In addition, since at least 1960, as confirmed by aerial photographs and building plans, there have been continuous Prescriptive Easements for access and parking used by the Paulsen Parcel Tenants and customers on Parcel APN 125-111-37.

These recorded and Prescriptive Easements were known to the County and Mid-Pen when the County purchased APN 125-111-37 and when County agencies "blessed" Mid-Pen with (I understand over \$1.5 million) in "planning fees." No one ever approached me to discuss the inherent incompatibility with developing outside the Codding Enterprise building footprint, or by eliminating the existing Parking and Access Easements (Recorded and Prescriptive).

Rather, when I asked for and had a meeting with Mid-Pen and its co-venturer, and asked them to discuss the recorded and Prescriptive Easements they simply "shut down." The representatives were nice, but had no explanation for absolutely failing to address the reality that the existing Easements simply will not accommodate the high density development plans the County funded and is pushing.

As the owner of the Recorded and Prescriptive Easements, I invite the Community Development Commission and Mid-Pen to review with me how any development can occur consistent with the Easements. This has not been done to date.

Accordingly, I believe it is premature and unwise for any entity to entertain development of parcel APN 125-111-37 which is patently illegal and a clear violation of my Family's property rights. I challenge any one to visit Roseland Village and view for themselves the parking and access in use, which has undeniably existed since at least 1960, and tell me the proposed development will not substantially and irreparably destroy the use and value of Roseland Village. Right now Roseland Village is a thriving tax paying community resource. I will fight to keep it that way.

Sincerely.

John Paulsen

Cc: M. Grosch (via email)

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August 3, 2017
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RE: Roseland Village Property
John Paulsen, President
Recorded and Prescriptive Parking and Driveway Easements
at the Roseland Shopping Center

Dear Mr. Mercado:

Thank you for your letter (and the enclosure) to me dated July 24, 2017, received July 31, 2017. In the future please, please provide a copy by small for a more prompt and assured receipt.

Addressing your letter to me first:

- (I) Is the first sentence of the second paragraph missing a line?
- (2) Have you ever been to Roseland Village on a week day or weekend? When? I have photos taken on an average weekday, June 30th at 11:00 a.m. which show that over 70% of the parking spaces between the "Aibertsons/Lucky's" concrete and Sebastopol Road are occupied by Roseland Village customers. Of course on weekends the percentage increases to 90%.
- (3) Since the reality of the historical Essement use is grossly inconsistent with your latter assertions, there must be, even a flawed, traffic study measuring and reporting the existing traffic flow and use. May I please have a copy?

Regarding your two (2) page letter on behalf of the County Counsel office to the County Permit and Resource Management Department attempting to justify ignoring the Recorded and historical Prescriptive Easements:

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Deputy County Counsel
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A. Background

- (1) What is the factual/documented basis for your statement that Hugh Codding/Enterprises ever owned any of the Paulsen properties (APN 125-111-45, 46, 47, 48). We ballove you are wrong.
- (2) In 1956, when the Recorded Easements were granted and the historical Prescriptive Basements were engoing, the Paulsen property buildings were in place. The major Codding building was the "Pam Market" at the location of the subsequent Albertsons. The Access/Engress/Egress and traffic patterns had been established on both halves of the Roseland Shopping Center by 1956.
- (3) You state that "Roseland Village owned the...[County] Commission Property." Is this really believed by your office or is it just being stoppy? Roseland Village is a Corporation owned by the Paulsen family.
- (4) Why does the County Counsel believe the "Paulsen Property has since expanded beyond what was originally owned by Codding". Do you have ANY data to support this? Is this some Hubblesque observation?
- (5) "The current Commission Property parking configuration provides for approximately 270 parking spaces."
 - However, what you conveniently omit is that:
- A) The Development Parking allowance is only 90 "shared" commercial spaces.
- B) The total Codding Building configuration was 70,000 sq. ft. The County
 Development Commission proposal is 300,000 sq. ft. of buildings. The ratio of sq.
 fcotage allowed therefore should be (at minimum) approximately four (4) times the
 Codding parking sq. footage in 2000, which you have counted as 270 spaces.
 Accordingly, for the scale of proposed development I 157 parking spaces will now be
 necessary if the historical Parking easement is to be "not Burdened." This of course
 does not account for the approximate 200-270 spaces on the Codding property
 currently being used daily WITH NO CODDING OR COUNTY BUILDING(S)!

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Right now your casual visual observation will confirm that on any weekday the customers of the Paulsen parcels use 70% of the available parking spaces and ALL of the Access/ingress/Egress. On the weekend the use is closer to 90% of the 270 spaces in use by the Paulsen Tenants/customers.

- B. Development of the CDC Property will destroy the existing Recorded and historical Prescriptive Access and Parking Easements owned by the Paulsen Parcels.
- (6) The Eshoo letter you reference was predicated on exhaustive observation and recording of the Easements use IN REALITY. A blythe designation of the accurate observation and reporting is not advancing the County's obligation to research and apply "FACTS." Real facts, not "alternative facts."
 - Reality is that only the Codding Parcel and Paulsen Parcels EVER used the established Access and Parking dedicated areas, i.e., reciprocal Easements. The Prescriptive used established the extent of the Deeded Easements of Record. The Codding/County Parcel abandoned the Access Easement before 2003. The extent of the Parking Easement as established by the Paulsen Parcels also before 2003 is the consistent and current use of the Parking Lot. In other words, since 2003 the Prescriptive Easements have been used Exclusively by the Roseland Shopping Center portion owned by the Paulsen Family (Thank you for pointing that out). In particular all use of the existing Roseland Shopping Center Deeded and Prescriptive Access/Ingress/Egress has also been used exclusively by the Paulsen property Tenants/customers.
- (7) Another FACT that I am sure the Traffic flow analyses undertaken by the County establish without question, is the dependence of the Paulsen parcel tenants and customers on the West St./Sebastopol Road/Roseland Village Traffic light to access east and west bound Sebastopol Road. When the County secured the "abandonment" of the prior Sebastopol Road ingress/egress in the approximate middle of the shared parking lot, it did so to make the entire Roseland Shopping Center, and in particular large commercial trucks, entirely dependent on unrestricted access to the West Street/Sebastopol Road Traffic light/lanes. Have you even looked at the Mid-Pen Development Plan?

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(8) Finally, for your historical edification, once Alberton's closed its doors the Codding/Baugh property no longer used the Paulson property for Access, and to reduce the homeless vandalism and theft (a continuing problem today the County ignores) Roseland Village erected a locking gate with only Paulson tenants having the access key. The reciprocal recorded Access Easement was then and therefore used only by Paulson property tenants and by NO Codding/Baugh tenants/customers on the "Commission Parcel." The historical Prescriptive Ingress/Egress use has been exclusively for over 14 years, from the Paulson parcels across the "Baugh/County" parcel to the Sebastopol Road Traffic light.

Accordingly, the County should take a step back and address, with real facts, what has occurred, when and why, before attempting to destroy the livelihood of the Owners and Tenants of Roseland Village.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Nellessen, Esq.

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May 1, 2019 Via Email and Fax pcook@ch-sc.org; (707) 578-2339

Paula Cook Community Housing Sonoma County 131A Stony Circle, Suite 500 Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Re: Sonoma County Alliance Meeting- May 1, 2019

Dear Ms. Cook:

Your presentation and materials provided this morning at the Sonoma County Alliance meeting was informative and uplifting.

I would like your organization to consider for a tiny home project, the County property at 665 Sebastopol Road.

The County plans on giving the property to a private developer for MARKET RATE HOUSING, waving parking density and zoning restrictions. Perhaps it could do the same for your organization.

Please advise if I may be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Nellessen

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cc: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors City of Santa Rosa, Andy Gustavson Press Democrat