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March 20, 2019
Via U.S. Mail and Email
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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.

Andy Gustavson

## Senior Planner

Planning and Economic Development
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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.


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## cc: Roseland Village

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August 3, 2017
VIA EMAIL AND U.S.P.S. MAIL:
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Aldo Mercado<br>Deputy County Counsel<br>Office of the County Counsel<br>575 Administration Drive, Room 105-A<br>Santa Rosa, CA 95403<br>\section*{RE: Roseland Village Property<br><br>John Paulsen, President<br><br>Recorded and Prescriptive Parking and Driveway Easements at the Roseland Shopping Center}

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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:

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Deputy County Counsel
Roseland Village Property
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## "GRANT OF RECIPROCAL EASEMENTS"

"THIS AGREEMENT, made this $25^{\text {th }}$ 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 aparty, or its assigns, a nonexclusive casement 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,

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.
Very truly yours;


Robert A. Nellessen, Esq.
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cc: Santa Rosa Fire Department
Santa Rosa Police Department
Re Incident No, 2018-0006899
(March 22, 2018)
Roseland Village


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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

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(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.
(3) 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?

## Zack Matley

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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,



Robert A. Nellessen, Esq.

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cc: John Paulsen (via email)
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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.

On or about February 14, 2019 at the City of Santa Rosa Planning Commission, the Staff and Sonoma County/Applicant referenced a communication exchange directly between the Sonoma County Counsel's office, and I thought someone at the City of Santa Rosa.

In reviewing the materials package, I saw a July 24, 2017 letter from Mr. Mercado to his client the Sonoma County PRMD. Mr. Mercado's letter had been given to Mr. Paulsen who replied on August 3, 2017 and also forwarded it to me.

Because Mr. Mercado's letter contained blatant inaccurate factual misrepresentations, I directed a letter to him on August 2, 2017. Significantly, that letter was not in the materials package you received from Sonoma County/MidPen/Urban Mix. Accordingly, herewith I provide it and the Verified Complaint, to enforce the recorded and historical prescriptive easement.

Andy Gustavson
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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.


Robert A. Nellessen

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SONOMA

JOHN PAULSEN, an individual; ROSELAND VILLAGE, a California Corporation, PAULSEN LAND CO., LLC,

Plaintiffs,
v.

MIDPEN HOUSING CORPORATION: SONOMA COUNTY, SONOMA
COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; URBAN MIX DEVELOPMENT, LLC and DOES 1-100, Inclusive,

## ENDORSED FILED

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORHIA COUNTY OF SONOMA
[Unlimited Jurisdiction]
VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTION, QUIET TITLE, DAMAGES, INVERSE CONDEMNATION AND DECLARATORY RELIEF

Jury Trial Demanded
NO. $S N^{N}-264327$

Defendants.

Come now Plaintiffs John Paulsen, an individual and ROSELAND VILLAGE, a California Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Paulsen", Paulsen Land Co., LLC (John Paulsen, Managing Partner), hereinafter referred to as "PLC" and complain of defendants and each of them as follows:

## GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

1.1 John Paulsen is the President of Roseland Village, a California Corporation "ROSELAND VILLAGE")

1. 2 John Paulsen is the managing partner of Paulsen Land Co., LLC ("PLC"),
1.3 John Paulsen was born in Santa Rosa, attended grade school in Roseland, and 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.
1.4 Plaintiffs have the same economic interest in the Easements and this lawsuit; accordingly the name "ROSELAND VILLAGE" will also include PAULSEN LAND CO., LLC and JOHN PAULSEN.
2. John Paulsen and Roseland Village have a monetary interest in Roseland Village remaining a viable entity, which it can do only if the recorded and historical reciprocal access and parking Easement are honored by Defendants.
3.1 The recorded document "Reciprocal Easements" ("EASEMENTS") for Access and Parking is Exhibit A hereto.
3.2 The Easement document was recorded in 1956 by the two contiguous property owners anticipating their retail business development.
3. 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.
4. 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.
6.1 Roseland Village is a California Corporation, in existence since 1956 with John Paulsen as its President.
6.2 Paulsen Land Co., LLC is a Califomia Limited Liability Corporation, with John Paulsen as its Managing Partner.
6.3 Roseland Village has been owned by the Paulsen family since 1956.
6.4 ROSELAND VILLAGE and Codding Enterprises bound their commercial retail properties to benefit and burden themselves and their successors with the EASEMENTS.
6.5 ROSELAND VILLAGE and Codding Enterprises bound their commercial retail properties intending the existing and thereafter historical prescriptive Easements, to give effect to the written recorded easements.
6.6 ROSELAND VILLAGE and Paulsen Land Co., LLC are a commercial retail business landlord at, inter alia, $535,555,617,625,635,645,655,673$ Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa, Califormia, contiguous to 665 Sebastopol Road and benefitting from the EASEMENTS.
7.1 Defendant Sonoma County purchased 665 Sebastopol Road aka APA number 125-$111-037$ (the "County Property") from the Baugh family in about 2011, who were successors in interest to Codding.
7.2 The Baugh family at all times maintained the Codding retail commercial use AND historical prescriptive and recorded Easements, herein at issue.
8.1 At the time of the County's purchase, 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 open and notorious.
8.2 Use of the Baugh, fka Codding, property for direct access to Sebastopol Road and for parking for the ROSELAND VILLAGE commercial activity had been notorious and under claim of right since at least 1960 to the present.
9.1 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 both a prescriptive and recorded right.
9.2 For the ROSELAND VILLAGE commercial activity to be of economic value the EASEMENTS recited herein needed to be honored.
5. 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 thereatter 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 Califomia.
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 Califomia and at all times acted under color of State law.
18.1 Plaintiffs are informed and believe that MidPen Housing Corporation (recipient of illegal gifts of public funds) is a private business entity domiciled in Califomia and a stalking horse for Sonoma County/COMMISSION.
18.2 Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Urban Mix Development, LLC (recipient
of illegal gits of public funds) is a private business entity domiciled in California and a stalking horse for Sonoma County. See Exhibit D attached.
18.3 Plaintiffs are informed and believe that MidPen and Urban Mix acquired a property interest in 665 Sebastopol Rd., Santa Rosa, CA (APN 125-111-037 fka the Codding Property) such that MidPen could, would, and did apply for City of Santa Rosa permits to deny Plaintiffs their legal rights and clear Title under the Recorded and historical Easements burdening APN 125-111-037.
18.4 Plaintiffs are informed and believe that MidPen and Urban Mix acquired a property interest in 665 Sebastopol Rd., Santa Rosa, CA (APN 125-111-037 fka the Codding Property) such that MidPen could, would, and did publically disparage the enforce ability of Plaintiffs' Property Rights as a component of their application for City of Santa Rosa permits to deny Plaintiffs their legal rights and clear Title under the Recorded and historical Easements burdening APN 125-111037.
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 scated 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 I 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 scting as the partmer, 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.
27. Reserved.
28. Reserved.
29. Reserved.

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 benefiting 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
destroy the "easements over that portion of said real property which has been, and will be in the future set aside for vehicular parking lots and driveways."
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...0f 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 reincopporate 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 Easenents 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 tikely 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 <br> (Against Sonoma County, Sonoma County Community Development Commission)

Plaintiffs herein reincorporate paragraphs $\mathbf{1 - 6 0}$ 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
permissible use for which the property is physically, geographically, and economically adaptable.
66. Just compensation also includes the loss of any inventory lost leasehold interest and income opportunity.
67. Plaintiffs are entitled to damages that property owner has suffered as a result of the condemners's delay and unreasonable conduct.
68. These damages include the loss of use of the property, loss of rent, loss of profits, and increased operating expenses and any other result from Defendants' unreasonable conduct.
69. '[A]bsent a formal resolution of condemnation, recovery is allowed when the public entity's conduct specially affects the landowner to his injury.'
70. Plaintiff is entitled to damages for Defendants conduct 'which significantly invaded or appropriated Plaintifis' use or enjoyment' of their property."
71. Plaintiffs suffered damage to, or substantial interference with, the use or possession of their property because of condemners's precondemnation activities on the property.
72. Reserved.
73. Reserved

WHEREFORE, Plaintifis pray for Judgment as hereinafter set forth.
FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION: DECLARATORY RELIEF
(Against Sonoma Connty, Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Rectplents of illegal gifts of public funds MIdPen Housing Corporation and Urban Mix Development, LLC)
74. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference as though fully set forth herein the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 73 inclusive.
75.1 Plaintiffs are persons interested under a written instrument, and desire a declaration of their rights and duties with respect to Defendant, or in respect to, in, over and upon the described property.
75.2 There is now a actual controversy relating to the legal rights and duties of the
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:

1. 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 from1956 to the present.
2. 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.
3. Prohibiting Defendants from development on their property in any manner which diminishes or restricts Plaintiffs and their tenants ingress and egress, and use of "driveways", across that developed portion of APN 125-111-037as it existed in 1956.
4. Prohibiting Defendants from development on their propety in any manner which
diminishes or restricts Plaintiffs and their tenants ingress and egress and use of "driveways", across that developed portion of APN 125-111-037 as it existed between 2000 and 2018.
5. Prohibiting any Residential Development on APN 125-111-037 which diminishes the ability of Plaintiffs' lessees, and tenants to park on that developed portion of APN-125-111-037 as it existed in and from 1956 to the present.
6. Prohibiting any Residential Development on APN 125-111-037 which diminishes the ability of Plaintiffs' Lessees, and tenants to drive across that portion of APN 125-1 11-037 as it existed between 2000 and 2018.
7. Compelling Defendants, whatever their development, to pay for, care for and maintain the APN 125-111-037 parking as it existed in and from 1956 to the present.
8. Compelling Defendants, whatever their development, to pay for, care for and maintain the APN 125-111-037 ingress, egress and driveways upon and across of that developed portion of APN 125-111-037 as they existed between 2000 and 2018.
9. Costs of suit;
10. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

PRAYER ON SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
(Against Sonoma County, Sonoma County Community Development Commission, MidPen Housing Corporation and Urban Mix Development, LLC)

Wherefore Plaintiffs Pray:

1. The expense of legal proceedings necessary to remove the doubt cast by the Defendants' disparagement.
2. Financial loss resulting from the Plaintiffs' loss of ability to lease or sell the property.
3. General damages for the time and inconvenience suffered by Plaintiff in removing the doubt cast upon his property.
4. Costs of suit.
5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

## PRAYER ON THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against Sonoma County, Sonoma County Community Development Commission)

Wherefore Plaintiffs Pray for:

1. The loss of value of Plaintiffs' property.
2. The loss of income from Plaintiffs' property.
3. Additional costs of Maintaining Plaintiffs' property.
4. Costs of suit and Attomeys Fees.
5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

PRAYER ON FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION: DECLARATORY RELIEF
(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:

1. Declaratory Relief that the Recorded Easement (Exhibit A) is of full force and effect burdening APN 125-111-037, 665 Sebastopol, Road.
2. The Historical Access, driveway and parking easements across and on APN 125-111-037 existing from 1956 to 2018 may not be diminished or altered.
3. The Historical Access, driveway and parking easements across and on APN 125-111-037 existing from 1956 to 2018 must be maintained.
4. Costs of suit.
5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

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## VERIFICATION

I. John l'aulsen. declare:

That I am the President of ROSELAND VII.I.A(it: the Manaing Partner of PAUI.Sl:N L.AND (C)., I.I.C.. Paintills herein. I have read the foresuing VIERIFIED CROSSCOMPLAINT FOR INJUCTION, GUIET TITLE, DAMAGIES, NIT:RSE CONDENANATION AND DECLARATORY RELIEF, and know the contents thercol of my own personal knowledge.

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1 declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Calitiornia that the foregoing is true and correet and that this Veritication wass execuled on the $\qquad$ day of Mans. 2019. at Santa Rosa. California.


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## Roseland Village

## Tentative Map

 Density BonusPlanning Commission
February 28, 2019
Andy Gustavson
Senior Planner
Planning and Economic Development

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Subject: Roseland Village Appeal Hearing<br>From: "Gustavson, Andy" [AGustavson@srcity.org](mailto:AGustavson@srcity.org)<br>Date: 3/13/2019, 11:40 AM<br>To: "nellessen@sonic.net" [nellessen@sonic.net](mailto:nellessen@sonic.net)<br>Mr. Nellessen,

Thank you for confirming that you and Mr. Paulson are available for the Council's May $7^{\text {th }}$ 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 $7^{\text {th }}$ 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.

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## 1 THE SUBDIISION OF 5 LOTS DENIES ACCESS TO ACROSS THE ROSELAND VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER.

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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 ("RV Shopping Center") locations 617, 625, 635, 645, 655 Sobastopol 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 Casement, dated July 25, 1956 and recorded September 12, 1956, but has been in use and thus a proscriptive easement since 1955, i.c., 64 yeors.

The approval of a conditional Use Permit allowing Mixed Use, i.e., וnıi 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 oparation of retail business establishurents..."(isec, Page 3, Parngraph 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 proseriptive historic use since 1955) parking spaces. All housing units will have dedicated parking space(s) per unit. The only "stared 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 deny 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 disregard's the Recorded Easernent 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 Rose standards applied in "first class" neighborhoods, this "third class" development is illegal.





## CITY OF SANTA ROSA

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

February 28, 2019

| PROUECT TITLE | APPLICANT |
| :---: | :---: |
| Roseland Village Neighborhood Center | MidPen Housing Corporation (MidPen) |
| ADDRESSILOCATION | PROPERTY OWNER |
| 665 \& 883 Sebastopol Road | 665 Sebastopol Rd.- County of Sonoma Community Development Commission (CDC) |
|  | 883 Sebastopol Rd.- MidPen |
| ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS | FLLENUABER |
| 665 Sebastopol Rd. - 125-111-037 883 Sebastopol Rd. - 125-101-031 | PRJ17-075 (MAJ17-006, CUP17-153, DB19-001) |
| APPLICATION DATE | APPLICATION COMPLETION DATE |
| February 22, 2018 | December 5, 2018 |
| REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS | FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED |
| Tentative Map, Density Bonus and Concession/ Incentives | Minor Design Review (for Roseland Village Project), Minor Use Permil (for the Plaza Temporal) |
| PROJECT SITE ZONING | GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION |
| 665 Sebastopol Rd. - General Commercial (CG) | 665 Sebastopol Rd. - Mixed - Retail \& Business Services and Medium Residential ( 8.0 to 18.0 du/ac) |
| 883 Sebastopol Rd. - R-3-18 (MultiFamily Residential) | 883 Sebastopol Rd. - Medium Density Residential ( 8.0 to 18.0 du/ac) |
| PROJECT PLANNER | RECORAMENDATION |
| Andy Gustavson | Approval |

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Aaron Hollister, Project Coordinator<br>City of Santa Rose<br>1440 Guemeville Road<br>Santa Rosa, CA 95403

RE: APN \# 125-111-037
Proposed "Roseland Village Neightiorhood Center"
Dear Mr. Hollister:
Please find enclosed:
(l) Grant of Reciprocal Easements in favor of "Roscland Village" and burdening APN 125-11 J-037, recorded September 12, 1956.
(2) John Paulsen's August 2, 2017 lecter to Sonoma County pointing out that Sonoma Counly Community Devolopment Commission and its nominee "Mid-Pen" at all times failed to consult with Roseland Villoge, a corporation, about is easements.
(3) My letter of August 3, 2017 to the responsible Dapury County Counsel pointing out that the Mid Pen/Community Development Commission Residential development proposal entrely ignores the preseriptive and recorded acesss and parking Easements.

The County and Mid-Pen have lailed in any way to respond to my letter and the facts and really reciled thercin. The last community meeting occurring on March 14, 2018 witnessed about 60 meighbortrood resldents who uniformly and unanimously spoke against the inevitable massive trafite nightmares and the absence of adequate neighborhood inftestruclure to host the number of proposed residential units. The enly two clizens to speak in favor were from Northeast Santa Rosa who thought the food trucks would be cute and the high density housing inapproperiate for thelf own neighbortood.

In addilton to the contents of my August 2017 lener with which the County took no lissus, I wish to reaffirm what the Santa Rosa Assistant Fite Marshal, Jan Hardage, and City Planners all stated last week about the exlsting Roseland Village Shopping Center and the proposed Mid-Pen high deasity Residential Development.
(1) The existing Traffie/Fire access circulation needs to be maintained.

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August 2, 2017

## Sonorna County Project Review and Advisory Conmmitree

Community Meeting Augus 3, 2017
Re: Rogetand Village A compornion (Raulsen Parcels) $125-111-45,46,47,48$
Dear Project Revievv and Advisary Commituee Members,
In 1956 ws 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 VillagedPaulsen Propenty) with mutual "Reciprocal Easements" for Parking and Acceschagress/Egress.

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

These recordod and Prescriplive Easements were known to the County and Mid-Pen when the County purchased APN 12S-111-37 and when County agencies "blessed" Mid-Pen with (I underitand over $\$(. S$ millien) in "planning fees." No one ever approached me to discuss the inherent incompalibility with developing outside the Codding Enterprise building footprint, or by ellminating the existing Parking and Access Easements (Recorded and Prescriptive).

Rather, when I asked for and had a meetng with Mid-Pen and its co-ventures, and asked them to discues the recorded and Prescripive Eacements they simply "shut down." The reppesentatives were nice. but had no explanalon for absolutely failing to address the reality that lhe existing Easements simply will not accommodare the high density development plans the County funded and is pushing.

As the owner of the Recorded and Prescriptive Easamens, I Invite the Community Development Commission and Mid-Pon to review with me how any dovelopment cesn occur consisient with the Easements. This has nol been done to date.

Aceordingly, I believe it is premature and unvise for any entity to emtertain development of parcel APN 125-1 I 1-37 which is patently illegad and a clear viotation of my Family's property rights. 1 challenfe aryy ore to visit Roseland Village and view for thumselves ithe parking and access in use, which has undeniably existed since at least 1960 , and tell me the proposed dovolopment will not substantinlly and irteparably dastroy the use and value of Roseland Villige. Right now Roseland Village is a thriving tax paying community resouree. I will Gght to keep it that way.

> Sincerely,

John Paulsen

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Santa Ross, CA 95403
RE: Roseland Vulage Property
Jotan Paricen, President
Recorded and Preariptive Pardug and Driveway Eapaments at the Rosefond Stopping Coater
Desr Mr. Mercado:
Thank you for your letter (and the exselosuro) to me dated July 24, 2017, recoived July 31, 2017. In the futtre please, pleass provide a copy by emal for a more prompt and assured recojpt.

Addressing your fetter to me first:
(I) Is the flost sentesce of the second paragragh missing a line?
(2) Have you ever been to Rosaland Village on a week day or weekend? When? I have photos taken on an sverago weekday, June $30^{a}$ at $11: 00 \mathrm{am}$. which show that over 70\% of che parking speces between the "Alberteons/Lucky's" concrete and Sebustopol Road are cecupied by Roselend Valige customers. Of course con weekents the percentage intreases to $90 \%$.
(3) Stave the realliy of the historical Eacement use is grossly taconsistent with your letter mescritions, there mun be, oven a flawed, tratio sturdy mearusing and reporting the existing traflic flow and use. May I please have a copy?

Regarding your two (2) page letter on bethalf of the County Counsel office to tho County Peruit and Rescurce Maragerment Dapartment attempiting to justify ignoring the Recorded and hibtorical Praseriptiva Easernents

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(1) What is the factral/documtented basis for your statement that Hugh Coiding/Enterprises ever owned any of the Paulsen properties (APN 125-1 I 1 -45, 46, 47, 48). We bolleve you are wreago
(2) In 1956, when the Recorded Easamants were gramted and the historical Prescripive Eacements were ongoing, the Paulsen property bailitiugs were in plase. The anglor Codding building was the "Pam Market" at the location of the subsequent Albertions. The Acesss/Eagress/Egress and traflic patherns hed been establithed on boith halves of the Roselend Shoppiog Center by t956.
(3) Youstate that "Roseland VIlage owned thio. (County) Commission Property." is this really belleved by your office or is it juar belng sloppp R Roseland Village is a Corgoration owned by the Paulsen femity.
(4) Why dows the County Counsol belteve the "Paulsen Pruperty has since expmaded boyond what was origianally owaed by Coddfigg". Do you have ANY data to support thls? Is this some Hubblesque observation?
(5) "This current Commission Property parking configuration provides for spproximately 270 pariding spaces"

However, what you convenieatly omil is that:
A) Tha Development Parkiag allowabee is only 90 "shanted" commercial spaces.
B) The total Codding Beilding conflguration was $70,000 \mathrm{sq}$, At. The County Development Comsulsiton proposad is $300,400 \mathrm{sq}$, th of bulldiags. The ratio of $s q$. frotage allowed therefore should be (at miniman) approximatioly four (4) times the Couddlag parking sq, foctage in 2000, which you have counted as 270 spaces. Aceortingily, for the scale of proposed dovilopment 1157 pardag apaces will now be necessary if the historical Parking easanent ls to be "not Burdenad" This of course does not account for the upproximate 200-270 apaces an the Codding propenty coureuly bafng used daily - WItH NO CODDING OR COUNTY BUILDNIG(S)!

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Righe now your casual visual obsarvation will confirm that on any weekday the customers of the Paulsen parcals use $70 \%$ of the available praking spaces and ALL of the Acceselingress/Egreas. On the weekcend the use is oloser to $90 \%$ of the 270 spaces in uss by the Paukien Tenamisfoustomers.
B. Dovelopment of the CDC Property will deatroy the existing Recorded and historical Preseriptive Access and Parking Easamants owned by the Paulsen Parcela.
(6) The Eshoo letter you relerence was predicated on exhaustive observation and secording of the Easaments use - DN RBALITY. A blythe denigration of the acourate observation aud repporting is not advanoing the County's obligation to resaarch and apply "FACTS." Real facta, not "ailternallive thets."

Reality is that only the Couding Pascel and Paulaen Parcels EVERR used the entablished Accass and Parking dedicated areas, i.e., reciprocal Easements. The Prescriptive used establitied the extent of the Deeded Essaments of Record. The Codding/County Parcol abandoried the Access Easement before 2003. The extent of the Pariding Easermeat as ertablished by the Paulsen Parcels also before 2003 is the comsistant and current use of the Parding Lot. In other worda, since 2003 the Prescriptive Easementshave been nsed Exciusively by tho Rosetand Shopping Center partion owned by the Paulsen Family (Thank you for poiating that out), In paticular all use of the existing Roselamd Stroppling Center Deeded and Preseriptive Access/ingress/Agrass has also been used exclusivaly by the Paulsen property Tenants/customers.
(7) Another PACT that I am sure the Traffic flow analyses undeataken by the County establish without quastion, is the deprendeace of the Proulsen parcal tertants and cartomers on the Wear St/Sebastopol Road/Rosoland Village Traffic lighe to access cast sud west bound Sebratopol Roed. Whan the County secured the "abandoament" of the prior Sebastopol Road ingress/egress in the approximate middle of the shared pardang lot, it offd so to make the entire Roseland Shopplag Conter, and in particular larse commerctal trueks, entisely depardeat ea umestricted access to the West SureeUSebastopol Road Trafile lighinanes, Have you even looked at the Mid-Pon Developmenf Plan?

## Aldo Mercado

Deputy County Counsel
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John Paulsen, President
August 3, 2017
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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 Paulsen tenants having the access key. The reciprocal recorded Access Easement was then and therefore used only by Paulsen property tenants and by NO Codding/Baugh tenanlsfeustomers on the "Commission Parcel." The historical Prescriptive Ingress/Egress use hos been exclusively for over 14 years, from the Paulsen parcels across the "Bough/County" parcel to the Sevastopol 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,


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## Paula Cook

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## 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

