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Public Comments

McDowell, John

From: Joe Bob here <jbhitchcock44@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 6:19 PM
To: McDowell, John
Subject: Heliport

Re: AMALIA PALMAZ LIVING TRUST - COUNTY OF NAPA / PALMAZ PERSONAL USE HELIPORT,
AIRPORT LAND USE CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION #P17-00037-ALUC

I oppose this project in the strongest possible way. Similar proposals have been made in the past, and denied.

Please do not go down this slippery slope. If this were to be approved, there would be a flood of requests throughout Napa County and the precedent set here would make it difficult to deny any other requests.

The noise of the helicopters is a great annoyance to local residents and disturbing to pets and other animals.

It is not appropriate to make such a huge, wide ranging decision just for the benefit of one person. Everyone else must use an automobile, bus, or other ground transportation throughout the Napa Valley. There is no reason to exclude one and only one person from this circumstance to the detriment of everyone else.

The ALUC is meant to represent everyone without special dispensations for any one person.

No to helicopters.

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McDowell, John

From: Marissa <photosbym@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 11:56 PM
To: Ayers, Dana
Cc: McDowell, John
Subject: Re: Notice of Airport Land Use Commission Hearing

Of course-It is so clear, this Land Use Proposal, is a question of Privilege vs. the People...where are we going here?

Marissa

On May 6, 2017, at 2:12 AM, Ayers, Dana <Dana.Ayers@countyofnapa.org> wrote:

Interested Party,

Attached is a notice of a public hearing scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on the morning of May 17, 2017, before the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) regarding the proposed Palmaz Personal Use Heliport (P17-00037 – ALUC).

As explained in the notice, the ALUC will be reviewing the proposal solely to make a determination of whether the proposed heliport is consistent with the Napa County Airport Compatibility Plan, and the ALUC is not authorized to make any decisions regarding certification of the project environmental impact report (EIR) or approval or denial of the use permit request.

Questions about the information contained in this notice, or about the role of the ALUC, can be directed to John McDowell, ALUC staff, at email address john.mcdowell@countyofnapa.org or by telephone at (707) 299-1354.

You are receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in or submitted a comment letter on the proposed project or the draft EIR for the proposed project. If you wish to have your email address removed from this list, please contact me by reply to this email.

Regards,

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McDowell, John

From: John Shafer <JShafer@shafervineyards.com>
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 12:59 PM
To: McDowell, John
Subject: Palmaz Personal Use Heliport

Dear Mr. McDowell:

I am writing in opposition to the Palmaz application for a use permit for a personal heliport. At least two previous heliport applications have been denied by the county in past years. I and neighbors objected to both because of the noise level which tended to disrupt the peace and quiet of our beautiful valley. The fact that the use is personal rather than commercial doesn't make the noise level different. Once the county approves one such heliport there is nothing stopping future requests by people with the wherewithal to have their own heliport. The fact is our Napa Valley is appealing to many wealthy people who can easily afford to own their own helicopter.

So, in the interests of preserving our special valley, I urge the county to deny the Palmaz request..

John Shafer