



Appeal Form

County of Ventura • Resource Management Agency • Planning Division

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Appeal Number: AP24-0006 / PL23-0009

To: ☐ Board of Supervisors
☒ Planning Commission
☐ PWA Advisory Agency

I hereby appeal the decision of the case # pl23-0009, which was given on
July 17, 20 24.

The decision was as follows:

"All plans were approved" end quote Michael Conger AICP Senior planner. July 17 2024

The grounds of appeal are (attach extra sheets as needed):

- 1 This has unmitigated impact and requires additional environmental review pursuant to The California Environmental Quality Act. Additionally, this decision violates local and state zoning laws. It flies in the face of Medical guidance pertaining to proximity to livestock and associated vermin. In the director's final approval, he states, "all other neighbors don't complain with regard to bacteria odors, flies, noise, etc."
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- 4 Other than my family, the closest neighbor is approximately 150 yards away from the applicant's corrals, etc. The next closest is approx. 400 yards away.
- 5 Why was this false testimony considered? 11 horses in 6000 ft² 40 feet from my dwelling. Not in the spirit of the law.

I request that the appropriate decision-making body take the following action:

- 3 Reverse the planning department's granted permits proposed in the "Use Permits application" for the the illegally erected structures. Create a much safer safety zone using scientific data and medical guidance based on current empirical data. "Not guesswork of unqualified laymen. Greatly extend the distancing of paddocks and stables etc. from "Offsite living structures". This can be the one and only remedy to prevent disease spreading bacteria and odor that would surely originate from what is the equivalent to open-air toilets of "60" (200 lb) adult men. 40 to 60 feet from a human household is an undefeatable unnecessary risk..

Name of Appellant: Richard Howard

Address of Appellant: [REDACTED] Santa Paula California.


Telephone Number of Appellant: [REDACTED]

County of Ventura
Board of Supervisors Hearing
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Exhibit 1.3 - Appeal of Planning Director Decision

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Is the appellant a party in the application? . If not, state the basis for filing the appeal as an "aggrieved person."

3 The aggrieved parties are senior citizens and very young children that will be exposed to a health and life threatening situations on a 24/7 basis due to deadly airborne microbes, bacteria and infectious diseases in concentrated forms emanating from applicants property due to the proposed extreme close proximity of livestock, (11 horses) to be housed in recently approved Use Permits for illegally erected structures referenced in Ventura county Case Number pl23-0009 This renders our property monetarily worthless. 6


Signature of Appellant

07/27/2024
Date

Appeal and deposit fee of \$ 1,000.00 (pursuant to fee schedule specified by Resolution No. 222 of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors) received by the Planning Division at 12:00 pm (time) on July 29, 20 24.

Dave Ward, AICP
Director- Planning Division

By Amanda Bonavida

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

7/27/2024
DATE

Richard Howard
NAME

7/15/2024

To whom it may concern,

11820 Topa Vista Road

It has come to my attention that the neighboring property, addressed at ***, intends to sequester upwards of one dozen horses within forty (?) feet of our shared property line, precisely alongside where our living quarters are located.

It is my medical opinion that the decision to place so many large animals nearby our living quarters is dangerous and should strongly be reconsidered. The risk of health complications to those of us living so closely include, but are most certainly not limited to, exposures to the biohazardous wastes of their urine and fecal matter as well as the increased concentration of flies and other vermin attracted to said excrement.

More worrisome than that is the increased risk of exacerbating allergy-related events such as allergic Bronchial Asthma (a potentially fatal condition) in the children and senior citizens living on the nearby premises. This will cause a subsequent increase in doctor's visits, hospitalizations and mortality events.

3 I have been told that in response to these concerns being brought to the County, they were disregarded and that the danger of exposing people to such risks won't be considered since "it's always been done this way for at least 100 years".

I assume that the person who stated this was unaware of how serious these matters are and that their opinion (which will place several people's lives at risk) isn't that of the County's or other parties involved.

Now that all of the dangers have been brought to your attention, please note that ignorance cannot be claimed. Any and all health complications that arise are in your hands.

I strongly recommend that you re-evaluate the proposed plans to avoid harm coming to any persons living next door.

Sincerely,

Dr. Austin Leialoha Howard, MD

Internal Medicine

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EXERPTS FROM C.D.C AND E.P.A.

This is yet another response of a simple google search. "Dangers of living near livestock"

This fact is the very first thing Dr.s without borders" educate people in under developed countries in...Livestock diseases.

Living near livestock can pose several dangers to human health and the environment, including:

- Infectious diseases

Farm animals can carry germs that can be passed to humans, causing illnesses like diarrhea, vomiting, fever, nausea, and body aches. These diseases, called zoonoses, can be especially serious for vulnerable groups like pregnant women, young children, the elderly, and people who are immunocompromised. Examples of livestock-associated zoonoses include avian influenza, Salmonella, and Campylobacter infections.

- Air pollutants

Livestock facilities emit pollutants like ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, and particulate matter that can damage air quality and cause respiratory illnesses like asthma and bronchitis. These pollutants may also affect airways.

- Food-borne diseases

Livestock can also cause harm to public health through pathogen outbreaks on nearby food. Examples of food-borne diseases include cysticercosis, taeniosis, cryptosporidiosis, and brucellosis.

- Other health risks

Some studies have found that people who live near animal feeding operations may be more likely to die from cardiovascular problems or develop non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL).

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Working* on a farm with cows infected with A(H5N1) virus or sick cows exposed to those infected with A(H5N1) virus; no close animal contact	Working on a farm with cows with known or suspected A(H5N1) virus infection but with no known direct contact <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possible contact with cows of unknown infection status, asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic infection• Possible contact with contaminated environment• Possible contact with contaminated fomites• Possible contact with contaminated waste (feces, urine)• Possible contact with contaminated feed or water	HIGH to MEDIUM <i>Risk Assessment</i>	Few A(H5N1) cases globally fall into a category of "no known poultry exposure" following investigation of exposures and epidemiologic link Relative risk for A(H5N1) virus infection among groups listed Relative risk for A(H5N1) virus infection among groups listed
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Prevention

To help prevent inhalation of aerosolized urine or feces, discourage travelers from going into densely populated animal habitats (e.g., caves, corrals, mines, tunnels) housing large populations of animals. Travelers planning to enter densely populated animal habitats (e.g., bat caves) should don protective equipment (e.g., face shield, respirator, gloves) and clothing. Upon leaving the area, travelers should appropriately doff dirty equipment and clothing and wash or bathe as soon as possible. Travelers also should plan to remove all food and drink from their backpacks before entering populated animal habitats

Zoonotic Exposures: Bites, Stings, Scratches & Other Hazards

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