

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR DE NOVO HEARING TO CONSIDER
GRANTING OF A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO.
3697 (CASE NO. PL17-0012) AND DISCRETIONARY TREE PERMIT CASE NO.
PL23-0040 FOR THE KRISHNAMURTI FOUNDATION OF AMERICA**

The table below presents the list of public comments received between February 18, 2025, and February 24, 2025. Attachment 1 includes the public comments.

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18 Feb 2025

Hon. Matt LeVere Member, Board of Supervisors, District 1 County of Ventura, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, # 1900

Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Appeal of Decision of Ventura County Planning Commission –
Krishnamurti Foundation Application for Conditional Use Permit

I live directly across the street from the KFA facility. While I strongly support the designation “Retreat,” I strongly oppose the “Camp” designation. Despite KFA’s demur, the designation allows for a 5x in personnel and vehicles.

While KFA and the County said a Camp designation is necessary due to a desired square footage construction, that can easily be resolved by an exception to the CUP as has been granted several times before.

The degree of traffic permitted would greatly endanger any attempt to evacuate in time of fire due to the small road system absent shoulders. Palisades and Altadena more than demonstrated what chaotic traffic on small roads can create. The Negative Declaration on traffic was solely due to KFA provided figures absent a true traffic study. To date, KFA has routinely violated its mitigation by holding events, tours etc on peak traffic hours vice off hours.

Under a worst-case scenario, McAndrew and Thacher Roads will have to manage evacuations from KFA, Thacher School, Boardman School and the 200+ residents in the immediate area. During the Thomas Fire, with a smaller population, serious traffic incidents of cars, farm animals and resident trucks created significant issues for fire engine passage.

Concurrently, the fire support issue is unresolved despite KFA’s disclaimer. It has NO agreement between Casitas and Senior Canyon to provide required water/flow/PSI. The flow test was administered under ideal conditions and was not a full test of PSI at the hydrant. In fact, Senior Canyon is a gravity-fed system and has never met fire flow standards. Under fire conditions, KFA would never have adequate water with multiple usage along the entire line. In fact, during the Thomas Fire, the line went completely dry along McAndrew Road.

I also take issue with the Ojai MAC decision to recommend approval. It was in clear violation of its own plan requiring the preservation of the unique neighborhood environments in the Valley. Concurrently, I have reservations that the MAC may have violated the Brown Act in attending an “Open House” at KFA two hours before the meeting. Despite KFA’s claim that it was a neighborhood open house, none of the neighbors knew of or received an invitation until the session was nearly concluded.

In short, this community simply cannot support a “camp” in our community given our geography, our infrastructure and our resources. We cannot support such density in this fragile time and place. Though the Applicant avers these density limits would not be reached under the present administration, a zoning designation permitting these limits certainly opens the possibility of such uses in the future.

I urge you to:

- (1) reject the decision of the Ventura County Planning Commission as contrary to the evidence;
- (2) Provide an exception to the Retreat zoning to allow KFA the present construction square footage allowing it to remain a Retreat vice Camp..
- (3) Should the Camp designation be retained:

Require full compliance for traffic and fire issues BEFORE the Camp is approved.

Conduct a formal CEQA traffic impact study.

Require an agreement between Senior Canyon and Casitas BEFORE the designation is approved.

Conduct a full flow and PSI water test BEFORE the designation is approved.

Ensure that a full compliant road entry/exit is constructed for fire engine standards BEFORE the designation is approved.

Keith M Nightingale

Phred2505@gmail.com

805 896 1458

Boero, Kristina

From: Charlie Bosson <cebosson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 5:57 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I strongly oppose KFA's CUP modification to a "Camp." This change would allow excessive expansion, conflicting with the Ojai Valley Area Plan and putting our community's safety at risk.

I urge the Board to either:

1. Retain KFA's "Retreat" designation or
2. Revert the zoning to "Rural Agriculture"

Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles and Caryn Bosson
3763 Grand Ave
Ojai, CA

From: Angela Ocone <ahocone@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 6:54 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-001

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Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Angela Ocone
4735 Grand Ave.
Ojai, CA 93023**

Boero, Kristina

From: Susan Weaver <shweaver805@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 8:22 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan H Weaver
1240 McAndrew Rd.

Ojai, CA 93023

Sent from my iPhone

Boero, Kristina

From: Dana White <dana@clarkandwhitelandscape.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 8:58 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to KFA's proposed Conditional Use Permit (CUP) modification from a "Retreat" to a "Camp." This change would allow for excessive expansion that is inconsistent with the Ojai Valley Area Plan and could jeopardize the safety of our community.

I respectfully request that the Board consider either retaining KFA's current "Retreat" designation or reverting the zoning to "Rural Agriculture."

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your dedication to protecting our community.

Sincerely,
Dana White
1112 McNell Road
Ojai, CA 93023

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Christine Steiner
2560 Ladera Road
Ojai, CA 93023

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February 14, 2025

Hon. Matt LaVere
Member, Board of Supervisors, District 1
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue, # 1900
Ventura, CA 93009

**Re: Appeal of Decision of Ventura County Planning Commission –
Krishnamurti Foundation Application for Conditional Use Permit**

Dear Supervisor LaVere:

I am a resident of the East End of Ojai. In the dozen or so years I have lived here, I have experienced a catastrophic wildfire requiring evacuation, rainstorms with flood warnings/watches, earthquakes of significant magnitude.

I am writing because the Krishnamurti Foundation has requested that it be redesignated a “camp”, a significant usage increase from its current designation as a “retreat”. Your Planning Commission approved this request without full consideration of the consequences of such a redesignation.

In the best of times, our small, rural community of two-lane roads is not capable of supporting hundreds of people for daily activities and more than a hundred people for overnight accommodations. In the worst of times, it potentially adds hundreds of evacuees in this tight area...such congestion is simply unacceptable in an area with a number of private schools, with elderly residents, with farm animals – and all not easily evacuated in a timely manner during an emergency. Additional traffic of this magnitude would certainly exacerbate an already terrifying scenario and this public safety concern cannot be discounted or ignored. We know from our harrowing experiences in the 2017 Thomas Fire that evacuations are difficult here and we know equally that emergencies are a fact of life. Concerns about the panic of escape from wildfires were recently revived as we watched coverage of the fires in our neighboring Los Angeles.

In short, this community simply cannot support a “camp” in our community given our geography, our infrastructure and our resources. We cannot support such density in this fragile time and place. Though the Applicant avers these density limits would not be reached under the present administration, a zoning designation permitting these limits certainly opens the possibility of such uses in the future.

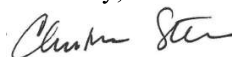
I urge you to:

- (1) reject the decision of the Ventura County Planning Commission as contrary to the evidence;
- (2) disallow this major modification of the Foundation’s CUP; and
- (3) grant the Appeal, whereby the Krishnamurti Foundation will continue its operations within its current zoning designation.

I join my East End neighbors in opposing this major modification; it adversely affects the character of our community and presents substantial public safety risks.

Thank you for your consideration, please keep me informed of your decision.

Sincerely,



Christine Steiner

Boero, Kristina

From: Polly Hawkins <pollyrhawkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 10:27 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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February 18, 2025

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I strongly oppose KFA's CUP modification to a "Camp." This change would allow excessive expansion, conflicting with the Ojai Valley Area Plan and putting our community's safety at risk.

Please either:

- 1. Retain KFA's "Retreat" designation or**
- 2. Revert the zoning to "Rural Agriculture"**

Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Polly Hawkins
1660 Happy Lane
Ojai, Ca 93023**

From: Claude Kent <claudekent618@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 3:58 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We are KFA's nearest residential neighbors. For 38 years we have shared our longest property line with them, East to West. We did not oppose their earlier expansion to build an archive and library for Krishnamurti even though it was contrary to the character of the neighborhood, and definitely changed our life

At that time to get the approvals needed, they made promises to mitigate some of the expansion's more obvious problems, for example, screening the archive building with vegetation. That promise went unfulfilled until many years later, when they began their plans for this camp expansion, and given past experience, we expect that some of the new mitigations they have agreed to will go by the wayside as well.

We strongly oppose the granting of camp designation to this very small piece of property in close proximity to many residential neighbors. A camp would legally allow the property to become a densely populated hub of activity in an area that only allows one house per 5 acres. They only have 11 acres which would otherwise allow only two residences. They are proposing two water tanks above ground, necessary for fire protection, that are the size of two small houses, as well as other new buildings and roads across the property for access to the new facilities.

They say they intend to only increase the people and activities slightly but camp status would give them the right to increase it a great deal without having to come back and go through an approval process with community involvement.

Look at the circles in the PowerPoint illustrating the difference in size between the KFA property and the other two camps in the area. It is a joke. Should it be considered a camp with its diminutive size and close proximity to residential neighbors and our disappearing agriculture?

We strongly oppose KFA's CUP modification to a "Camp." This change would allow excessive expansion, conflicting with the Ojai Valley Area Plan and putting our community's well being and safety at risk.

We urge the Board to either:

1. Retain KFA's "Retreat" designation

Or

2. Revert the zoning to "Rural Agriculture"

Please protect our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Claude and Nancy Kent

1266 Mc Andrew Rd.

Ojai, CA 93026

213 210 6372

Boero, Kristina

From: Annica Howard <annicahoward@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 12:36 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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I urge the Board to either:

1. Retain KFA's "Retreat" designation or
2. Revert the zoning to "Rural Agriculture"

Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Annica Howard
4308 Hendrickson Road
Ojai, CA 93023

Boero, Kristina

From: Chad Carper <chadcarperconstruction@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 11:58 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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I urge the Board to either:

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Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Chad Carper
3396 Thacher Rd.
Ojai, CA. 93023
805 320-7170

Boero, Kristina

From: Anne Carper <anniecarper22@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 11:56 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012,

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Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anne Carper
3396 Thacher Rd.
Ojai, CA. 93023
805 746-2735

Boero, Kristina

From: Nancy Pepper <nancypepper6@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 11:01 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012,

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I urge the Board to either:

1. Retain KFA's "Retreat" designation or
2. Revert the zoning to "Rural Agriculture"

Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nancy Pepper
851 McAndrew Rd
Ojai CA 93023

Boero, Kristina

From: Keith Nightingale <phred2505@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 9:08 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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To the Board of Supervisors,

I strongly oppose KFA's CUP modification to a "Camp." This change would allow excessive expansion, conflicting with the Ojai Valley Area Plan and putting our community's safety at risk.

The probability of there being a major fire and evacuation incident is very high. A Camp with 5x more people than a retreat would create a huge traffic issue ala Palisades if approved. I have seen major fires burn through this area in the Wheeler Fire of 1948 as well as the recent Thomas Fire. Our water and traffic infrastructure simply cannot handle the added stress.

The Ojai MAC was egregiously wrong in recommending approval of the CUP as it destroys the unique neighborhood environment that they are charged to preserve.

I urge the Board to either:

1. Retain KFA's "Retreat" designation or
2. Revert the zoning to "Rural Agriculture"

Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Keith M. Nightingale

1177 McAndrew Rd
805 896 1458

Boero, Kristina

From: Sherry Loehr <sherry@sherryloehr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 8:12 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL 17-0012

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February 18, 2025

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I strongly oppose KFA's CUP modification to a "Camp." This change would allow excessive expansion putting our community's safety at risk.

Please either:

- 1. Retain KFA's "Retreat" designation or**
- 2. Revert the zoning to "Rural Agriculture"**

Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Sherry Loehr
1365 Shippee Lane
Ojai, CA 93023
805-646-4122

website:

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Boero, Kristina

From: Ruth Lasell <bon_lass@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 1:45 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of CUP PL17-0012

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I live across from the KFA property on McAndrew Road and am strongly opposed to the change of its designation from "Retreat" to "Camp" because the potential for many more overnight and daytime visitors that "camp" permits will overwhelm our residential neighborhood.

In 2017 the Thomas Fire burned to the eastern edge of the KFA property and this being an area of high fire risk, it is likely there will another wildfire in the future. In 2017 we had no water during the fire and it makes no sense now to approve further development in a fire-prone area. With more people evacuation for all residents will be harder (narrow, 2-lane roads) and the safety of our entire neighborhood will be decreased.

Please change the designation of the KFA back to "Retreat".

And if it is deemed essential that it now be a "Camp," change the zoning of the KFA property back to Rural Agricultural from the current Rural Exclusive. This reversion would mean that KFA and Thacher School, our other institutional neighbor, would be similarly zoned.

Thank you,

Ruth Lasell
1001 McAndrew Road
Ojai, CA 93023

From: GARY BARNHART <gkbarnhart@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 11:38 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors

I strongly oppose KFA's CUP modification to a Camp! This change would allow excessive expansion, conflicting with the Ojai Valley Area Plan and putting our community's safety at risk. The KFA has historically ignored the Planning Commission's decisions and broke compliance issues with no regard to our neighborhood.

I would urge the Board to either retain KFA's Retreat designation or revert the zoning to Rural Agriculture.

We hope you will protect the Ojai East End from this disastrous idea of a Camp next door to our orchards, homes and schools.

Sincerely,
Gary K Barnhart
4183 Grand Ave
Ojai, CA

Sent from my iPad

Boero, Kristina

From: Kate Barnhart <kbarnins@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:58 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your service. We have lived in this neighborhood for 40 years and have watched the KFA defy every CUP ever granted.

We strongly oppose KFA,s CUP modification to a CAMP. This change would allow excessive expansion, conflicting with the Ojai Valley Area Plan and putting our community's safety at risk.

We urge the Board to either:

1. Retain KFA s RETREAT designation or
2. Revert the zoning to RURAL AGRICULTURE

PLEASE PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kate Barnhart
4183 Grand Avenue
Ojai, CA 93023

cell 805.798.1827

Boero, Kristina

From: hello miabelleskin.com <hello@miabelleskin.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 4:49 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Meredith Belle and Daniel Wyner
106 e eucalyptus street
Ojai, CA 93023

From: James Howard <jnh2@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 4:32 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Krishnamurti Project

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Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,
(Your Name and home address)

Please send your email today and forward this to other neighbors. Attend the meeting if possible (Board of Supervisor Hearing Room, Hall of Administration, County Government Center). Let's make our voices heard!

Executive Committee, East End Neighborhood Association

Boero, Kristina

From: Marilyn Noad <claynoad@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 3:21 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: KFA "Camp" in Ojai's serene east end.

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On 2/19/25 claynoad@gmail.com wrote

What a colossally stupid idea. With limited water and in a high fire risk area? You are putting us all in danger, Remember the Thomas fire? Malibu here we come! As a long term property owner I am vehemently opposed to the ill conceived plan for Ojai's east end.
Marilyn Clay Noad

From: Michael Weaver <amweaver@pacbell.net>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 10:37 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Cc: Boero, Kristina
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

KFA and their neighbors have existed in harmony for decades. We do not object to their CUP plans in general, but we are concerned that the land use change from Retreat to Camp opens up the property to uncontrolled expansion that could seriously impact the nature of our neighborhood.

On January 31, 1984 the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 3671 which zoned the KFA Retreat as Rural Agricultural (RA). On September 18, 1995 the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 4095 which rezoned the project site to Rural Exclusive (RE) without notiification to the neighbors.

In 2005, Ventura County revised its Land Use Ordinance that changed what was allowed for a Retreat. This necessitated KFA to change to a Camp. In the case of a relatively small 11.12 acre site like KFA, this change is very significant. The 2005 Land Use Ordinance states:

Sec. 8107-17.2 Camps

Overnight population of guests and staff shall be limited by the following calculations.

Sec. 8107-17.2.1

Camps on property zoned Rural Agricultural (RA) - lot size in acres x 2.56; in KFA case = 28

Sec. 8107-17.2.2

Camps on property zoned Rural Exclusive (RE) - lot size in acres x 10.24; in KFA case = 114

Total daily on-site population of guests and staff shall be limited by the following calculations:

Sec. 8107-17.3.1

Camps zoned Rural Agricultural (RA) - $5.12 \times$ lot size in gross acres; In KFA case = 56

Sec. 8107-17.3.2

Camps zoned Rural Exclusive (RE) - $20.48 \times$ lot size in gross acres; In case KFA = 228

A Camp zoned RE is allowed 4 times the number of people on the property as a Camp zoned RA. Even though KFA is not now requesting in their CUP to be allowed to use the full allotment of possible occupancy for overnight and daily land use, incremental expansion can occur with only the local residents having to police any violations of the CUP requirements.

The major concern of the neighbors is the number of people allowed on the 11 acre KFA property at any one time. We request the Board of Supervisors return the zoning of the project site to Rural Agricultural to be consistent with the other non-residential properties in the neighborhood like Thacher School. This will provide KFA what their CUP requests and at the same time satisfy the neighbors concern of uncontrolled expansion.

Sincerely,

**Michael Weaver
1240 McAndrew Road
OJAI, CA 93023**

Boero, Kristina

From: ross anderson - aa <ross@andersonarch.com>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 8:40 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Krishnamurti

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Subject line: **Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012**, (this must be included)

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Please protect our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,

ross anderson

1674 Mcnell rd ojai CA

Please send your email today and forward this to other neighbors. Attend the meeting if possible (Board of Supervisor Hearing Room, Hall of Administration, County Government Center). Let's make our voices heard!

Executive Committee, East End Neighborhood Association

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Sent from my iPhone

Boero, Kristina

From: kathan glassman <kglassman@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 7:59 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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To the Board of Supervisors,

I have lived at 4139 Thatcher Road for 27 years and walk on Mc Andrew every morning where I pass many neighbors and their dogs. This is a quiet residential area and the idea of allowing the KFA to open a 114 bed hotel in this neighborhood is alarming. I'm fearful that the modification to a camp would create a major expansion and is not within the Ojai Valley Area Plan.

My family opposes the KFA Cup change. Please keep the KFA designation as a retreat and revert the zoning back to rural agriculture.

Also please remove their tax exempt status as they use this property to make money. The rentals have been on Air B & B and VRBO.

Thank you,

Kathan & Tony Glassman

Sent from my iPhone

Boero, Kristina

From: James Howard <jnh2@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 6:33 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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James Howard
4308 Hendrickson Rd
Ojai, CA 93023

Boero, Kristina

From: Robert Bonewitz <rbonewitz@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 4:46 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

Board of Supervisor,

I am writing in opposition to the KFA CUP requesting a change to a Camp designation. The KFA site is in a High Risk Fire Area inconsistent with the location for a camp. The camp designation allows many more overnight guests and day visitors inconsistent with the rural nature of the neighborhood.

The property was rezoned from Rural Agricultural to Rural Exclusive to permit addition of a building in the past. This zoning is inconsistent with any other property in the neighborhood. And four lots were combined recently to (barely) reach the area needed for a camp designation. The combination of both these actions allows a vast increase in overnight guests and visitors inconsistent with the rural nature of the neighborhood and the potential human and building risks from a wild fire.

The whole issue could be easily resolved by retaining the Retreat designation and granting an exemption for the oversized structures or reverting to the Rural Aricultural zoning which would limit the number of visitors to a reasonable level.

Either of these changes would meet KFAs desires without opening a door to continuous expansion.

Sincerely

Robert Bonewitz

1001 McAndrew Rd

Boero, Kristina

From: Linda Thomas <lcmkthomas@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 6:55 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Fw: PL17-0012 agenda item #37 February 25 BOS hearing
Attachments: IMG_0227.JPG

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Board of Supervisors:

My name is Linda Thomas and I live across the street from the Krishnamurti retreat on McAndrew rd. Over the past 8 years our neighborhood has been corresponding with the Planning Division about the plans to change the Krishnamurti property into a "Camp" under PL17-0012. We would like it to remain a retreat and improve the property without the change to a camp. We have said this over and over. As you have the over 1000 pages to review in a short time frame in preparation for the hearing , we have experienced the same when sent hundreds of pages from the case planner Kristina Boero to review before the MAC meetings and the Planning Division hearing.

It is a daunting task to respond to what you think will be important.

The mitigated negative declaration (MND) submitted to the public May 2022 was probably the most important document.

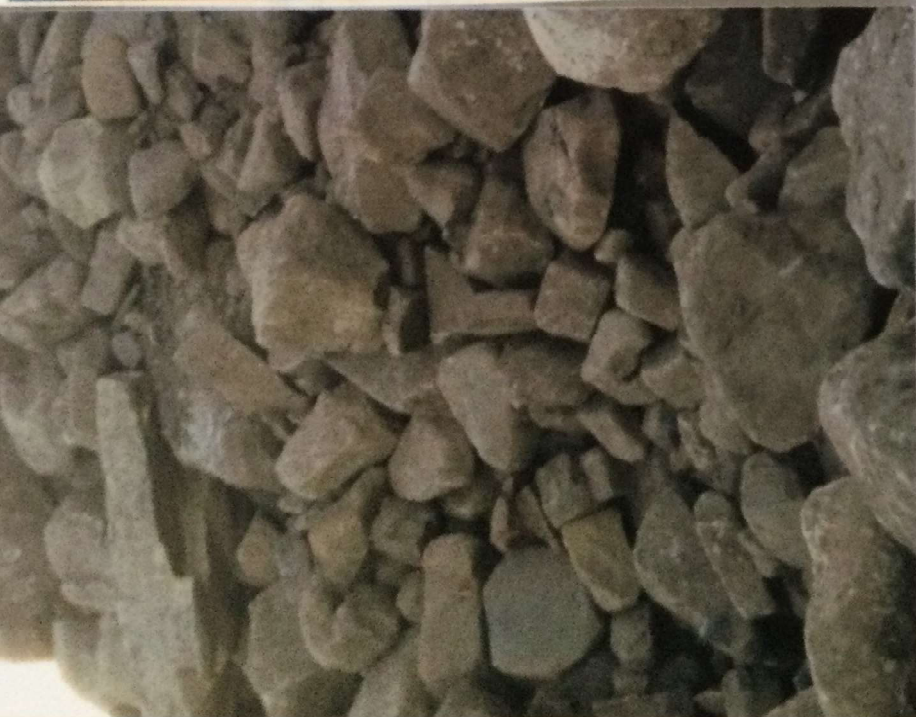
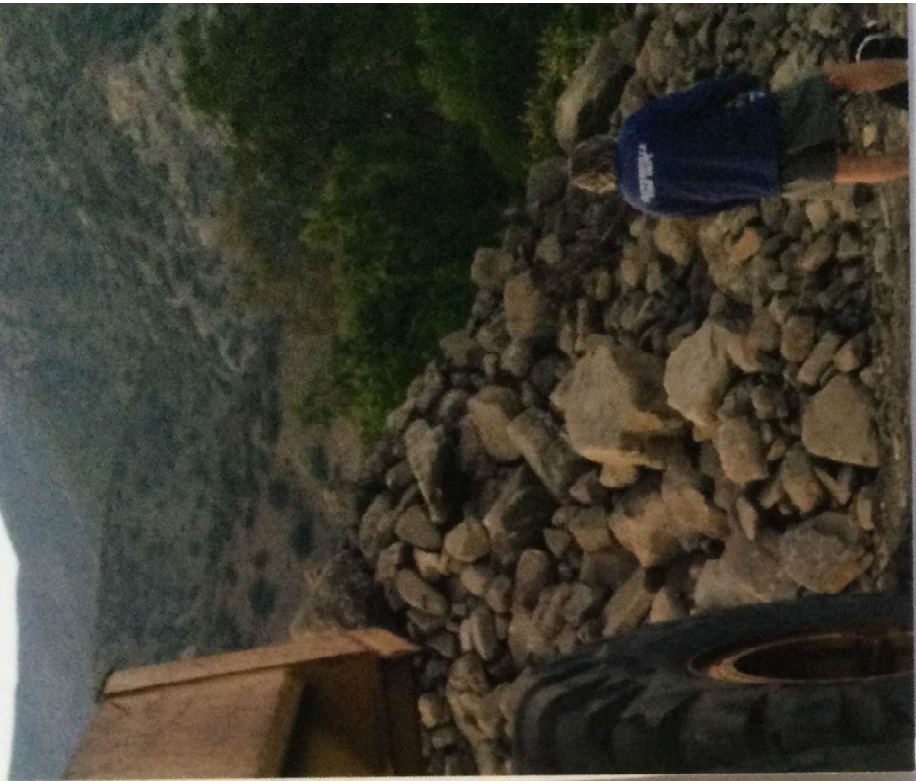
I did respond to this at MAC meeting held in May 2022 as a layman and would like to bring the most alarming discrepancies to your attention.

First I'd like you to wrap your heads around what it means to place three - 25,000 gallon water tanks underground. The MND prepared by planner Kristina Boero says these will be going into "stiff soils" that will be mitigated by watering down the site. The KFA property sits on an alluvial fan containing mostly rock in the top 10 feet. The pictures shown below are from a construction site located 400 ft. west of the KFA property where the project involved leveling and grading the site not burying water tanks over 10 feet underground. The mitigation at the KFA property should include a civil engineer to oversee the work as the disruption to the land from vibration, dust ,noise , and the extreme level of bulldozing needed to bury these tanks will require a professional on site.

The Ojai Area Plan requires scenic views to be maintained from McAndrew road. No one in our neighborhood has 17 ft high solar panels in the front yard. These proposed panels at the KFA will not be obscured from the road with the flimsy bushes recently planted. Kristina Boero has reported that the MND requirement for an agricultural buffer of a tall hedge along the southern border of KFA will eventually obscure these panels from McAndrew road however this barrier starts 100 ft east of their location and will not be a screen. With the new construction of cottages and a canteen building, wouldn't it make more sense to mount these as solar panels on the roofs of these buildings? The retreat is losing so much of it's beauty to the two above ground water tanks, 24 ft wide roads, 50 parking spaces, removal of orchards to offset water demands, the disruption of the property by placing underground water tanks , grease collectors and several septic tanks that it would seem that more of the land should remain in a natural state by not placing these panels as an array in the front of the KFA property.

The mitigations in the report are just words on a paper. The actions on the site will result in disruptions that cannot be mitigated.

I hope you will consider these concerns when you review this project.



Respectfully submitted
Linda Thomas

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Craig Thomas

To: "lcmkthomas@aol.com"

Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025, 08:53:41 AM PST

Subject: Stiff soils

Sent from my iPad

Boero, Kristina

From: Mark Gravebliss <mgraveline@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2025 10:10 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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Sincerely,
Mark and Emily Gravebliss

Boero, Kristina

From: Anne Crawford <annecraw4d@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2025 4:30 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012,

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Sincerely,

Anne Crawford DeZonia
4106 Thacher Road
Ojai, CA 93023

From: Bill Loehr <bill@sherryloehr.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2025 11:14 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Krishnamurti Foundation

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To: Memberws of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors

From: William Loehr, 1365 Shippee Lane, Ojai CA 93023

RE: Modiffications of KFA's CUP

I am strongly opposed to modifying KFA's CUP to designate the KFA's facility located on MacAndrew Road, Ojai, as a "Camp". Such a change would allow the expansion of the KFA facility and increased visitor traffic in our neighborhood. Such a change is also in conflict with the Ojai Valley Area Plan.

Please retain the current KFA designation as a "retreat". Alternatively allow the designation of the to revert to "rural agricultural".

From: Craig Walker <craigw9953@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 7:37 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Board of Supervisors meeting Feb 25 Item #37 Krishnamurti Foundation CUP

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To the Ventura County Board of Supervisors

My name is Craig Walker. I have been a resident of the Ojai Valley for the last 69 years--since I was 7 years old. I first heard Krishnamurti speak in 1960 and many times thereafter, both in Ojai and abroad. I served on the KFA Board of Trustees between 2006 and 2009. During that time, I oversaw the Krishnamurti Study Center on McAndrew Road...the property you are considering today.

Krishnamurti first settled on the property in 1922. He lived there for 64 years, until his death in 1986. Since 1922, the property has had two houses on it...Krishnamurti's home (Pine Cottage) and a large guest house (Arya Vihara) where Krishnamurti ate his meals, led discussion groups, and housed guests. Some of the guests who stayed there include Annie Besant, Aldous Huxley, Dr. Jonas Salk, D.E. Lawrence, the physicist David Bohm, John Barrymore, Greta Garbo, and many more. Over the years the property added a home-office for his assistant and a large archive building. Fifty years ago, Arya Vihara was transformed into a retreat--a dormitory for his school in Meiners Oaks and rooms for scholars coming to study at his archives. During the time I worked there, I do not recall any complaints from neighbors. At one point, there was a CUP audit by the County which we passed with no exceptions.

The retreat...in fact, the whole facility...has always been a "quiet retreat." There are no televisions or radios in the rooms and we worked hard to maintain a quiet, peaceful atmosphere where people could meditate and enjoy the beauty of the valley without noise or distractions.

During the time I was on the board, most of the visiting scholars had to find rooms in town and commute back and forth to research and study at the archives.

It should be noted that within the surrounding orange groves of the East End, there are four schools and a multitude of residential enclaves. The Krishnamurti property is one of the least impactful facilities in the area as far as traffic, noise, parking, and general activity. It's basically a library, an archive, offices, a meeting space, and a quiet retreat. The atmosphere is meditative, dignified, and conducive to communing with nature and one's own thoughts.

The name for the zoning category—"camp"-- is unfortunate. It will never be a campground and will never have more people on-site than allowed in the CUP. The KFA directors have worked hard to satisfy every requirement of the County, and every reasonable request from the neighbors.

I ask that you please approve the KFA's application for a change in the CUP.

Sincerely,
Craig Walker
Ojai

Boero, Kristina

From: Marie Botnick <putterplace@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 8:56 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Appeal of KFA CUP PL17-0012

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We strongly oppose KFA's CUP modification to a "Camp." This change would allow for excessive expansion and increased traffic. It's bad enough that we have outsiders racing down our road now. Camp designation would only magnify this problem. Our home is our sanctuary, please respect our wishes.

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Sincerely,

**Bruce & Marie Botnick
4589 Thacher Road
Ojai**