November 3, 2021

County of Ventura Public Works Agency 800 S. Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

ATTENTION: Mr. Thomas Kaiser

RE: Vacating of Rio School Lane Oxnard, CA 93030

Dear Sir.

I am not going to be available on the public hearing date due to aiding a close friend in surgery, and would respectfully request that this be read aloud on our behalf at the public hearing November 9th.

I am writing with regards to the proposed vacating of Rio School Lane in El Rio, Oxnard California.

First, I find it rather unusual that a public Lane can be considered to be simply gifted from public ownership to benefit a private developer.

It seems to me that this is unusual in the effect that Rio School Lane is valuable in many ways. It is specific acess for all adjacent property owners. This has been traditionally and historically available for this use, and it was understood this would continue as such.

It forms a divisional separation, ensuring buffering from adjacent properties and development. It is like counting on a distinct distance from adjacent properties, no matter what happens on the other side of the Lane. Now, the "gifting" of this Lane would deprive all owners of this valuable benefit. I LIVE HERE AND ENJOY, AND COUNT ON THIS SEPARATION!

From what I have seen, in the preliminary plans, the Lane would become part of a parking, and turnaround specifically for the benefit of the developed project which means to us, no more buffer, adjacent noise, and all the nuisances that go with zero lot lines, not to mention the increased risk of having numbers of people that close to our fencelines. I have had on different occasions had people break into my avocado orchard and steal.

The "right to use the road" is not enough! The benefits of the existence of the Lane would cease for all us adjoining and counting on this valuable buffer.

I can not see how the County of Ventura has the right to negatively affect us by gifting Rio School Lane for future developers.

Thank you so much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Manuel Vaca,