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Subject: FW: Citizen "input" about development projects

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From: Kate and/or Pat [mailto:padraic2@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2014 5:46 PM
To: SCOTT SCHOEFFEL; CARLOS OLVERA; LISA BARTLETT; BILL BROUGH; STEVEN WEINBERG; JACKIE LITTLER
Subject: Citizen "input" about development projects

Dear Councilperson(s):

We have lived in the Lantern Village area of Dana Point for almost 20 years.

Please DO NOT override any planning commission votes that reject developers proposed plans that do not meet the previously citizen-approved plan for Dana Point's Lantern Village areas. Specifically, ANY proposed project must not have more than three stories and must not exceed height restrictions. We don't want Dana Point to turn into a little New York, with high rises; and variances allowing four stories and heights would open the door for much higher buildings.

Also, as an important issue, new developments should have designs that are consistent with existing styles: Old Spanish/Mediterranean with at least curved windows and doors and red tile roofs, or the "Cape Cod" style that several Condo developments and for example the Ralph's Market center on Del Prado have. Our views of existing proposals seem to show "design-less" exteriors, "box-like".

Dana Point is a pretty city. Much more so than our neighbors to the north, Laguna Beach, and to the south, San Clemente. Also, just take a look at what the Irvine Co. has done all along I-5 with those feature-less rectangular cement buildings with plain rectangular windows. Only a little bit of design imagination changes something from plain and ugly into charming. Cost would be negligible.

Please take our views into consideration when you decide on the presently proposed developments and future ones. Developers can earn their profits AND comply with present regulations.

Thank you.

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