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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970" as amended to date, this is to advise you that the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, Community Development Division, has prepared an initial study evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the following project:

1. Project Title: El Sobrante One-Lot Minor Subdivision with a

Remainder on an approximately 152,103-Square-Foot

Parcel on Argyle Road.

2. County File Number: #CDMS22-00005

3. Lead Agency: Contra Costa County

Department of Conservation and Development

4. Lead Agency Contact Person Everett Louie, Planner II

and Phone Number: (925) 655-2873

5. Project Location: 5100 Argyle Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803

APN: 430-152-047

6. Applicant's Name, Address, and

Phone Number:

Russ Sturm

570 Appian Way

El Sobrante, CA 94803

(510) 223-2240

7. Description of Project: The project proposes approval of a tentative map for a minor subdivision application to subdivide an approximately 3.52-acre parcel into one lot with a remainder parcel. Parcel "A" would have approximately 10,751-square-feet and the remainder parcel would have a lot area of 139,375-square-feet with a 1,977-square-foot electrical easement. The proposed remainder parcel would include the existing church use building, parking lot and accessory building and Parcel "A" would have an existing single-family residence. The resultant Parcel A will have a lot depth of 150 square feet and an average width of 72 square feet. There is no development proposed with the tentative parcel map.

The applicant is also requesting exceptions from the requirements of Title 9 of the County Ordinance Code including an exception request from the sidewalk improvements specified in Chapters 96-8 and 96-12 and an exception request from the undergrounding requirements specified in Chapters 96-10.

8. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting: The subject property is located in an established residential neighborhood in El Sobrante in the unincorporated Contra Costa County. The subject property is an approximately 3.52-acre lot that fronts on Argyle Road to the north and Appian Way to the west. The property is accessed via Argyle Road that currently has three paved driveways located along the length of Argyle Road. The lot is developed with an existing single-family residence located on the northeastern portion of the lot and a church use building and accessory building located on the southwestern portion of the lot. Located in the middle of the lot is a large parking lot used for the church. There are 37 trees that border the property line on the south and eastern sides. The property slopes upward, away from the Appian Way and Argyle Road intersection starting at 250 feet above sea level and finishing at 300 feet above sea level at the northern most point of the parcel.

The surrounding properties contain a mixture of zoning districts. Properties to the immediate north, east and farther west are zoned R-7 (Single-Family Residential District). A property directly west is zoned N-B (Neighborhood Business District). Properties to the south are M-29 (Multiple Family Residential District), M-12 (Multiple Family Residential District), D-1 (Two-Family Residential District) and P-1 (Planned Unit District). Similarly, the surrounding properties contain a mixture of General Plan Land Use Designations. Properties north, east and southeast are SH (Single Family-High) while properties to the west and south are ML (Multiple Family – Low), M-12 (Triangle Ave Mixed Use), CO (Commercial) and PS (Public-Semi-Public). Surrounding uses are diverse due to the different zoning districts. Directly south is the El Sobrante United States Postal Service, restaurants, retail establishments, a gas station and small auto shops. East of the parcel is a condominium establishment and single-family residences. To the north of the parcel is more single-family residences, the El Sobrante United Methodist Church and preschools.

9. **Determination:** Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15071, the Initial Study/Negative Declaration (ND) describes the proposed project; identifies, analyzes, and evaluates the environmental impacts which may result from the proposed project. The Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the proposed project will identified that the project will not result in significant impacts to the environment. As a result, an IS/ND has been prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Prior to adoption of the Negative Declaration, the County will be accepting comments on the Initial Study/Negative Declaration during a 30-day public comment period.

A copy of the Negative Declaration/Initial Study may be reviewed on the Department of Conservation & Development webpage at the following address: Weblink: https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/4841/CEQA-Notifications. Any sources of information referenced in the Initial Study and ND can be provided upon request by contacting the project planner.

Public Comment Period – The period for accepting comments on the adequacy of the environmental document will begin on **Wednesday**, **July 19**, **2023**, and extends to **Tuesday**, **August 8**, **2023 until 5:00 P.M.** Any comments should be in writing and submitted to the following address:

Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation & Development

Attn: Everett Louie

30 Muir Road

Martinez, CA 94553

or;

via email to Everett.Louie@dcd.cccounty.us

The proposed Negative Declaration will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the County Zoning Administrator. The hearing date before the County Zoning Administrator has not yet been scheduled. Hearing notices will be sent out prior to the finalized hearing date.

For additional information on the Negative Declaration and the proposed project, you can contact me by telephone at (925) 655-2873, or email at Everett.Louie@dcd.cccounty.us.

Sincerely,

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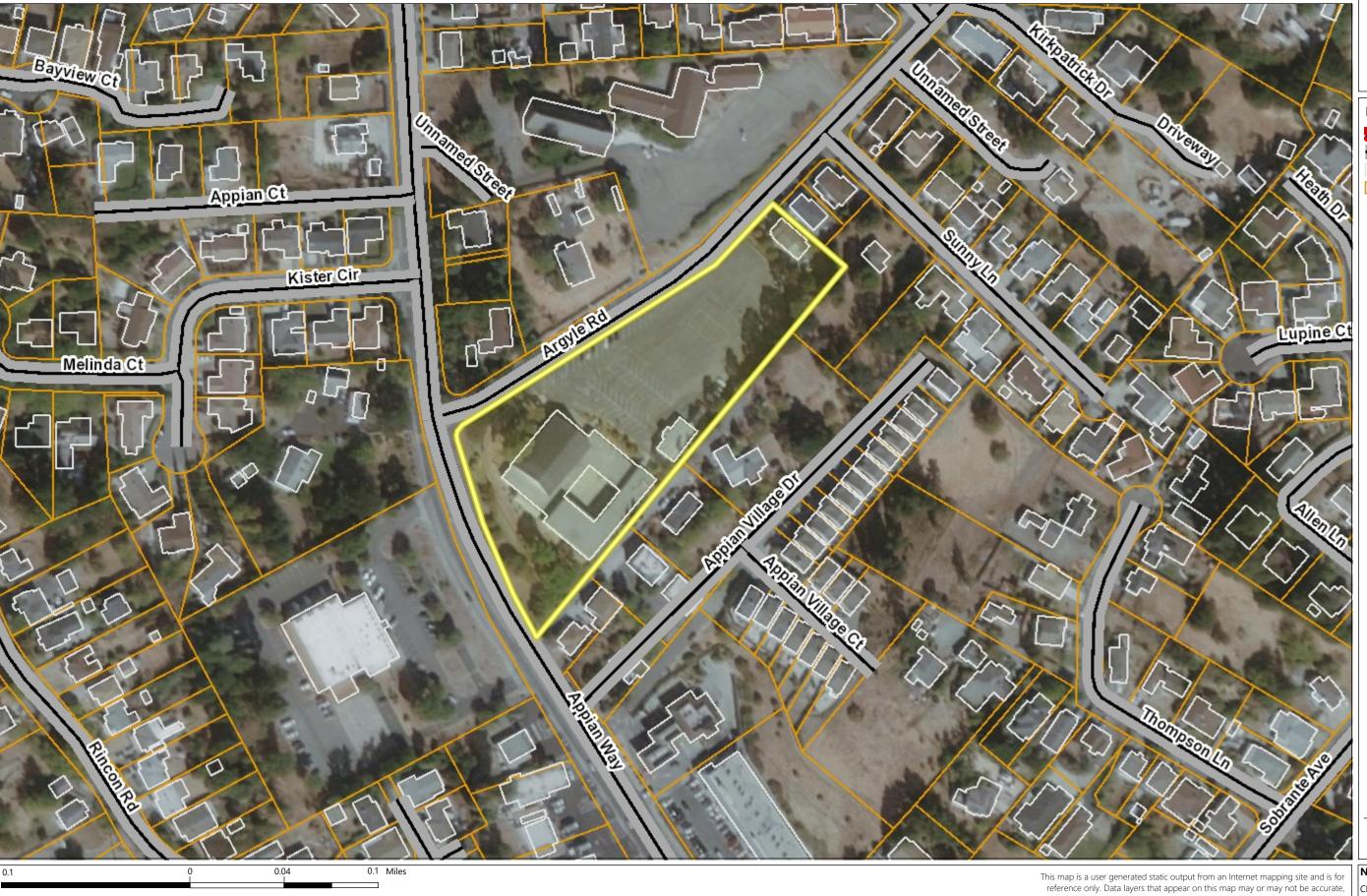
Everett Louie Planner II

cc: County Clerk's Office (2 copies)

attch: Project Vicinity Map and Project Plans

Aerial Photo

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Low Resolution 15m Imagery
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