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Doug or Maria, please forward to the Board of Directors, thank you!

To TAMC Board of Directors:

My name is Bill Brenchley and I live on Torero Court just off of Torero Drive. We purchased our home four years ago loving the home and the location of the home for easy access to hwy 68. Ali, my wife, works in Monterey, as do a number of our neighbors, and this "pilot project" has created a considerable hardship to access the route that we anticipated when purchasing our home.

It has been a learning curve for us via these community meetings as we were unaware of the traffic situation and was not disclosed in our sale documentation. As we have learned the specifics, we understand that there needs to be a resolution of the traffic east of the elementary school and most importantly the safety of the children.

Our concern is the proposed resolution with a "one-way/Island" blocking access to Hwy 68 leaving Toro Park seven days a week, 24hours a day. The issue only exists two hours a day, five days a week. Therefore, the proposed resolution, aka "one-way/Island" is 8,760 hours of lost access for our neighborhood to hwy 68 for an annual 520 hour issue that could be solved in so many different ways. Let's look at the numbers again, 8,760 hours of denied access for a 520 hour concern or a cumulation of hours equaling 21days of a

concern eliminates 100% access 365 days a year, that's draconian in anybody's estimation.

In addition, we walk our dog along Portola and obviously drive down Portola daily to access 68. We have noticed that people are speeding down Portola east-bound and even illegally passing cars on Portola that are doing the speed limit. The "one-way/Island" has created an additional hazard with drivers speeding and passing cars in an attempt to compensate the loss of time via the lost of access at Torero Drive.

At the meeting last week on January 15th, there were a number of other proposals. Ali and I thought a number of them were great. The gate/arm proposal at the centerline of the elementary school on Portola blocking western direction travel from 7 to 9 would be great. In addition, the path from the Fort Old parking area paved back to the elementary school sounds fantastic, something everyone could use all the time and having the ability for ADA access is wonderful too.

In summation, the gate/arm from 7 to 9 is a resolution that Ali and I would support 100% along with the paved access from the Fort Ord parking area that can be used by the entire community 24 hours a day! We understand the attempt to stop the traffic issue east of Torero on Portola with the draconian "pilot project" aka "one-way/Island" to get a handle on the issue in the beginning, but long term, it's denying direct access to Hwy 68 94% of the time that there is not a problem. We love our home in Toro Park, but the pilot project has affected our quality of life and hope for a quick resolution with the Gate/Arm and removal of the "one-way/Island" on Torero Drive.

Thank you.

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