



August 1, 2026
Mayor and City Council
City of Escondido
Via Email

RE: Escondido Neighbors United support of the Hamilton Lane Residential Subdivision Project Community Appeal (PL24-0067) , Agenda item #9

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Escondido Neighbors United (ENU) supports the community appeal of project (PL24-0067) and **urge you to support the appeal and deny the project as currently proposed.**

Since 2013, ENU has represented a community perspective regarding the ongoing Chatham Barrel Yard Remedial process. We are always concerned when significant land use changes are proposed in the community that may have unintended negative effects that could hinder the remedial actions; or result in increased risks to public health and/or the environment.

As stated in the comments sent to you (attached) by Mr. Scott Snyder, Principal of Snyder Geologic, there is currently insufficient information about site conditions to allow the City to make an informed decision concerning how this project will impact the ongoing groundwater remediation and/or human health and the environment. A comprehensive site investigation is needed to adequately design project features, and/or mitigation measures to protect community health and the environment.

The Hamilton Lane appeal should be supported with direction for developers to implement and reflect the findings and recommendations made the in the Snyder report prior to any reconsideration.

ENU strongly supports the City's goal to increase the available, affordable housing units in our city. This project is unique due to its proximity to the Chatham Barrel Yard site. As we all know, the Chatham site is a complicated site which has been subject to massive amounts of contamination. It has been under remedial activity and oversight for over 30 years. While improvement has occurred, it has yet to reach the designated cleanup levels. The City Council must have current and robust data before you can make a determination to find this Hamilton Site would have no impact on the Chatham contamination and that it is appropriate for housing development. As of now, you do not have that information.

In conclusion, this is a project with many data gaps and lack of information and mitigation sufficient to protect the health of the residents, the integrity of the groundwater site, and the interests of the city.

Please support the appeal and deny the project.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Attch/ Snyder Geologic Report on Hamilton Lane