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Subject: Re: Item # 7 Felton Quarry of County Planning Commission 1/27/21 agenda
Attachments: Felton Quarry Expansion Petition_Final .pdf; 2021 27_Quarry petition_signatures.pdf

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Good morning,

I am submitting the following comment to the 1/27/21 agenda item # 7.~ 191104 with the request to distribute it to all the County Planning Commissioners:

1. I am reiterating my request that today's Public Hearing be postponed due to the numerous evacuation orders and potential power outages in Ben Lomand, Boulder Creek and many other areas affected by this important decision.
2. Please see attached Letter of Opposition and Signatures of 517 supporters.

Thank you.

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On Tue, Jan 26, 2021 at 3:23 PM Jane Mio <jmio@earthlink.net> wrote:

Dear Supervisors McPherson and Coonerty, Planning Commissioner Shepard and Dann, Planning Commission contact, Michel Lam,

I like to propose that the 1/27/21 agenda item # 7.~ 191104 will be re-scheduled to a date that is not hindering the public's participation such as the incoming storm. Engaged San Lorenzo Valley residents are faced with evacuation in that area & possible power outages, which imperils their full public engagement in this important permit.

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The permit request argues that air tests @ site didn't record access. This is misleading because the survey is 6 yrs. old & doesn't mention quantitative calculations of PM10 levels w/increased traffic. The permit's argument reads vague thus their reason for not addressing the emission inventory & screening analysis is unjustified. Basing a CEQA Negative Declaration on their site-specific, incomplete findings is not addressing the accumulative environmental impacts. An EIR for this permit would be prudent.

Page 6 of Staff Report to the Planning Commission: [It should be noted that an application for expansion of mining or production capacity would likely trigger a requirement for an updated toxic emissions inventory and screening analysis for all stationary and mobile sources associated with the quarry. An update of the toxic emissions inventory and screening analysis has not been triggered.](#)

Thank you
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Felton Quarry Expansion Letter of
Concern and Opposition

We, the undersigned citizens of Santa Cruz County, wish to express our opposition to the proposed amendment to the Felton Quarry usage permit. This amendment would increase the number of “off-hour operations,” **five-fold** from the current allowed 20 to 100 off hour operations per year. With paving being restricted primarily to the summer/fall seasons, this could result in heavy truck traffic every night of the week throughout these seasons. Since these are the seasons when residents leave their windows open for cooling, the impacts are further magnified: they either close their windows to reduce fumes and noise and suffer uncomfortable heat, or they leave them open and suffer truck noise and fumes. Though technically a *quantitative* change, this increase is so great that it would have a ***permanent qualitative impact*** on our communities, our citizens and our planet.

These effects could be considered in three categories – noise, pollution, and traffic - which are discussed more fully below.

We believe that granting the proposed permit, without a full Environmental Impact Report, would be in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 - 21178, and Title 14 CCR, Section 753, and Chapter 3, Sections 15000 - 15387). **We strongly disagree that this permit can be issued based on a “Negative Declaration” pursuant to CEQA. That is, we disagree that there is no significant impact. In light of the whole record before the agency, we believe that the project may have a significant effect on the environment and the right to quiet enjoyment and safety of the residents along the truck route and users of Empire Grade.**

Courts have interpreted CEQA to afford the fullest protection of the environment within the reasonable scope of the statutes and its purpose is to prevent or minimize damage to the environment through development of project alternatives, mitigation measures, and mitigation monitoring. No projects which would cause significant environmental effects should be approved as proposed if there are feasible alternatives or mitigation measures that would lessen those effects.

It is a significant concern that Granite Construction proposes this huge increase in traffic *without suggesting or agreeing to any mitigating factors*. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the use of Empire Grade by a variety of activities including the use of Twin Gates as an entrance to Wilder Ranch State Park, increased use of the Waldorf School during weekends and evenings, and the upcoming opening of Coast Dairies National Monument and San Vicente Redwoods State Park. There has also been a major increase in large truck traffic as a result of the CZU Lightning Complex Fire and work to both mitigate the destruction and rebuild more than 200 homes, which will continue for a number of years. Any changes in existing regulations should be considered only when all previous requirements have been met and in the context of up-to-date comprehensive analysis of the use of Empire Grade that includes site visits, neighborhood concerns and detailed traffic analysis that includes both traffic numbers and road structure.

There is also a significant concern regarding the proposed project affecting the quiet enjoyment legally mandated to homeowners along the affected travelled route, and decreasing property

values of the same. This concern however is minor compared to the danger the proposed increase in traffic will cause to bikers, joggers, families and students of the neighborhood residents, UCSC and the Santa Cruz Waldorf school and to the overall noise and pollution.

I. NOISE

The trucks are among the noisiest vehicles on the road, both uphill and downhill. When they operate all night, it is clearly disruptive to nearly all of the households in Cave Gulch and on Bay St.

II. POLLUTION

Many of the trucks carry hot paving material that gives off both smoke and offensive odors. This affects not only the residents but any other vehicles in close proximity to the trucks.

III. TRAFFIC

This may be the most significant negative factor, as it affects everyone who uses the roads, not only the residents who live in the area.

- 1) As a result of the fire, there is already a major increase in traffic, including heavy truck traffic on Empire Grade, which continues from early mornings to the evenings and on the weekends. Any increase in quarry traffic and the impacts described below must be considered in this context.
- 2) Empire Grade is used not only by residents who live along the route travelled by quarry trucks but by many residents who live in upper Bonny Doon. It is also used for transportation to the Waldorf School, who hold many meetings on weekday evenings and a number of large events on weekends.
- 3) In addition to residents and schools, Empire Grade is used by a large number of non-residents. This is particularly true on weekends. These users include both cars and motorcycles, the latter often being motorcycle clubs with 20 or more riders. Weekends are also a favorite time for large numbers of cyclists and joggers.
- 4) The location known as Twin Gates just north of Cave Gulch has become a primary entrance to Wilder Ranch State Park. Visitors include hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. They come as individuals, groups, and families (including small children) who park on the side of the road and walk along the road to reach the entrance to the park trails. This has generated considerable congestion and conflict with through traffic that has already been noted numerous times by Bonny Doon residents who drive through the area.
- 5) Heavy truck traffic has further degraded the paving through Cave Gulch and up to the quarry. Regions have been patched recently, but increased heavy load transport will continue to degrade the road surface. Damaged road surface contributes greatly to the noise factor as the large trucks drive over cracks and bumps in the road surface.
- 6) Finally, it needs to be emphasized that this multi-use traffic is on a road that has few shoulders and no bike or jogging lanes for much of its length between the quarry and UCSC. Between

UCSC and Cave Gulch and through Cave Gulch, the road is particularly narrow and steep with a number of blind tight curves, and there are areas where cliffs are along one side of the road and steep drop offs on the other with no shoulders. Large trucks occupy essentially the entire width of the road, and their going around the curves is already problematic even in the absence of any additional conflicts such as bikers or joggers. Tandem skidmarks across both lanes in the Cave Gulch area are testament to these dangers. Residents already report frequent close calls with these trucks, and the increase in quarry traffic on weekends and during the nighttime would be especially dangerous. This section of the road is also heavily wooded, and there have been numerous fires in the area in recent years. In addition to the inherent danger of accidents themselves, the threat of a fire resulting from any accidents would be very dangerous in this region of the road and well as the area around Twin Gates, where there are numerous grass fields on both sides of the road.

It is important to emphasize that there are many problems with any increase in quarry traffic along this section of Empire Grade. Our concern and opposition is clearly not just another example of NIMBY-ism from the residents of the area. There is a serious danger to a wide range of users along several sections of the road, which will only get worse as more people discover the area, and as plans for expansion at UCSC continue.

We also recognize the public value of the infrastructure improvements and value good neighborhood relations. The quarry is, will and has been a neighbor who we wish to work with and with whom we wish to find mutually agreeable solutions to our shared problems. Moving forward on the basis of a “negative declaration,” with the presumption that the quarry expansion will have NO environmental impact will not work with us to mitigate the impacts including noise, smell, road damage, traffic hazards, road safety for pedestrians, motorists and bicyclists, equestrians, land value and nighttime disturbance. We ask that the current petition amendment be denied and that a full Environmental Impact Report be completed prior to expansion.

Thank you.



Recipient: Santa Cruz County Planning Commission

Letter: Greetings,

Oppose expansion of the Felton Empire Quarry Permit

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Danny bosworth	Milton, US	2021-01-25
B F	Bridgeport, US	2021-01-25
Rena Stulce	Washington, MO	2021-01-25
George Peter	Guilderland, US	2021-01-25
Drew Modrzejewski	Salida, US	2021-01-25
Max Bansal	US	2021-01-25
Anna Ski	Overland Park, US	2021-01-25
samantha vandyke	Lafayette, US	2021-01-25
KEVIN Wells	Madisonville, US	2021-01-25
Richard Payne	Aloha, US	2021-01-25
Victoria Huntington	US	2021-01-25

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will stewart	Scott Depot, US	2021-01-25
Maggie M	US	2021-01-25
Jennifer Anderson	Alexandria, US	2021-01-25
Mary Jessen	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Teegan Haag	Smithville, US	2021-01-25
Charlene Della Maggiore	Fremont, CA	2021-01-25
Barbara Snyder	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Todd Boze	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Marian McNamee	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Melia Powell	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Jason J. Gushiken	Hilo, HI	2021-01-26
Cody Waters	Jacksonville, US	2021-01-26
Karen Laing	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Michael Kubo	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Lasonya Riley	Greenville, US	2021-01-26
Garret Hammack	Bend, US	2021-01-26
Josh Woodsworth	St. George, US	2021-01-26
Lorraine Gardea	Glendale, US	2021-01-26
Kraig Markman	New York, US	2021-01-26
Grace Taylor	Brookville, US	2021-01-26
Keagan Griffin	Cut Off, US	2021-01-26
Siobhan Buckley	Tampa, US	2021-01-26

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Madison Freeze	Hyattsville, US	2021-01-26
Anne-Marie Napoli	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
shane baldwin	Murfreesboro, US	2021-01-26
Lenis De la Rosa	Bronx, US	2021-01-26
Sabrina Lopez	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Michael Geluardi	Bonny Doon, CA	2021-01-26
Pamela Morgan	Felton, CA	2021-01-26
Jane Forbes	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
William Bryant	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Chris Levesque	Felton, CA	2021-01-26
Terry Grove	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Heide Schwartz	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Benjamin DeZur	Felton, CA	2021-01-26
Marianna Mejia	Soquel, CA	2021-01-26
Renee Bourdet	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
David Swidan	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Sarah Wickens	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Tami Lechner	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Helen Mitchell	santa cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Julie Wuest	San Anselmo, CA	2021-01-26
Carol Hanna	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Ernest Castillo	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26

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Jodi Frediani	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Sophie Treuting	Luling, US	2021-01-26
Andy Fuhrman	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
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dawn buckley	Tucson, US	2021-01-26
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current vibe	Oxnard, US	2021-01-26
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Paola Guerra	Lehigh Acres, US	2021-01-26
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mia o	Edinburg, US	2021-01-26
hopper k	San Diego, US	2021-01-26
Courtney Campbell	Philadelphia, US	2021-01-26
Isaak Petty	US	2021-01-26
Elizabeth Floersch	Goodlettsville, US	2021-01-26
Taye Yaye	Everett, US	2021-01-26
Samuel Watson	Richmond, US	2021-01-26
Michael Cartsonis	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Deborah Marks	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
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Mary Masters	Capitola, CA	2021-01-26
Summer Doty	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26

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Sandra Cherk	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Virginia Gyorkos	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Yelcka Huaynalaya	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Kelley Fuller	Brookdale, CA	2021-01-26
Jeanine Eberhardt	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Jahren Pintor	Honolulu, US	2021-01-26
Tuyen Nguyen	Orlando, US	2021-01-26
Vernon Hobock	Humboldt, US	2021-01-26
Paula Taylor	Dallas, US	2021-01-26
Alissa Guerrero	El Centro, US	2021-01-26
Khalif Moore	Philadelphia, US	2021-01-26
Stacy Vennema	Bellingham, US	2021-01-26
Reese Rodriguez	Burbank, US	2021-01-26
Damion Lopez	Grandview, US	2021-01-26
Kaimikamalani Best	Pahoa, US	2021-01-26
Gina Hernan	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
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Matt Church	Greeneville, US	2021-01-26
Joy Valdez	Pflugerville, US	2021-01-26

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Jesse Brotter	Brooklyn, NY	2021-01-26
Mikayla Dust-鸚鵡	Sebring, US	2021-01-26
lucia Hylen	East Lansing, US	2021-01-26
Meckenzie Westfall	Mexico, US	2021-01-26
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Brandi Yates	Ben Lomond, CA	2021-01-26
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Melanie Palm	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
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Robin Brune	Felton, CA	2021-01-26
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Llaunda Willingham	Mfresno, CA	2021-01-26
Teri Strickland	Merced, CA	2021-01-26
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Frank Trowbridge	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
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Emily Armstrong	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
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Azra Zukanovic	San Jose, CA	2021-01-26
Neel Vora	Saratoga, CA	2021-01-26
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Alanna Stock	Santa Cruz, CA, CA	2021-01-26
MEGAN COALE	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Michael Wong	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Dale Matlock	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
Bernard Le Boeuf	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
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Jonna Slomowitz	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-26
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Or Bar-Niv	Sunnyvale, CA	2021-01-26
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Rylan Freshour	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-27
Ashley Garrett	Galt, CA	2021-01-27
Savin Damkar	Tustin, CA	2021-01-27
Paul Blackburn	Elizabethtown, KY	2021-01-27
Elizabeth Peterson	Albany, CA	2021-01-27
Jessie Akers-Bell	Palo Alto, CA	2021-01-27
Aaron Alien	San Francisco, CA	2021-01-27
Elliott Kay	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-27
Bruce Dau	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-27
Linda Garfield Garfield	Santa Cruz, US	2021-01-27
Alwa Gordon	Danville, CA	2021-01-27
Skylar Stumpf	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-27
Heather Walker	San Francisco, CA	2021-01-27
Sarah Orlik	Federal Way, WA	2021-01-27
William Comartin	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-27

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Scott Zankman	Scotts Valley, CA	2021-01-27
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Daniel Montbriand	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-27
Allegra David	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-27
Brianne Rogers	Valley Village, CA	2021-01-27
Alex Hawes	El Segundo, CA	2021-01-27
Pam Newbury	Bonny Doon, CA	2021-01-27
Greg Manteuffel	Aptos, CA	2021-01-27
Ray Gwyn Smith	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-27
doria wosk	miami, FL	2021-01-27
Jordan Lipaz	Los Angeles, CA	2021-01-27
Matthew Werner	Scotts Valley, CA	2021-01-27
Sue Walker	Fresno, CA	2021-01-27
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Emily Contreras	Torrance, CA	2021-01-27
Dean Clark	Pine Mountain Club, CA	2021-01-27
Clayton Markel	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-27
Anne Scholz	Aptos, CA	2021-01-27
Anne Friscia	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-27
Sarah Garcia	San Francisco, CA	2021-01-27
zackary Hall	los gatos, CA	2021-01-27

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From: Clayton Markel <claytonmarkel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:40 PM
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Subject: Objection to item #191104 Granite Construction Mining Permit changes
Attachments: Comment on #191104 copy.pdf

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January 26th, 2021

Dear Commissioners, Director, Coordinator and Planner

I wrote to you a year ago with objections and concerns regarding this proposal (#191104), together with many of my neighbors. Disappointingly, and in spite of the objections we raised at the time, your staff has still recommended approval of the request. I will append my previous objections, and I will summarize them here, make new ones, and make several proposals of my own.

I have lived in Santa Cruz for 46 years, much of it on the West Side, and I have watched it grow and change. Some change for the better, some for the worse. Our population has expanded to overfill the town and overwhelm the infrastructure. The neighborhood I live in has grown and filled in, as have the roads. Now we are dealing with days full of dump trucks up and down the hill from Bonny Doon, cleaning up and repairing the ravages of this summer's devastating fires. But when night falls, peace returns to our neighborhood.

Now Granite Construction wants permission to fill our nights with trucks as well. This is too much.

We have already had a taste of what these off-hours operations mean for us. During the summer of 2019, Granite Construction ran 38 off-hours operations. The trucks were very noticeable and very disruptive to life in our residential community. They are a nuisance, and a very serious one.

Increasing the number of exceptions from 20 to 100 is a significant change, not a minor one. This is a 400% increase in traffic - from a little less than one solid month of traffic to three and a half months!

I and many of my neighbors noticed the trucks, and complained to each other, but none of us knew to whom we should complain about the noise and vibration caused by these trucks.

Most reasonable people realize it's futile to jump out of bed in the middle of the night to try and get the name on the truck that just dragged you out of a sound sleep. Granite Construction had not notified anyone in our neighborhood that these operations were going on, so most of us guessed that the truck traffic was due to construction at UCSC. If we were to complain to anyone, the County Planning Commission would have been way down the list - we live in the middle of the city of Santa Cruz!

Now, in their application, Granite Construction is using the lack of complaints as evidence of a lack of impact. Without a recognised complaint mechanism, a lack of complaints is no evidence at all.

But rather than go into too much detail for all my points, both for you and me, I'm going to make a list:

Complaints and Notification (or the lack thereof)

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- Lack
- of complaints is not evidence of a lack of impact. If there is no widely available complaint mechanism, you will not get complaints. This is what happened in this case.
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 - The
 - notifications required by the Mining Permit are not being made to all those impacted by the operations. (Only 85 residences. How many are around the quarry and all along Empire Grade, High St and Bay St, not to mention the side streets and surrounding developments?
 - There are more than 50 just in my area of Bay St.}
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 - The
 - notification list Granite Construction claims to have is unknown to most if not all of my neighbors. How does one get added to the list?

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Noise Nuisance

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- The
- noise studies done as part of Granite's application and request for modification are either out of date or inapplicable to most of the residences on Bay St. These studies should be redone.
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 - Bay
 - St. narrows significantly just below Escalona (site of the original study) and noise bounces from the houses on either side and is amplified as a result, conditions not reflected in the original study.
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 - The
 - sampling intervals and periods of the original study appear to have been done in such a way as to miss large portions of the truck traffic during the study time.
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 - The
 - updated study was more thorough in terms of sampling periods, but the locations chosen are irrelevant - one at the side of the road on Empire Grade and another near the Waldorf School. Neither have houses and structures close to the roads to reflect and contain
 - the sound, so the readings do not reflect the real world conditions I and my neighbors live in.
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- The
- sound levels from the trucks are more disruptive at night because Bay St is a quiet residential neighborhood, and actually pretty quiet at night. This makes the trucks sound that much louder when they go by.
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- The
- noise from these trucks violates the City of Santa Cruz Noise ordinance. Have you considered this?
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- The
- quarry has made changes to their machinery in response to complaints from their immediate neighbors. I theorize that this has been because these neighbors have complained, and did so because they knew who to and how to complain. We hope that we can get a similar
- response to our concerns.
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Routing

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- I
- would like to know why off-hours operations are restricted to Empire Grade to truck materials out instead using the Felton Quarry Rd. route as well, as they do during business hours? I think if the quarry has to operate off-hours, all routes should be considered
- to distribute the impact.
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- I
- see in the Permit that only Empire Grade is mentioned, and that Bay St is not specifically mentioned by name, You cannot deny that Bay St will not be impacted, or refuse to consider this because Bay St is out of your jurisdiction.
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- Has
- the City of Santa Cruz been consulted about the potential of hundreds or thousands more truck trips on their city streets, with the attendant wear and tear?
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Neighborhood Character

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- While
- Bay St is a designated Truck route in the City of Santa Cruz, it is one that runs through a residential neighborhood. As its residents we accept the truck traffic and student traffic during the day. As a residential neighborhood, we do not think truck traffic
- is appropriate outside business hours
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- The
- population density in the neighborhoods along the route in the City of Santa Cruz has increased dramatically since the permit was first issued. In order to accommodate the increasing population of the City several high-density developments have been constructed.
- The City of Santa Cruz has instituted and modified an ADU ordinance to increase housing in the city as well. These have combined to greatly increase the population affected by these night-time and weekend trips.
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Bicycles and Other Traffic

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- In
- order to reduce traffic congestion the City of Santa Cruz is trying to encourage more pedestrian and cycling trips. To this end they have constructed sorely needed sidewalks on the west side of Bay St, and modified and marked bicycle lanes on Bay. King St,
- which crosses Bay, is a designated bikeway in the city. Heavy trucks up and down Bay St on Saturdays do not mix well with these populations.
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- Bay
- St. is a very popular bicycle route for Mountain bikers, used to access both the trails about UCSC and Wilder Ranch State Park, as well as road cyclists heading up to UCSC, Empire Grade, and the quiet roads of Bonny Doon. Adding heavy trucks to this mix will

- result in a tragedy sooner or later. We already had one fatality some years ago when a truck turning from Mission onto Bay crushed a cyclist. What's predictable is preventable.
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- Many
- of the houses on Bay St in my neighborhood are older, with plaster walls and older sewer lines. Some of my neighbors suffered cracked plaster or sewer malfunctions as a result of the extended off-hour operations in 2019. More trucks will most likely result
- in more damage.
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Desires and Requests

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- Deny
- the requested change to the Mining Permit. As evidenced by 2019, if the company really needs an exception, they can request one. This change is unnecessary and is for the convenience of Granite Construction. This requested permission, if approved, will be
- permanent, for the life of the Mining Permit, unless we, the local residents, can get it reversed. That would be complicated and expensive, requiring funds and expertise we don't have.
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- Notify
- all residents (not just property owners) along and around the affected routes, including adjacent neighborhoods, in a timely fashion, of:
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 - Any
 - proposed changes to the Mining Permit that will affect quality of life (eg, increased traffic, noise, pollution)
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 - Any
 - requested exceptions to the limits in the Mining Permit
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 - Any
 - off-hours operation.

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- The
- phone number for complaints.
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- Notices
- to be sent to **all**
- residents; subscription to a list not necessary.
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- The
- phone number for complaints to be at the County of Santa Cruz Planning Commission, not Granite Construction.
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- The
- record of complaints to be immediately, freely and easily accessible to the public.
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- Law
- enforcement to check and enforce all traffic regulations, including speed and noise, on city and county streets on a regular, random and surprise schedule.
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- All
- available routes to be used for off-hours operations, to spread and share the impact when absolutely necessary
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I understand the reasoning behind the off-hours operations; to reduce the impact repaving has on traffic congestion and commute times. I understand why Granite Construction's quarry has been chosen, to reduce travel time and distance, which also helps reduce carbon production/pollution. These are laudable goals, and I support them.

However, the impact on those not commuting, on those living and sleeping on and near the plant and the travel routes must also be considered and supported. As a culture we are trying to improve our quality of life and the work-life balance. It is a long-term goal, and the steps we take now matter immensely. Please do not grant Granite Construction permission to run these trucks through our neighborhood for the foreseeable future.

I have attached my previous comments, objections, and requests. Please read and consider these as well.

Thank you for your time

Clayton Markel

1620 Bay St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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From: Craig Bowie <cbowie@scottsvalleyusd.org>
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To: Michael Lam
Subject: Re: Granite construction hearing for traffic on Bay St.

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Third time is a charm. Escalona and Bay St for intersection for stop sign or stop light. My apology again but maybe doing it three times emphasizes idea:) Long day of teaching on Zoom!

Craig Bowie
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On Tue, Jan 26, 2021 at 12:25 PM Craig Bowie <cbowie@scottsvalleyusd.org> wrote:

Dear planning commission, I apologize as I reread my letter and had a typo you probably already realize. The intersection referred to for a stop sign or stop light is Escalnoa and Bay St.

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On Tue, Jan 26, 2021 at 12:20 PM Craig Bowie <cbowie@scottsvalleyusd.org> wrote:

Dear Planning commission,

We are very concerned about the proposed increase in large trucks on Bay St for The following reasons:

- 1.The most important problem to us is safety. The trucks currently absolutely do not follow the speed limit coming down the hill. They pick up momentum and we see truck traffic daily going over the speed limit. The large trucks are especially dangerous due to the time it takes to stop a larger vehicle. Bay St is also a primary bike lane for the university and people who live up the hill. We have witnessed some horrible accidents with bicycles since we moved in five years ago.
2. Wear and tear on road maintenance, sewer lines, etc . We received a letter stating a statistic of one truck causing wear and tear equal to 5 thousand cars.
3. Noise pollution. When laying in bed we can discern the large Granite construction trucks from other normal traffic. Granite Construction should absolutely not be allowed to drive during sleeping

hours to allow residents to be able to sleep peacefully. I am a school teacher and rest is critical for me to do my job.

We would like to know what other route alternatives might be available that are not on one of the most traveled road to the university already. We also strongly recommend and lobby for either a stop sign but preferably a stop light at Escalante and Bay St. This would really help with making the street safer for all traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists. Especially traffic coming down the hill which picks up speed naturally due to gravity. There is also a problem with university traffic speeding up the hill as well that would be controlled with a traffic change at this intersection.

Since Granite construction wants to increase production and therefore profit I suggest they cover the cost to put in a traffic change at this intersection. It would help the community, university and show goodwill from a business that is profiting by this change and adversely affecting the neighborhood.

Thank you for reading this and please contact me if I can offer any more information or feedback. We will be attending the hearing tomorrow as well.

Sincerely,.

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Dear Commissioners,

I ask you to deny Granite Construction Company's application #191104 to amend the Felton Quarry Mining Approval, which would allow 80 additional off-hours operations, raising the total to 100 off-hours operations per year. Please deny any more trucks on Bay St.

This is a lot of heavy truck traffic coming through our neighborhood. I know it can be busy during the day, but at night it is quiet, with little traffic. We for sure notice the current increase in truck traffic coming through the neighborhood due to the work going on in Bonny Doon right now, and two summers ago there was a period where construction trucks were coming through at night. We in the neighborhood definitely noticed them!

In their application, Granite Construction claims there have been very few complaints. Their reasoning is that no complaints means no one was bothered. This is so wrong! No one knew they could complain, and even if we wanted to, who should we complain to? And who is going to get out of bed after being woken in the middle of the night to see whose name is on the truck that just dragged you out of a sound sleep? Or who could make it out the door in time to see, even if they were willing?

Apparently, as a condition of their permit, Granite is supposed to send residents notice of off-hours operations, for each off-hour operation. I have never gotten one. I don't know anyone who has ever received one, either. Maybe those were supposed to have the complaint phone number in them?

This truck traffic doesn't belong, especially during the quiet hours from 10:00 pm to 8:00 am, in our residential neighborhood. On Saturdays there are a lot of people riding their bicycles to and from the trails and bikeways up at UCSC and on up Empire Grade into Bonny Doon. Semis and bikes are a dangerous mix. We've already had one fatality at Mission and Bay a few years ago. And King St. is a designated bikeway in the City of Santa Cruz. Who is going to lose when one of these trucks runs a light or loses control?

Plus, these big, heavy trucks are going to ruin our roads. These are City of Santa Cruz roads, and the City is already behind on road maintenance. This increased truck traffic will make it that much worse for the cyclists and drivers that use these roads every day during the week,

These trucks will change our quality of life for the worse in so many ways - noise, vibration, disrupted sleep, damaged roadways, fractured sewer and water pipes, dust, pollution, increased danger for those sharing the roads, and so much more. Please deny this change! Do not allow any more trucks through our neighborhood!

Sincerely,

Deb deBruyn

From: Jane Mio <jmio@earthlink.net>
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Thank you
Jane Mio
215 Mtn. View Ave.
Santa Cruz Ca 95062

From: Joelle Mulligan <joelle.mulligan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:26 PM
To: Michael Lam
Subject: Granite Construction Truck Traffic

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Dear Planning Commission,

I'll be frank, I don't know much about the proposal to increase the number of trucks running up and down Bay Street in the evenings and on the weekends. We only moved here 5 months ago, and I am still getting to know the neighborhood.

I do know that right now, it seems like there are a lot of trucks, and I'm having a hard time imagining my neighborhood with 5x as many.

I know that out my window, I see kids riding their bikes, people walking their dogs, and neighbors gardening. These are the mental health breaks so many of us need during the pandemic, while we Shelter-in-Place. They are so close to that road, and I worry that even more traffic is going to be dangerous.

I know that traffic flies down that road a lot faster than 25mph. I know that children and pets are unpredictable.

I know my husband's asthma acts up when he walks along that road.

I know my baby daughter learned to walk on that sidewalk.

This is a residential neighborhood. Why is Granite Construction's profit more important than our peace, health, and safety?

I would ask that we study this issue before approving their proposal carte blanche:

- how many trucks are currently going up and down the road? Is it actually within the allowed number?
- what's the rate of accidents since the travel route down Bay St was opened, compared with when the route went down High St?
- what can Granite Construction do to mitigate the noise of their trucks traveling down the street in the nights?
- what can Granite Construction do to mitigate the pollution of their diesel trucks?
- are there alternate routes that could share the load?
- could the speed on Bay St be reduced with stop signs or lights? As a pedestrian, crossing at Escalona seems particularly dangerous
- could Granite Construction build a bypass road that avoids our residential neighborhood?

Sincerely,
Joelle Mulligan
1624 Bay Street

From: Julie Atkinson <julie_atkinson1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 8:37 PM
To: Michael Lam
Subject: Please reject Granite Construction proposal

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am a resident that backs up to Bay Street, and I object to the proposed increase in the number of off-hour operations by Granite Construction. I ask that the planning commission reject this proposal due to its negative impact on roads, water, sewer lines to my home, and more importantly, the dust and extreme noise pollution the trucks cause as they use their breaks down the hill on Bay Street.

Thank you for support,

Julie Atkinson
Fridley Drive

From: renee bourdet <renee_bourdet@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Michael Lam
Cc: Ryan Coonerty
Subject: Granite Construction: Reject Application Number: 191104

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Hi Michael:

My name is Renee Bourdet and I live on the Westside of Santa Cruz. I have a daughter that bikes to and from school, sports practices and social activities.

When I heard about the request from Granite Construction to increase their off hours operations and to use the Westside surface streets to transport their product I was in disbelief that the request was being entertained. While I am not immediately impacted the noise issues, I have Significant concerns in two key areas related to traffic and safety:

Impact to Traffic and Roads:

On the Westside, we live in gridlock during the school year from the University population coming and going from campus. Once school is out, we then live in gridlock from the tourists coming to enjoy the beaches. Our streets are in disrepair (I have had to replace multiple tires and one wheel due to potholes). The congestion is so bad that it is often faster to walk than to drive a few miles to the grocery store or to pick up my daughter from activities. This proposal will further exacerbate that issue.

Safety:

The intersections of Bay/Escalona, Bay/King and Bay/Mission are notoriously dangerous. Trucks traveling downhill on Bay pose a significant danger to people crossing at Escalona where there is no signal and visibility issues. In addition, it is difficult for trucks to stop quickly coming down a hill with a heavy load. The limited visibility creates an intersection that is very dangerous to cross either on foot, bike or by car.

Another issue is the intersection of Mission and Bay (traveling north on Mission, turning onto Bay). This is a tight turn as Bay is a one lane street. There have been numerous pedestrian accidents at this intersection and I am aware of at least one death.

The same intersection is also problematic traveling from Bay to Mission St (southbound). The left turn is narrow onto the two lanes of traffic and trucks are

often required to navigate the left turn from the right lane. This causes traffic confusion, blocks the traffic attempting to turn right or proceed straight through the intersection and leaves the driver in the left-hand lane (attempting to turn left) with nowhere to go.

The surface streets being impacted by this request were not designed to handle the volume of traffic in our growing city. They were certainly not designed for large commercial trucks. I am concerned about the safety of the elderly and children walking and biking. I am also concerned about my quality of life trying to navigate the already congested streets in my neighborhood.

Please consider the safety and quality of life aspects of this request and reject the proposal. I have provided my phone number below if you have any questions about my comments.

Thank you,
Renee Bourdet
831 239 5886

From: Samantha Petovello <samantha.petovello@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:14 AM
To: Michael Lam
Cc: Mark Petovello
Subject: Granite Construction Application for Incased Trucking

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Dear City of Santa Cruz Planning Commission,

We are writing to you as homeowners residing at 1715 Bay Street to express concern regarding the proposed increase in heavy truck traffic by Granite Construction.

We would like to express clear opposition to the proposed increase for the following reasons:

- Damage to water and sewer lines.
- Night time noise and vibration.
- Safety for cyclists using Bay Street bike lanes (this is a popular route on Saturdays for commuters and bike clubs).
- Dust and pollution accumulating on our homes and gardens.
- Safety for our small children and pets.
- Affect on property values (creates a cumulative effect when the recent school redistricting is taken into consideration).
- Bay Street is a residential road and was never designed to be a heavy hauling route. In particular, the road is undivided and cars park on the lower portion leading to Mission Street creating congestion, plus this is a popular biking route.
- Current truck traffic does not adhere to current speed limits. An increase of speeding heavy hauling trucks would further exacerbate this issue.
- Traffic is heavy during rush hours during the week, and this proposed increase directly impacts the only quiet time we currently enjoy (nights and weekends).
- Currently, you can't have a conversation on the front of our properties because the hauling trucks impair hearing (you have to shout to be heard) and this will only worsen with an increase in truck volume.
- We are concerned that an increase in trucking traffic will impact the ability of emergency vehicles to travel in a timely manner and their optimal operation needs to be prioritized.

We ask the planning commission to consider the following:

- Undertaking a comprehensive traffic study to measure noise impact, true traffic volume and speeds, and possible alternate routes before granting any increase to Granite Construction.
- Alternate routes and a sharing of trucking volume across other routes (for both current volume and any future increase)
- Consider limiting Granite construction to a number of trips, rather than days. This decreases the pressure to run trucks quickly in order to maximize a 'trucking window' and may impact speed of the trucks
- Even at current trucking volumes there is a need for some traffic control at the intersection of Bay Street and Escalona Street - either a lighted intersection or stop sign. Every time we cross that intersection while walking (and use the existing pedestrian lights) at least one vehicle does not stop indicating that lights and stop signs are not sufficient control for current traffic volumes.
- Creating physical barriers to slow traffic (for example, the traffic control implemented on high street).
- If the will of the residents is not regarded and some increase is approved, then additional compensation like water and sewer line repair and upgrade, resident input to allowed timing of trucking, traffic control at the Escalona and Bay need to be provided as a minimum compensation for the negative impact to our quality of life and property values.

We thank you for taking the time to hear and consider our concerns.

Regards,

Mark and Samantha Petovello

From: Tanya Ridino <tanya@ridinolaw.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:25 AM
Cc: Bruce McPherson; renee.shepherd@santacruzcounty.us; Michael Lam; Ryan Coonerty; Rachel Dann; David Carlson
Subject: Re: Item # 7 Felton Quarry of County Planning Commission 1/27/21 agenda
Attachments: Felton Quarry Expansion Petition_Final .pdf; 2021 27_Quarry petition_signatures.pdf

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Good morning,

I am submitting the following comment to the 1/27/21 agenda item # 7.~ 191104 with the request to distribute it to all the County Planning Commissioners:

1. I am reiterating my request that today's Public Hearing be postponed due to the numerous evacuation orders and potential power outages in Ben Lomand, Boulder Creek and many other areas affected by this important decision.
2. Please see attached Letter of Opposition and Signatures of 517 supporters.

Thank you.

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Jane Mio
215 Mtn. View Ave.
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From: Teresa Dennison <teresaannndennison@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:24 PM
To: Michael Lam
Subject: Opposed to Granite Construction's Increase Request

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Hello,

I live on Bay St, and I am opposed to Granite Construction's request to increase the number of trucks during off-hour operations. It is a disturbance of the peace to do this to the residents of our neighborhood, not to mention a safety concern. I ask the Planning Commission to reject this proposal due to the increase in noise and vibration (my house literally shakes!) at night and on the weekends, when the constant traffic on Bay finally dies down. Also, the increased damage and wear and tear on our city roads, water and sewer lines, and the negative effect on the health and wellbeing of myself and my neighbors.

We do not need this extra stress that would be guaranteed should this pass. Have you ever been startled awake when a large granite truck shook your house? Not pleasant...multiply by 100 for when the neighborhood is most quiet...how would you feel? Not to mention the children I watch playing outside on the sidewalk. I fear for their safety with all of the constant speeders barreling down the hill. Why is there always a police officer giving tickets in front of my house at Kenneth and Bay? Because there is already a traffic safety issue!! Let's not add to what I have a first hand view to an already existing problem for our community.

Please let us have some peace while having to shelter in our homes. I urge you to deny this request.

Thank you,
Teresa Dennison
831-226-4395

From: Trude <tdjohnson@cruzio.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:35 AM
To: Michael Lam
Subject: Fwd: Granite Rock Construction

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Date:Wed, 27 Jan 2021 00:07:59 -0800
From:Trude <tdjohnson@cruzio.com>
To:MICHAEL.LAM@SANTACRUZCO.US

Dear Sir,

My name is Trude Blend. I live at 1501 Bay Street in Santa Cruz. The first time I was asked if Granite could increase the number of trucks they sent down/up Bay Street; and whether they could utilize evening/night time hours - I phoned the Planning Department and stated that as long as the drivers followed the speed limit, I was okay with the increase.

This time, it is a different story. These trucks do not follow the speed limit, but exceed it. Also, since this practice was first instituted, there has been much construction on Bay Street. The trucks abused their access when there were metal plates in the street; and continued to abuse the speed limit when the plates were replaced with asphalt bumps. The only way I would approve any access for these trucks to use Bay Street, would be if Granite Construction agreed to sign a contract stating they would be responsible financially for maintaining the sewer and water connections for every home whose primary line runs down Bay Street. These trucks make quite a noise bouncing up and down Bay Street. I can only imagine the damage they are doing. Since the city says the home owners are responsible for maintaining their connections - I say make Granite financially responsible. They are the ones doing the damage. They are the ones exceeding the speed limit. They are the ones making the noise. And now they want to run more trucks. Make them pay for it by supporting the property owners.

Sincerely

Trude Blend

From: Victoria <adventureactivist@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 6:55 PM
To: Michael Lam; Ryan Coonerty
Cc: dmeyers@cityofsantacruz.com; sbrunner@cityofsantacruz.com;
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rgolder@cityofsantacruz.com; skalantari-johnson@cityofsantacruz.com
Subject: Resident Against the Proposal to amend the Granite Creek/Felton Quarry Mining Approval to allow 80 more off-hour operations

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Dear Supervisor Leopold, Santa Cruz County Planning Commission and Santa Cruz City Council:

I am writing to insist that you do NOT approve the Proposal to amend the Felton Quarry Mining Approval to allow eighty (80) additional off-hours operations, which occur outside of the normal operating hours of the quarry. I am also asking the Santa Cruz City Council to support residents and join in to insist this is NOT approved for the below stated reasons.

1. SAFETY and QUALITY OF LIFE will be severely impacted.

My entire family, including my children walk, bike, skateboard and walk dogs crossing Bay St. A parade of **up to 80 trucks** on Saturday when EVERYONE in the neighborhood is doing the above, will surely create problems, potential accidents and potentially worse. This decision would greatly corrode our quality of life. Santa Cruz is known for it's laid-back "walkability" and "bikability" but **up to 80 trucks** on Bay St will greatly effect this. My son was hit on Bay and Mission Summer 2019 going to Junior Guards. The driver did not even stop to see if he was okay as he lay on the ground!!!! It happened so fast! **Up to 80 trucks** on Bay St when all the neighborhood kids are biking and balancing surfboards for weekend beach time sounds very unsafe. **UP TO 80 TRUCKS** zooming down Bay when UCSC students are driving to and from their nights out sounds scary. I also don't want the county and city to risk being legally exposed by allowing this should any tragedies occur. **Will new stoplights and crosswalks be put in along Bay St? The crossing at Bay and Escalona is already super sketchy for cars and pedestrians so should become a stop sign or stoplight anyways.**

Q: ** Have there been any studies done on these impacts before bringing this to a voting point?**

2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS must be considered.

Currently, I clean my window sills every week and they are so dusty from the pollution, dust and particle garbage in our environment, imagine **up to 80 trucks** adding to that

pollution and dust?!!! I see no information as to if they are open cargo trucks, closed semi-trucks or other? These trucks could be dropping way more dust and particles into our homes' environment; and additional rocks and debris into our front and backyards, as well as the roads. The impact of **up to 80 trucks** going down Bay every week are of paramount impact and not to be ignored. Santa Cruz has always stood for a clean environment and this just does not follow suit.

Q: **Has there been an environmental study done on impacts?**

3. TRAFFIC and TRAFFIC NOISE will greatly impact residents.

Up to 80 trucks going down Bay St can be heard for blocks! I live 3 blocks away and can hear big trucks coming down Bay and their screeching breaks down Bay St. It is appalling that you are even considering adding **up to 80 trucks** filling our Westside with noise at **NIGHTTIME** and on **WEEKENDS** when families, UCSC students and others are trying to deservedly sleep and relax. Typically housing along busy arteries are less expensive and there are many apartments that back up onto Bay St. filled with both families, single-parent families and UCSC students. **This is of greater impact for these renters lining Bay St. which will contribute to environmental and medical health issues which inadvertently support systemic biases and impacts on renters vs home-owners and their varying socio-economic statuses.** Everyone deserves a decent quality of life.

Weekend traffic is already a nightmare, even with UCSC students distance learning- that has not changed and we have added out-of-towners coming to enjoy our nature during Covid. These trucks would create an insane amount of traffic on Bay and Mission St. **Although they are asking for only a specific Bay St extension, you must consider the full picture.** Where will the trucks go from Bay St? Mission St. is a nightmare on weekends as it is. **Consider the traffic coming up Bay from the proposed development at the Dream Inn's current parking lot and the Retirement home at the old Gateway School site and you are looking at SERIOUS GRIDLOCK at Bay & Mission with huge trucks taking up many lanes to make turns paralyzing movement for all other cars.**

Q: **Has there been a traffic analysis report on Saturdays done at that intersection and/or a noise analysis report for the surrounding Bay St area done for the commission to consider? If so, do these take into account the other 2 already approved projects mentioned above? This should be mandatory before even considering this.**

4. INFRASTRUCTURE will become a greater problem.

If this is approved, there will also be increased wear and tear on our City roads, which the City is struggling to maintain already. (Some experts estimate that one truck will damage the road as much as 5,000 to 10,000 cars.) Currently, there does not seem to be enough money to maintain our roads. Nearby Baldwin St. and Upper Van Ness St. have cracks and potholes all over them. The city says they do not have time, manpower and mostly money to fix it so this wait for residential streets to be maintained will only get longer if all the money is going to be needed to repair Bay Street more often with the amplified impact ***up to 80 trucks*** have.

There will also be increased wear and tear on underground utilities such as the plumbing and sewer lines connecting to or under **our privately owned houses**.

Q: **Who will be responsible to pay for that? -the county or the city or residents? **

5. FINANCIAL LOSSES for all homeowners. If this is approved, real estate within a proximity of Bay St. will be affected and property values will be affected negatively. Will the city and county lower taxes to compensate for the losses? Is Granite Rock being asked to pay certain fees or higher special permit fees to the city and county to cover all the expected road and infrastructure expenses that will be incurred? Will any of this be passed on to those impacted to compensate real estate losses?

Q: **Could this impact risk putting both the city and county at legal liability to impacted residents and home-owners?**

In these times of Covid and a declining economy, you are asking everyone to take on even more physical, psychological, and health burdens as well as financial hits for the benefit of one company's profit, despite there already being existing routes through highways and non-residential roads outside of the already congested city. ***It just doesn't make sense.***

Please honor the will of the people who actually LIVE where this will impact and please do NOT approve this.

A very concerned tax-paying resident, home-owner and parent living close to Bay St,
~Victoria Toledo

From: Yaheng (Ivy) Lee <ivywaiting@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Michael Lam
Subject: Community input on Granite Construction's proposed truck increase on Bay Street

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Dear Mr. Lam,

Our family lives next to Bay Street, and we heard from neighbors that Granite Construction is proposing to run more trucks on Bay Street. We are against this change because it will largely increase street noise and potentially damage our road. Please consider our opinions.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
Yaheng Lee



Recipient: Santa Cruz County Planning Commission

Letter: Greetings,

Oppose expansion of the Felton Empire Quarry Permit

Signatures

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Jordyn James	Conroe, US	2021-01-24
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Danica Liniger	Johnstown, US	2021-01-24
Andrea Romero	San Bernardino, US	2021-01-24
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vanessa buonaugurio	Scotts Valley, CA	2021-01-25
Lisa Ridino	Soquel, CA	2021-01-25
Jody Work	aptos, CA	2021-01-25
Geraldine Sproule	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Daniel O'Brien	MILTON, US	2021-01-25
Hanna Houseman	Chicago, US	2021-01-25
Jai Hudes	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Morgen Rhynes	Oklahoma City, US	2021-01-25
Flor Lozno	Las Vegas, US	2021-01-25
Eva Ngaaje	Lanham, US	2021-01-25
Helen Panico	South Weymouth, MA	2021-01-25
Denitza Martinez	Charlotte, US	2021-01-25
gaby wagner	Portland, US	2021-01-25
Tiffany Woods	Russellville, US	2021-01-25
Angela Vaughn	Charlotte, NC	2021-01-25
Sabrina Parker	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Robert Johnson	New Baltimore, US	2021-01-25
Denise Smith	Carrollton, US	2021-01-25
Kayla Morgan	Huntsville, US	2021-01-25
Bright Cox	Tucson, US	2021-01-25
Dan VanBlaircom	Warsaw, US	2021-01-25
Anna Laidler	East Stroudsburg, US	2021-01-25

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Alisan Andrews	Felton, CA	2021-01-25
Amy S	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Joe Fitzjarrell	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Holly Shelton	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Leslie Zimmerman	Frankfort, IN	2021-01-25
toby corey	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Marcella Laddon	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Nancy Lynch	San Jose, OR	2021-01-25
Joanne Le Boeuf	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Martin Burmeister	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
James Kelly	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Mary Hardin	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Lizbeth Guarnero	Hempstead, US	2021-01-25
Susan Kavanagh	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
ky Russell	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Leia Paschedag	St. Louis, US	2021-01-25
Karen Felts	Noblesville, US	2021-01-25
Don Cianelli	Newtown Square, US	2021-01-25
Isabelle Brightman	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Antonia Hoblely	Scotts Valley, CA	2021-01-25
Jared Brick	Felton, CA	2021-01-25
Kip Wanaselja	Scotts Valley, CA	2021-01-25

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Melissa Benn	Felton, CA	2021-01-25
Suezanne Sites	Scotts Valley, CA	2021-01-25
Alaina Maloney	Felton, CA	2021-01-25
Cristina McCutcheon	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Stacey Mitchell	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Marcia McCloskey	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Marilyn Marzell	Felton, CA	2021-01-25
tatiana Pena	Fontana, CA	2021-01-25
Kelly Nestelroad	Kansas City, US	2021-01-25
Adrian Marquez	Fontana, CA	2021-01-25
Alice Thomas	Kingsville, US	2021-01-25
M Lin	Scotts Valley, CA	2021-01-25
Jack Reed	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Michelle Yeo	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25
Pamela Hunt-Carter	Santa Cruz, CA	2021-01-25

David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:23 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: ITEM #7. 191104-- HEAVY TRUCKS ON HIGH & BAY STS--NIGHT HRS.

From: ANDREW THOMAS <thomassantacruz@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: ITEM #7. 191104-- HEAVY TRUCKS ON HIGH & BAY STS--NIGHT HRS.

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DATE: January 23, 2021

TO: County of Santa Cruz, Planning Department: Michael Lam, Amin Support

FROM: Andrew & Wilhelmina Thomas, 1361 High Street Santa Cruz CA 95060

SUBJECT: ITEM #7 191104 PERMIT Review Felton Quarry operated by Granite Const.

OFF Hours Operation of Heavy Trucks on High & Bay Streets) These Heavy Trucks are using these streets during the day and now want an additional increase at Night and on Saturdays.

PLEASE, PLEASE HELP KEEP HEAVY TRUCKS OFF HIGH & BAY STREETS!

We live in a residential City Street and Pay over \$6,000.00 in TAXES each year. WHY AREN'T THEY USING HIGHWAY 1?????

Granite Construction operates a quarry producing road-building materials and is asking for a 400% increase (from 20 to 100 per year) to the number of "off-hour operations" exceptions to run heavy trucks down Empire Grade, High and Bay St.--Off-hours at night and on Saturdays. During these operations there may be as many as 10-15 trucks per hour. (Means trucks all that night or all that Saturday, not just one trip.)

INCREASED TRUCK TRAFFIC ON WEEKENDS INCREASED NOISE AND VIBRATION AT NIGHT when we are trying to sleep. — INCREASED WEAR AND TEAR, damaging City streets, which the City is struggling to maintain already. — INCREASED WEAR AND TEAR ON UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, such as the plumbing and sewer lines connecting to or under our houses — INCREASED DUST AND EXHAUST IN THE AIR AND IN OUR HOMES.

My son has **ASTHMA/COPD** and we are struggling to keep the air quality inside our home at safe levels. The diesel from the trucks still comes through the windows even when closed which makes it extremely **UNHEALTHY**. When the trucks drive downhill, they shift to a lower gear, causing more noise and diesel exhaust or pollution. Trucks coming down the hill are also speeding to 50 miles an hour in a 30 mile hour

zone. It shakes the pictures or anything hanging on walls and has cracked 1 window during this vibration. This has also caused **SAFETY** issues, such as trying to get out of our driveways onto the street and/or persons or students walking on the sidewalk or crossing the street for a Bus Stop day or night.

And in regards to the **projected increase of students and staff at UCSC, 28,000 full time students, the 550 employee housing units** directly across from Western Drive in the Eucalyptus Grove is really going to cause a lot of problems. Not only the removal of trees for all the building, but the additional traffic congestion—safety--and problems with increased demand on Utilities and more to our area that will be problematic

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE A NO VOTE !

THANK YOU!

David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:22 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: Granite Request to Increase Operations

From: Arlyne Semiloff <asemiloff@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: Granite Request to Increase Operations

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To: Planning Commission

I am a resident in a neighborhood right off Bay, near High St. I am opposed to Granite Construction's request to increase the number of off-hour operations.

I would like to request that the Planning Commission reject this proposal due to the increased noise and vibration at night and on weekends, the increased damage and wear and tear on City roads, water and sewer lines, and the negative effect on the health and wellbeing of everyone along this route.

Thank you for your consideration.
Arlyne Semiloff

David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:33 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: Granite Construction application #191104

From: Asun Romero <aromero@superiorfoods.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:23 AM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: Granite Construction application #191104

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing you regarding Granite Construction application #191104 to amend the Felton Quarry Mining Approval, which would allow 80 additional off-hours operations, raising the total to 100 off-hours operations per year on Empire Grade and Bay Street at night and on weekends.

I live on Anthony St. between Bay and Spring St. and I ask you to deny Granite Construction Company's application. I am worried and anxious about the increase of heavy truck traffic through our neighborhood. The fact that in the past we have not voiced our concerns, does not mean that we were not bothered by the noise and disruption at night. This traffic does not belong in our residential neighborhood. On Saturdays there are a lot of people and students riding down Bay, it is already dangerous crossing Bay without the added stress and lack of visibility from large trucks. You know that we already had one fatality at Mission and Bay, and we often see accidents and dangerous situations in this area.

I am also concerned about the damage that heavy equipment will cause on our roads, which will accelerate the wear and tear that they would suffer with regular traffic.

I urge you to consider denying this application for the benefit of keeping our neighborhood safe and pleasant.

Sincerely,
Asun Romero

David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:13 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: Objection to increased truck traffic

-----Original Message-----

From: Bruce L. Ross <r0sses@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 3:38 PM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: Objection to increased truck traffic

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Hi, We are neighbors that are impacted by truck traffic on High Street (Empire) to Bay Street. We are located on Western Drive and hear loud truck traffic and have increased dust and exhaust in our home because of the traffic. There is also the problem of utilities and roads themselves that are experiencing increased use. We realize that there is removal and reconstruction because of the past fires but any other increases would be met with our objections. We feel that the noise, fumes and dust present a health hazard. Also, we are well aware of the increased speeds of trucks that is very dangerous! We understand there is a need for trucks to use public roads and are hopeful that the Planning Commission would spread the impact to other roads as well, not just High Street-Empire and Bay Street.

Sincerely, Jan Frank & Bruce Ross
1148 Western Drive
Santa Cruz. CA 95060
831-212-9169

David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:20 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: Increased truck traffic along Hlgh Street/Empire Grade

From: Christian Harris <christian@ssala.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 10:51 AM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: Increased truck traffic along Hlgh Street/Empire Grade

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Hi Michael,

I'm writing you to discuss increased truck traffic coming presumably from Granite Construction's Felton Quarry at 1800 Felton Quarry Road in Felton, CA. I live on Tosca Terrace in Santa Cruz and my house is located one house in from High Street.

The increased traffic has been impossible to miss. As a Landscape Architect, my livelihood depends on the construction industry and I am generally supportive of the quarry's ability to deliver material to various projects throughout the area. I acknowledge that a percentage of this traffic is aiding the post-fire rebuild efforts. I have multiple friends and family members directly affected by the fires, and am in definite support of a reasonable increase in activity to aid reconstruction.

With that said, the truck traffic has been excessive with considerable traffic occurring outside of standard working hours and on Saturday's. Last Saturday, 1/16/21 steady truck traffic had begone before 7:00am waking my entire family up including our young toddler. Once again this Saturday morning the truck trips continue. I am fully supportive of the Quarry's activities during the work week and typical working hours but I take serious issue with the recent off-hour activity. The speed limit changes to 30 MPH at the beginning of our neighborhood but the trucks, in addition to almost every other vehicle, do not slow down.

We've seen virtually no enforcement of the speed limit from local police.

Exasperating the noise is a dip in the road approximately 20 yards up the road which causes the large trucks, especially the double trailer dump trucks, to bounce several times. This can happen dozens if not up to a hundred times a day. The dip in the road leads to a storm drain drop inlet. While I don't have access to road grades in this area, a visual inspection indicates that the crown of the road and cross slope leading to the gutter flow line makes the dip unnecessary.

If this dip were fixed or eliminated, water would still find its way to the drop inlet and the truck noise would be tremendously reduced alleviating much of our concern.

As a neighbor directly affected by the increased truck traffic I propose the following:

- Reduce or eliminate off-hour truck trips

- Enforce speed limits along the haul route
- Fix dip in road to eliminate truck bounce

If these adjustments were to occur, my family and I would be in full support of Granite Construction's quarry activity. We understand the economic concerns of both Granite Construction and their workers but some mitigation needs to occur.

Your consideration of our concerns are appreciated.

Thank you,



David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:19 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: Opposing Granite Construction Trucks Bay Street

From: Robin Garcia <danrobgarcia@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 8:39 PM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: Opposing Granite Construction Trucks Bay Street

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1st District Commissioner Michael Guth (Vice-Chair) 2nd District
Commissioner Melanie Shaffer Freitas (Chair) 3rd District
Commissioner Rachel Dann 4th District Commissioner Judith
Lazenby 5th District Commissioner Renee Shepherd and
esteemed alternates

Santa Cruz County Planning Commission 701 Ocean Street,
Room 400 Santa Cruz, CA, 95060

Dear Commissioners,

I live on 1511 Bay St. I ask you to deny Granite Construction Company's application #191104 to amend the Felton Quarry Mining Approval, which would allow 80 additional off-hours operations, raising the total to 100 off-hours operations per year.

This is a lot of heavy truck traffic coming through our neighborhood. I know it can be busy during the day, but at night it is quiet, with little traffic. We for sure notice the current increase in

truck traffic coming through the neighborhood due to the work going on in Bonny Doon right now, and tow summers ago there was a period where construction trucks were coming through at night. We in the neighborhood definitely noticed them!

In their application, Granite Construction claims there have been very few complaints. Their reasoning is that no complaints means no one was bothered. Wrong! No one knew they could complain, and even if we wanted to, who should we complain to? And who is going to get out of bed after being woken in the middle of the night to see whose name is on the truck that just dragged you out of a sound sleep? Or who could make it out the door in time to see, even if they were willing?

Apparently, as a condition of their permit, Granite is supposed to send residents notice of off-hours operations, for each off-hour operation. I have never gotten one. I don't know anyone who has ever received one, either.

This traffic doesn't belong, especially during the quiet hours from 10:00 pm to 8:00 am, in our residential neighborhood. On Saturdays there are a lot of people riding their bicycles to and from the trails and bikeways up at UCSC and on up Empire Grade into Bonny Doon. Semis and bikes are a dangerous mix. We've already had one fatality at Mission and Bay. Plus, these big, heavy trucks are going to ruin our roads. These are City of Santa Cruz roads, and the City is already behind on road maintenance. This

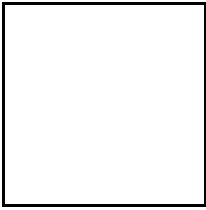
increased truck traffic will make it that much worse for the cyclists and drivers that use these roads every day during the week,

Please deny this change! Do not allow more trucks at night through our neighborhood!

Sincerely,

Danny Garcia
831-588-6433
Bay Street Homeowner and Resident

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David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:16 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: AGAINST ANY MORE GRANITE CONSTRUCTION TRUCKS ON BAY STREET

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Hutchison <hutchi@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: AGAINST ANY MORE GRANITE CONSTRUCTION TRUCKS ON BAY STREET

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I write this letter fervently in opposition to any increase in traffic by granite construction trucks on Bay Street by University. There are far too many already. The noise from them is horrendous and the house and windows shake; the noise wakes everyone up at night and is already a distraction in the daytime. They are bad for infrastructure and road longevity. The amount of dust and pollution and noise pollution is unbearable. Please help in fighting against this problem we are having. I will be attending the virtual meeting to show my support.

Sincerely
Elizabeth Hutchison
1508 Bay St A
Santa Cruz, Ca 95060

David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:22 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: increased truck traffic

-----Original Message-----

From: Geri Sproule <feebleger@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: increased truck traffic

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To: Planning commission:

I live near Bay and High Streets and am very much opposed to adding night and weekend truck traffic. I expect traffic during business hours, but hope you can understand why evenings and weekends should provide a respite from the constant noise and vibrations. Please respect that these are residential neighborhoods as well as truck routes.

Thank you for your consideration
Geraldine Sproule

David Carlson

From: Hannah Pederson <hannahjpederson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:08 AM
To: David Carlson
Cc: Michael Lam
Subject: Granite Construction - Planning Department

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Hello,

I'm writing to register my concern regarding Granite Construction's request to add 80 more exceptions to the rules related to the Felton Quarry. Currently there is increased truck traffic on Empire Grade due to the debris clean up in Bonny Doon. This increase is incredibly noticeable, noisy, creates a lot of vibration at my home on Bay and High, and there is a noticeable increase in the smell of oil and fuel.

All of this serves as a precursor to Granite's request to increase their operating hours at the Felton Quarry and the increased operating hours and days and truck traffic on Empire Grade and High Street, should this be approved.

I am very concerned that there has not been an Environmental Impact Report related to this request, and I can attest to the current nuisance caused by the Bonny Doon truck traffic, indicative of what Granite's request would also bring to the area.

I am against this request by Granite being approved.

I cannot attend the meeting Wednesday as I have a work conflict at that same time.

Thank you,

Hannah Pederson
752 Nobel Dr. Unit A
Santa Cruz, CA

Katharine Woods
2369 Empire Grade
Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060
Katharinewoods333@gmail.com
(208)720-4883

January 24, 2021

To David Carlson, SC Planning Commission and Whomever else it may concern,

I, Katharine Woods, the owner of 2369 Empire Grade, located along the Felton Quarry truck route in the Cave Gulch neighborhood, am writing to you to respectfully OPPOSE Granite Construction's proposed expansion of the Felton Quarry's off-hours operations. I was sadly out of the country last winter when the notices of a negative declaration regarding an EIR concerning the expansion was sent out to everyone along the truck route, and also still away during the period of public comment. It seems that although there was a great deal of opposition voiced by residents along this route, at least some of my neighbors were not able to address this situation as they were seriously preoccupied by the concerns of an impending pandemic that required an unprecedented shutdown of our society and many of our businesses and livelihoods. It seems gravely inappropriate that any Planning Commission decisions that so negatively impact at least 600 taxpaying citizens (the number of notices you sent out to those affected by the quarry's operations) should be made during the beginning of such a global emergency.

I want to impress upon you that the noise and fumes of the quarry "train" trucks is devastating to my quality of life at my permanent residence when they operate during nighttime off-hours, particularly during summer nighttime hours. It occurred for what seemed like mostly 20 consecutive nights two summers ago and I was so unnerved and disturbed by this month of almost non-stop nighttime noise and fumes that I was becoming resolved to sell my dream home. It was a terrible thought to come to after dreaming of living in this neighborhood since I was a teacher at The Waldorf School in 1999 and having only moved in four years ago with the intention of growing old and dying here. The warm seasons, particularly summer, are when I need to open my windows in order to be comfortable in my own home, and yet this is impossible to bear when the trucks are going almost all night.

When a negative declaration was awarded this application, an EIR that would have included an updated Air Quality review of a toxic emissions inventory and a screening analysis for all stationary and mobile sources associated with the quarry, a required condition of review, was suspended. Are Granite's trucks emission friendly since their increased road traffic will impact the entire length of the truck trips? Is this sustainable under the County's Climate Plan? The permit request argues that air tests @ site didn't record access.

I also am of the opinion that it is very poor timing to initiate such an expansion of operations while the community is addressing the devastation of the CZU Fire in Bonny Doon. I am still

traumatized from this recent natural disaster and support the prioritization of the cleanup and rebuilding of the lost homes above an increased use of the quarry. We are now bearing with constant large construction trucks barreling their way up and down Empire Grade morning until night for this cause. I view an expansion of quarry operations to be insult on top of injury at this time. This natural disaster occurred after the application for this expansion and I would ask that it be put on hold until the rebuilding of Bonny Doon is complete. Heavy truck traffic has further degraded the paving through Cave Gulch and up to the quarry. Regions have been patched recently but increased heavy load transport will continue to degrade the road surface. Damaged road surface contributes greatly to the noise factor as the large trucks drive over cracks and bumps in the road surface.

I have also just become aware of the expansion of the UCSC campus. I believe this also needs to take priority before an increase in the Quarry's operations. The county has managed to care for its roads up until now without this expansion, and it can certainly continue to do so under the extenuating conditions. Only so much construction needs to happen at one time in one place, a place serviced by largely a country road with blind curves and hardly a shoulder to stand on. Recently there has already been such an increase in traffic on the lower section of Empire Grade including the increased use of Twin Gates just north of Cave Gulch which has become a primary entrance to Wilder Ranch State Park. Visitors include hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. They come as individuals, groups, and families (including small children) who park on the side of the road and walk along the road to reach the entrance to the park trails. In addition to residents and schools, Empire Grade is used by a large number of non-residents. This is particularly true on weekends. These users include both cars and motorcycles. Weekends are also a favorite time for large numbers of cyclists and joggers. The road is just too dangerous already. Remedies to this situation must be in place before we add more traffic.

My final concern is the devaluation of property values we shall certainly endure by this increased traffic disturbance in our neighborhoods and it's unbearable and unhealthy effects upon the residents. I personally pay a huge amount per year in property taxes, a considerable amount which goes to the county. What plan does the applicant or the county have to compensate the property owners for this devaluation of our investments?

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. See you all this Wednesday morning on Zoom and at any and all meetings on this proposal into the future.

With respect,
Katharine Woods

David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 8:32 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: Increased traffic of gravel trucks

-----Original Message-----

From: Mara Alverson <maraalverson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: Increased traffic of gravel trucks

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Please do not increase the limit of gravel trucks that can travel down Bay and Mission at night and on the weekends. These trucks are loud and destructive to the streets.

I live right off of Mission and do not want to be awakened by loud trucks at night.

Mara Alverson

David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:29 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: Bay and empire grade truck permit

From: Margaret McFarland <mmmmcfarland@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: Bay and empire grade truck permit

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Please please please do Not approve more trucks coming up and down Bay. This is a residential neighborhood we want to sleep peacefully nights and weekends.

At least cut back permitted trips to 30 and no weekends. Put a light at Bay and Neber to slow them down.

Margaret McFarland

David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:21 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: Trucking permit expansion for Granite

From: Margaret McFarland <mmmcfarland@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 7:40 PM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: Trucking permit expansion for Granite

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I live on Bay street one block south of High near Nebel.

I just found out the source of the significant increase in truck noise particularly at night. The increased noise is making getting to sleep and staying asleep very difficult. We've accepted that our back and side yard that abut Bay are unpleasant during the day, but disturbing our evenings and nights by upping allowed usage from 20 to 80 trips is totally unacceptable. 20 is bad enough.

Going from 20 to 4 times as much takes this from quite unpleasant to unbearable.

Please do not permit this to go on

Moreover it would help the sound reduction if the trucks and other traffic would have to slow down at a traffic light at Nebel. It is terrifying to cross Bay at Nebel to get to the park and back. And it allows too much speed between Iowa and High. Unlike the stretch from Escalona to Iowa, Our houses are at street level and the noise and speed are unbearable from Iowa to High already.

Please at least slow them down with a traffic light at Nebel.

Cordially yours

Margaret McFarland
119 Cardiff Ct

David Carlson

From: melissa <emel@cruzio.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 9:42 PM
To: David Carlson
Subject: Felton Quarry Application #191104

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Santa Cruz County Planning Commission,

David Carlson

Project Planner: Felton Quarry Application #191104

We are writing you concerning the Planning Department's consideration of Felton Quarry's request for 100 off-hours operations per year. Off-hours is outside their normal operating hours, which means they can run the asphalt plant all day on Saturdays or all night (for 100 days/nights per year) in addition to their regular hours. We are long time homeowners on Sylvester Drive. Our homes are directly impacted by the asphalt plant at Felton Quarry as we are in line with it. We oppose allowing an increase in hours of operation and are asking the Planning Commission to deny the request. Two of the homes on Sylvester were purchased over 30 years ago when it was very rare for The Quarry to operate at night or on Saturdays and we expected to enjoy our homes on weekends and at night. That enjoyment has been taken away from us. The quarry is currently allowed 20 off-hour operations per year and an additional 20 off-hour operations for emergency situations, with permission from the County. The current off-hours operations are already very disruptive! The noise from the asphalt plant and from trucks being driven back and forth for hours, the toxic air pollution from the hot plant itself (especially during inversion layers), air pollution while the asphalt is being transferred into the trucks, and the pollution from the diesel trucks themselves combine to make it so we are unable to enjoy our properties. The hot plant usually has the off-hours operations during the warmest months, so we are unable to even open our windows on hot nights, a time when we need them open to cool our homes. 100 nights could mean all of July, August, September and October, an intolerable situation!

How is The Quarry or The County planning on compensating us for our properties if this request by The Quarry is granted?

The night time route also negatively affects those living near Empire Grade, including the Cave Gulch area and Bay Street and Mission Street residents in Santa Cruz. We feel the night time and Saturday routes that are currently allowed should reflect the routes used during regular hours. The route through Felton should be used when the project location dictates it. The heavy impact on the Empire Grade road is not being considered by The County of Santa Cruz. Road maintenance and costs need to be addressed even with the current rate of use.

We realize that people who don't live near Felton Quarry or along the truck route, may be in favor of having paving done at night, but asphalt is available locally from other locations. It isn't right to ruin our enjoyment of our properties!

We were only given 2 weeks notice concerning the hearing, so we are unable to attend. We do take this application very seriously though and want to emphasize that we request the Planning Commission to deny Felton Quarry's application for any additional off-hours operations.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Melissa Thompson

Mary Haven Thompson

Richard Thompson

Laura Thompson

4035 Sylvester Dr

Gail Heit

4080 Sylvester Dr.

Jamie Schnetzler

Andrew Hawes

Jade Marcus

Abi Mustapha

Oliver Witcroft

4050 Sylvester Dr.

David Carlson

From: Kathy Molloy
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 12:25 PM
To: David Carlson
Cc: Stephanie Hansen
Subject: Fwd: Noise Complaint regarding Felton Quarry

FYI.

Begin forwarded message:

From: micha cárdenas <michacardenas@ucsc.edu>
Date: January 24, 2021 at 10:28:44 AM PST
To: Kathy Molloy <Kathy.Molloy@santacruzcounty.us>, Planning ZoningInfo <Planning.ZoningInfo@santacruzcounty.us>, Planning Building Info <Planning.BuildingInfo@santacruzcounty.us>, EnvironmentalPlanningInfo <EnvironmentalPlanningInfo@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: Noise Complaint regarding Felton Quarry

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Hello,

Regarding the Felton Quarry,

"Staff Report to the Planning Commission
Application Number: 191104"

I understand that your intention is to allow more exceptions for large trucks to drive up Bay Street between High and Mission. However, what we need is the opposite, **we need far fewer trucks on this street.**

The noise is very disturbing and very persistent, at all hours. When I moved in to my apartment near Bay and Meder street, I chose the room I wanted to have be my master bedroom, with the most windows. After living in it for a while, I realized, with disappointment, that there were loud cars and huge trucks driving on this street, right outside my window, at all hours of the night, waking me up. I thus had to move to a different bedroom in my home, and purchase noise reducing curtains, to try to reduce the noise. But the noise in my living room, and in my baby's room, is unavoidable. This is very disappointing and is a deterrent to wanting to continue to live here.

I urge you to not allow more exceptions for construction companies to send even more large trucks up this street. Please.

Sincerely,

micha

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Pronouns: she/her

David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 2:54 PM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: OBJECTION to Granite Rock Construction Request for more trucks on Bay Street

From: Robin Garcia <robing@davidlyng.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: OBJECTION to Granite Rock Construction Request for more trucks on Bay Street

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Hi Michael,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to you because I OBJECT the request of Granite Rock massively increasing the number of heavy trucks to run down Bay Street and Empire Grade at night and on weekends.

This is extremely upsetting to me to think this could even be possible. We have owned and lived in our home at 1511 Bay Street for almost 8 years now. We have small children and the thought of loud trucks all through the night and on weekends will make it impossible to sleep at night. This will destroy our streets that were just repaired last year. This could damage our sewer lines and who will pay for that? Also this can depreciate our home values.

I sincerely hope that this is OBJECTED. Please think of your community.

Sincerely,

Robin Garcia
831-333-6132
1511 Bay Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

David Carlson

From: Shelly Escobar <shellymontana@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:03 AM
To: Michael Lam; David Carlson
Subject: Opposition to Trucks on Bay st.

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Hi,

My name is Shelly Escobar and I live at 1801 Bay st. on the corner of Bay and KennethSt.

I'm **STRONGLY opposed to ANY excessively heavy, load trucks going down Bay st.**, let alone more trucks and this is why...

Just some history about Bay st. Bay st. is, by nature, a natural creek flow way, hence the creek that flow above Escalona and then goes under ground. As is MANY other creeks that flow off the hills here in Santa Cruz. Just walk down Escalona and you can hear the creeks flow. Earth is constantly shifting due to the low water depth. Our water table on our property is 7 feet. YES, I said 7 feet! A natural creek flowed directly in front of our home before our home was built in 1952. The street in front of our house has been filled because of a sinking spots that bicyclist couldn't see and continued to hit and crash.

When they build Bay st. they used sand and trash to fill in the natural creek bed making it an **ever changing, shifting plot of land.**

About 40 years ago PG&E moved the gas lines that ran under Bay st. to the side streets. I would image they did that because constant sinking land and for safety. So when they dug the gas lines they refilled it back up with sand. We found that out when our sewage line to the main kept clogging. **We had to replace our sewage line** because the sand shifted and caused our sewage line to break and leak. **That cost us \$11K.** And if you drive ALL down **Bay st. between Escalona and Mission you can count 14 street scars from the middle of the street to homes. Probably due to sewage or utility lines damage and repair** from shifting land and HEAVY buses and trucks that go up to USCS for building.

EVERY TIME a bus or truck barrels down Bay st. our whole house and windows SHAKE!

More evidence of ever shifting, soft, wet land down Bay st.

Home owners on Bay street CAN NOT AFFORD our utility lines to be continually damaged and repaired by Profit making companies driving their HEAVY trucks down our street.

NOW about the waking up in the middle of the night. When the trucks come down in the middle of the night it shakes the whole house but more irritating is the sound. Their so loud that it wakes

me and my husband and my neighbors up. The whole neighbor thought “what the hell is going down the street?” like it was some secret project UCSC was up too. **Lack of sleep is disruptive and can cause health and wellness problems.**

These trucks are **DESTRUCTIVE** to our Property and our Health. And should NOT be allowed **AT ALL** to go down Bay st.

Thank You,
Shelly Escobar

montanadesign.biz

1801 Bay St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060
831-427-0773



David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:49 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: Trucks on Bay Street

-----Original Message-----

From: Sommer Main <malialee02@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: Trucks on Bay Street

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I am writing to oppose allowing any more trucks coming down Bay street on off hours. And honestly it's not just on off hours we oppose. We oppose any more trucks coming down period. We realize with the fires there will be more trucks coming down the road anyway but that is temporary. To allow the Quarry to permanently use bay street for a significant amount of use especially on nights and weekends is absurd. We Live right off Bay Street, and for sometime we couldnt figure out what was going on at night. About every five minutes we would hear brakes squeaking And loud trucks bouncing around on the street, honestly we had no idea where this was coming from and we would have complained but we couldn't figure it out. This has an impact on the quality of our lives, we can't sleep, this creates lots of dust, there is also quite an impact on our roads and and sewer systems that are already old. I believe this is unfair to residents because many residents are required to repair sewer lines into the street, quality of life, lack of sleep and general annoyance. I know many neighbors that have already had lots of sewer repairs. It is unfair that a company I can do whatever they want for profit and we as neighbors have very little say. Thank for hearing our concerns. I know there are many neighbors that are outraged and hopefully all will send letters and attend the meeting.

~Sommer and Casey Main

Sent from my iPhone

David Carlson

From: Victoria <adventureactivist@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 1:39 PM
To: Michael Lam
Cc: David Carlson
Subject: OPPOSING Granite Rock Trucks on Empire Grade & Bay

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Dear SC Co. Planning Commission:

I am writing to **vehemently** oppose more Granite Rock trucks on Empire Grade and Bay St on weekends and at night. Up to 10-15 trucks per hour roaring down Bay St waking neighbors up with vibrations and pollution???? They need to use their already used route through Felton and Scotts Valley because those are main arteries to the freeway. Bay St goes through a neighborhood and will create more traffic, extreme vibration and noise for neighbors in the UCSC, Westlake, Nobel, West Escalona, King St neighborhoods.

Why should we suffer more pollution, dust and particle garbage in our front and backyards and INSIDE our houses; noise stress and environmental damage to our health and environment; traffic stress and more potential accidents on the road as well as road rage for the benefit of a company?

There will also be increased wear and tear on our City roads, which the City is struggling to maintain already. (Some experts estimate that one truck will damage the road as much as 5,000 to 10,000 cars.) There goes money that can be used to address our homeless issue. Humans before profit - Environment before profit!

There will also be increased wear and tear on underground utilities such as the plumbing and sewer lines connecting to or under our houses. Who will pay for that? In these times of Covid and a declining economy, you are asking everyone to take on even more physical, psychological and health burden for the benefit of one company's profit. This is wrong and not in the interest of anyone else besides the profit of Don Roland and Granite Rock.

We implore that you, our county planning commission, honor the will of the people who actually LIVE where this will happen and do NOT approve this.

Respectfully,

~Victoria

David Carlson

From: Michael Lam
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:20 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: FW: No more Granite Construction trucks on Bay St

From: Zack Sanborn <zsanborn@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Michael Lam <Michael.Lam@santacruzcounty.us>
Subject: No more Granite Construction trucks on Bay St

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Hi Michael Lam,

I live at the corner of Anthony St. and Bay St (203 Anthony St), and I'm writing you to express my **strong disapproval** of the proposed increase in gravel trucks traveling up & down Bay St.

In the past hour, I've counted at least ten of these huge trucks barreling up or down Bay St. With every truck, my house shakes and rumbles. It is an older house covered in stucco, and I've noted a number of new stucco cracks in the past months since gravel truck traffic has increased.

At night, my daughter will wake up when a particularly large truck bounces near our house. My dog will sometimes run to my room scared by the sudden thunder-like rumbling.

A 400% increase in truck traffic would be a nightmare for me, my family, my dog, and my house... 100 exceptions is nearly a third of a year living with these trucks. This is completely unacceptable.

Please tell Granite Construction to find alternative routes that do not run through our peaceful residential neighborhood.

Please look out for the best interest of your residents.

Thank you,

Zack Sanborn
203 Anthony St
(831) 420-7091

David Carlson

From: Howard Allen <hallenco@pacbell.net>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:26 AM
To: David Carlson
Subject: Item #7. 191104 Granite Quarry

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Our property fronts on EmpireGrade Road and we get the noise from it, However we feel that the Quarry is very necessary. Maintaining our roads should be a priority and now that Ca Trans is paving mostly at night I feel the extension should be granted. Howard Allen

From: ttuullee@cruzio.com
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Michael Lam
Cc: clayton neighbor markel
Subject: County Planning Commission Hearing 1/27/21, Item #7. 191104
Attachments: 20210125_102829.jpg; 20210125_102835.jpg; 20210125_102847.jpg

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To: Planning Commission
From: Elani Aquino, 1612 Bay St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Re: Item to be presented to Planning Commission Weds. Jan 27, giving households affected VERY SHORT NOTICE.

That means us, as Bay St. residents, are dreading being once again exposed to heavy trucking ALL night and ALL Saturday, literally unable to sleep (which we are too familiar with from past experience) for the noise and vibration, exposure to toxic levels of dust and exhaust. Additionally, our plumbing and sewer connections, as well as masonry and interiors sustain considerable damage, repairs of which are on the shoulders of us as property owners. We already tolerate unacceptable and unhealthy levels of noise and vibration under the present permit and daytime trucking. Granite Construction should look for alternatives to simply destroying the livability of an already fragile and compromised family neighborhood! There are other choices and I implore the Commission to study these before making an untenable decision which qualifies as much more than a "nuisance" as it is about issues such as health and property value which should be a concern of public officials for having a healthy functioning community.

Please note the attached photographs of living room wall facing Bay St., and front porch, showing damage sustained during last period of heavy night trucking.

I personally invite the commissioners to visit my property during trucking operations so they can fully understand the impact, and to see in person the damage which the photographs are showing.

Thank you for taking the time to read about my concerns and concerns of my household and neighbors,

Elani Aquino, Santa Cruz property owner since 1989

1612 Bay St.
Santa Cruz, CA 9506831
426-2880

Felton Quarry Expansion Letter of
Concern and Opposition

We, the undersigned citizens of Santa Cruz County, wish to express our opposition to the proposed amendment to the Felton Quarry usage permit. This amendment would increase the number of “off-hour operations,” **five-fold** from the current allowed 20 to 100 off hour operations per year. With paving being restricted primarily to the summer/fall seasons, this could result in heavy truck traffic every night of the week throughout these seasons. Since these are the seasons when residents leave their windows open for cooling, the impacts are further magnified: they either close their windows to reduce fumes and noise and suffer uncomfortable heat, or they leave them open and suffer truck noise and fumes. Though technically a *quantitative* change, this increase is so great that it would have a ***permanent qualitative impact*** on our communities, our citizens and our planet.

These effects could be considered in three categories – noise, pollution, and traffic - which are discussed more fully below.

We believe that granting the proposed permit, without a full Environmental Impact Report, would be in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 - 21178, and Title 14 CCR, Section 753, and Chapter 3, Sections 15000 - 15387). **We strongly disagree that this permit can be issued based on a “Negative Declaration” pursuant to CEQA. That is, we disagree that there is no significant impact. In light of the whole record before the agency, we believe that the project may have a significant effect on the environment and the right to quiet enjoyment and safety of the residents along the truck route and users of Empire Grade.**

Courts have interpreted CEQA to afford the fullest protection of the environment within the reasonable scope of the statutes and its purpose is to prevent or minimize damage to the environment through development of project alternatives, mitigation measures, and mitigation monitoring. No projects which would cause significant environmental effects should be approved as proposed if there are feasible alternatives or mitigation measures that would lessen those effects.

It is a significant concern that Granite Construction proposes this huge increase in traffic *without suggesting or agreeing to any mitigating factors*. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the use of Empire Grade by a variety of activities including the use of Twin Gates as an entrance to Wilder Ranch State Park, increased use of the Waldorf School during weekends and evenings, and the upcoming opening of Coast Dairies National Monument and San Vicente Redwoods State Park. There has also been a major increase in large truck traffic as a result of the CZU Lightning Complex Fire and work to both mitigate the destruction and rebuild more than 200 homes, which will continue for a number of years. Any changes in existing regulations should be considered only when all previous requirements have been met and in the context of up-to-date comprehensive analysis of the use of Empire Grade that includes site visits, neighborhood concerns and detailed traffic analysis that includes both traffic numbers and road structure.

There is also a significant concern regarding the proposed project affecting the quiet enjoyment legally mandated to homeowners along the affected travelled route, and decreasing property

values of the same. This concern however is minor compared to the danger the proposed increase in traffic will cause to bikers, joggers, families and students of the neighborhood residents, UCSC and the Santa Cruz Waldorf school and to the overall noise and pollution.

I. NOISE

The trucks are among the noisiest vehicles on the road, both uphill and downhill. When they operate all night, it is clearly disruptive to nearly all of the households in Cave Gulch and on Bay St.

II. POLLUTION

Many of the trucks carry hot paving material that gives off both smoke and offensive odors. This affects not only the residents but any other vehicles in close proximity to the trucks.

III. TRAFFIC

This may be the most significant negative factor, as it affects everyone who uses the roads, not only the residents who live in the area.

- 1) As a result of the fire, there is already a major increase in traffic, including heavy truck traffic on Empire Grade, which continues from early mornings to the evenings and on the weekends. Any increase in quarry traffic and the impacts described below must be considered in this context.
- 2) Empire Grade is used not only by residents who live along the route travelled by quarry trucks but by many residents who live in upper Bonny Doon. It is also used for transportation to the Waldorf School, who hold many meetings on weekday evenings and a number of large events on weekends.
- 3) In addition to residents and schools, Empire Grade is used by a large number of non-residents. This is particularly true on weekends. These users include both cars and motorcycles, the latter often being motorcycle clubs with 20 or more riders. Weekends are also a favorite time for large numbers of cyclists and joggers.
- 4) The location known as Twin Gates just north of Cave Gulch has become a primary entrance to Wilder Ranch State Park. Visitors include hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. They come as individuals, groups, and families (including small children) who park on the side of the road and walk along the road to reach the entrance to the park trails. This has generated considerable congestion and conflict with through traffic that has already been noted numerous times by Bonny Doon residents who drive through the area.
- 5) Heavy truck traffic has further degraded the paving through Cave Gulch and up to the quarry. Regions have been patched recently, but increased heavy load transport will continue to degrade the road surface. Damaged road surface contributes greatly to the noise factor as the large trucks drive over cracks and bumps in the road surface.
- 6) Finally, it needs to be emphasized that this multi-use traffic is on a road that has few shoulders and no bike or jogging lanes for much of its length between the quarry and UCSC. Between

UCSC and Cave Gulch and through Cave Gulch, the road is particularly narrow and steep with a number of blind tight curves, and there are areas where cliffs are along one side of the road and steep drop offs on the other with no shoulders. Large trucks occupy essentially the entire width of the road, and their going around the curves is already problematic even in the absence of any additional conflicts such as bikers or joggers. Tandem skidmarks across both lanes in the Cave Gulch area are testament to these dangers. Residents already report frequent close calls with these trucks, and the increase in quarry traffic on weekends and during the nighttime would be especially dangerous. This section of the road is also heavily wooded, and there have been numerous fires in the area in recent years. In addition to the inherent danger of accidents themselves, the threat of a fire resulting from any accidents would be very dangerous in this region of the road and well as the area around Twin Gates, where there are numerous grass fields on both sides of the road.

It is important to emphasize that there are many problems with any increase in quarry traffic along this section of Empire Grade. Our concern and opposition is clearly not just another example of NIMBY-ism from the residents of the area. There is a serious danger to a wide range of users along several sections of the road, which will only get worse as more people discover the area, and as plans for expansion at UCSC continue.

We also recognize the public value of the infrastructure improvements and value good neighborhood relations. The quarry is, will and has been a neighbor who we wish to work with and with whom we wish to find mutually agreeable solutions to our shared problems. Moving forward on the basis of a “negative declaration,” with the presumption that the quarry expansion will have NO environmental impact will not work with us to mitigate the impacts including noise, smell, road damage, traffic hazards, road safety for pedestrians, motorists and bicyclists, equestrians, land value and nighttime disturbance. We ask that the current petition amendment be denied and that a full Environmental Impact Report be completed prior to expansion.

Thank you.

From: Joelle Mulligan <joelle.mulligan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:26 PM
To: Michael Lam
Subject: Granite Construction Truck Traffic

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Dear Planning Commission,

I'll be frank, I don't know much about the proposal to increase the number of trucks running up and down Bay Street in the evenings and on the weekends. We only moved here 5 months ago, and I am still getting to know the neighborhood.

I do know that right now, it seems like there are a lot of trucks, and I'm having a hard time imagining my neighborhood with 5x as many.

I know that out my window, I see kids riding their bikes, people walking their dogs, and neighbors gardening. These are the mental health breaks so many of us need during the pandemic, while we Shelter-in-Place. They are so close to that road, and I worry that even more traffic is going to be dangerous.

I know that traffic flies down that road a lot faster than 25mph. I know that children and pets are unpredictable.

I know my husband's asthma acts up when he walks along that road.

I know my baby daughter learned to walk on that sidewalk.

This is a residential neighborhood. Why is Granite Construction's profit more important than our peace, health, and safety?

I would ask that we study this issue before approving their proposal carte blanche:

- how many trucks are currently going up and down the road? Is it actually within the allowed number?
- what's the rate of accidents since the travel route down Bay St was opened, compared with when the route went down High St?
- what can Granite Construction do to mitigate the noise of their trucks traveling down the street in the nights?
- what can Granite Construction do to mitigate the pollution of their diesel trucks?
- are there alternate routes that could share the load?
- could the speed on Bay St be reduced with stop signs or lights? As a pedestrian, crossing at Escalona seems particularly dangerous
- could Granite Construction build a bypass road that avoids our residential neighborhood?

Sincerely,
Joelle Mulligan
1624 Bay Street

From: Julie Atkinson <julie_atkinson1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 8:37 PM
To: Michael Lam
Subject: Please reject Granite Construction proposal

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am a resident that backs up to Bay Street, and I object to the proposed increase in the number of off-hour operations by Granite Construction. I ask that the planning commission reject this proposal due to its negative impact on roads, water, sewer lines to my home, and more importantly, the dust and extreme noise pollution the trucks cause as they use their breaks down the hill on Bay Street.

Thank you for support,

Julie Atkinson
Fridley Drive

From: renee bourdet <renee_bourdet@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Michael Lam
Cc: Ryan Coonerty
Subject: Granite Construction: Reject Application Number: 191104

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Hi Michael:

My name is Renee Bourdet and I live on the Westside of Santa Cruz. I have a daughter that bikes to and from school, sports practices and social activities.

When I heard about the request from Granite Construction to increase their off hours operations and to use the Westside surface streets to transport their product I was in disbelief that the request was being entertained. While I am not immediately impacted the noise issues, I have Significant concerns in two key areas related to traffic and safety:

Impact to Traffic and Roads:

On the Westside, we live in gridlock during the school year from the University population coming and going from campus. Once school is out, we then live in gridlock from the tourists coming to enjoy the beaches. Our streets are in disrepair (I have had to replace multiple tires and one wheel due to potholes). The congestion is so bad that it is often faster to walk than to drive a few miles to the grocery store or to pick up my daughter from activities. This proposal will further exacerbate that issue.

Safety:

The intersections of Bay/Escalona, Bay/King and Bay/Mission are notoriously dangerous. Trucks traveling downhill on Bay pose a significant danger to people crossing at Escalona where there is no signal and visibility issues. In addition, it is difficult for trucks to stop quickly coming down a hill with a heavy load. The limited visibility creates an intersection that is very dangerous to cross either on foot, bike or by car.

Another issue is the intersection of Mission and Bay (traveling north on Mission, turning onto Bay). This is a tight turn as Bay is a one lane street. There have been numerous pedestrian accidents at this intersection and I am aware of at least one death.

The same intersection is also problematic traveling from Bay to Mission St (southbound). The left turn is narrow onto the two lanes of traffic and trucks are

often required to navigate the left turn from the right lane. This causes traffic confusion, blocks the traffic attempting to turn right or proceed straight through the intersection and leaves the driver in the left-hand lane (attempting to turn left) with nowhere to go.

The surface streets being impacted by this request were not designed to handle the volume of traffic in our growing city. They were certainly not designed for large commercial trucks. I am concerned about the safety of the elderly and children walking and biking. I am also concerned about my quality of life trying to navigate the already congested streets in my neighborhood.

Please consider the safety and quality of life aspects of this request and reject the proposal. I have provided my phone number below if you have any questions about my comments.

Thank you,
Renee Bourdet
831 239 5886

From: Samantha Petovello <samantha.petovello@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:14 AM
To: Michael Lam
Cc: Mark Petovello
Subject: Granite Construction Application for Incased Trucking

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Dear City of Santa Cruz Planning Commission,

We are writing to you as homeowners residing at 1715 Bay Street to express concern regarding the proposed increase in heavy truck traffic by Granite Construction.

We would like to express clear opposition to the proposed increase for the following reasons:

- Damage to water and sewer lines.
- Night time noise and vibration.
- Safety for cyclists using Bay Street bike lanes (this is a popular route on Saturdays for commuters and bike clubs).
- Dust and pollution accumulating on our homes and gardens.
- Safety for our small children and pets.
- Affect on property values (creates a cumulative effect when the recent school redistricting is taken into consideration).
- Bay Street is a residential road and was never designed to be a heavy hauling route. In particular, the road is undivided and cars park on the lower portion leading to Mission Street creating congestion, plus this is a popular biking route.
- Current truck traffic does not adhere to current speed limits. An increase of speeding heavy hauling trucks would further exacerbate this issue.
- Traffic is heavy during rush hours during the week, and this proposed increase directly impacts the only quiet time we currently enjoy (nights and weekends).
- Currently, you can't have a conversation on the front of our properties because the hauling trucks impair hearing (you have to shout to be heard) and this will only worsen with an increase in truck volume.
- We are concerned that an increase in trucking traffic will impact the ability of emergency vehicles to travel in a timely manner and their optimal operation needs to be prioritized.

We ask the planning commission to consider the following:

- Undertaking a comprehensive traffic study to measure noise impact, true traffic volume and speeds, and possible alternate routes before granting any increase to Granite Construction.
- Alternate routes and a sharing of trucking volume across other routes (for both current volume and any future increase)
- Consider limiting Granite construction to a number of trips, rather than days. This decreases the pressure to run trucks quickly in order to maximize a 'trucking window' and may impact speed of the trucks
- Even at current trucking volumes there is a need for some traffic control at the intersection of Bay Street and Escalona Street - either a lighted intersection or stop sign. Every time we cross that intersection while walking (and use the existing pedestrian lights) at least one vehicle does not stop indicating that lights and stop signs are not sufficient control for current traffic volumes.
- Creating physical barriers to slow traffic (for example, the traffic control implemented on high street).
- If the will of the residents is not regarded and some increase is approved, then additional compensation like water and sewer line repair and upgrade, resident input to allowed timing of trucking, traffic control at the Escalona and Bay need to be provided as a minimum compensation for the negative impact to our quality of life and property values.

We thank you for taking the time to hear and consider our concerns.

Regards,

Mark and Samantha Petovello

From: Tanya Ridino <tanya@ridinolaw.net>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:22 PM
To: David Carlson
Cc: Michael Lam
Subject: Cave Gulch Neighborhood Assn Opposition to Quarry Expansion + 200 signature petition
Attachments: Felton Quarry Expansion Petition_Final .docx.pdf; 2020 01 25_11 AM_petition signatures.pdf

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Good Afternoon Mr. Carlson,

Thank you for all your hard work in our County and specifically on the Felton Quarry planning.

I am an Attorney here in Santa Cruz, owner of Community Law and Mediation Services and Interim Executive Director of Senior Citizens Legal Services. I am also a native of Santa Cruz County, raised in Corralitos, and graduated from Harbor High; And a resident in Cave Gulch neighborhood and mother of a 6 year old boy who I used to walk with along Empire Grade to get to our lovely Santa Cruz Waldorf school.

I am representing the Cave Gulch Neighborhood Association as we seek to find ways to mitigate the harm caused by Granite Construction's mining and trucking operations. Please see our attached Letter of Opposition. By posting our letter of Opposition on Change.org we have obtained 220 Signatories in just two days! (See attached signatures). Overall, we seek to be good neighbors and hope to find some mutually agreeable solutions.

We question whether Granite's trucks emissions and their increased road traffic is sustainable under the County's Climate Plan? And we believe issuing the proposed amendment without a full Environmental Impact Report violates CEQA.

- We understand Empire Grade to be an official "Scenic Highway" and believe that the potential devastation of nature by trucking accidents, spilled toxic chemicals and fire risk means that the amendment CAN NOT PASS on a negative declaration.
- We also understand that Granite Construction is potentially violating current conditions in their permit with respect to air quality standards and controls. The permit request does NOT ADDRESS "the emission

inventory & screening analysis" and argues that air tests at site didn't record access. This is misleading because the survey is 6 yrs. old & doesn't mention quantitative calculations of PM10 levels w/increased traffic.

- The noise pollution is deafening and IS absolutely a "substantial impact" which must be considered in a full EIR. (The nuisance, devaluation of properties along the truck route, and or loss of quiet enjoyment may also be implicated.)

But above all, the most important consideration in my mind is the serious risk of death due to the huge increase in truck traffic on a windy mountain road with little to no shoulders or bike lanes. Our gorgeous mountain road is FREQUENTLY enjoyed by tourists, bikers, joggers, hikers and equestrians that frequent Wilder Ranch via Twin Gates and other trails. I'm sure you are well aware this mixed use is going to increase with the upcoming opening of Coast Dairies National Monument and San Vicente Redwoods State Park and as plans for expansion at UCSC continue (See e.g. Current EIR out for new UCSC road from Empire below Waldorf to the Campus, and new housing area on empire grade at the beginning of our neighborhood before Waldorf).

Personally, I no longer feel safe walking my son to school, and I am literally rocked by the noise of the trucks inside my home.

Please take all these considerations to heart and help us ensure that a full EIR is ordered and appropriate mitigation and safety measures are in place:

- Posted truck traffic speed limit along Empire Grade
- Specifically, speed limit sign in Cave Gulch and a speed bump
- Install a traffic counter/speed measuring equipment on Empire Grade Road.
- NO jake brakes!! Implement a restriction on engine (jake) braking.

THANK YOU!

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Hello,

I live on Bay St, and I am opposed to Granite Construction's request to increase the number of trucks during off-hour operations. It is a disturbance of the peace to do this to the residents of our neighborhood, not to mention a safety concern. I ask the Planning Commission to reject this proposal due to the increase in noise and vibration (my house literally shakes!) at night and on the weekends, when the constant traffic on Bay finally dies down. Also, the increased damage and wear and tear on our city roads, water and sewer lines, and the negative effect on the health and wellbeing of myself and my neighbors.

We do not need this extra stress that would be guaranteed should this pass. Have you ever been startled awake when a large granite truck shook your house? Not pleasant...multiply by 100 for when the neighborhood is most quiet...how would you feel? Not to mention the children I watch playing outside on the sidewalk. I fear for their safety with all of the constant speeders barreling down the hill. Why is there always a police officer giving tickets in front of my house at Kenneth and Bay? Because there is already a traffic safety issue!! Let's not add to what I have a first hand view to an already existing problem for our community.

Please let us have some peace while having to shelter in our homes. I urge you to deny this request.

Thank you,
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