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WE ARE WRITING TO OPPOSE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PROJECT PURPOSED FOR HILLCREST BAY FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. WE ARE BOTH RETIRED AND LIVE ON A VERY FIXED INCOME. OUR RETIREMENT WAS PLANNED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND BASED ON THE INCOME WE HAD AVAILABLE TO US. SHOULD THIS UNDERGROUND PROJECT PASS WE WOULD BE FORCED TO SELL OUR HOME FOR A HUGH LOSS AND WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REPLACE IT, DUE TO THE DROP IN REALESTATE PRICES IN THIS AREA.

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS WE HAVE WATCHED AS THIS HOA BOARD HAS ATTEMPTED TO PUSH THIS UCSA THRU. THEY HAVE SPENT MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF THE HOA DUES ON THIS PROJECT WHEN WE REALLY NEED NEW STREETS AS WELL AS OTHER REPAIRS IN THE COMMUNITY. WHEN WE ARE THROUGH SPENDING MONEY ON THE UCSA WE'LL HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO SPEND ON ROADS ETC. WE ARE TOLD THE ROADS WILL BE REPLACED WHEN THE UCSA IS COMPLETE, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO WAY TO REPAIR ROAD SURFACES WHICH ARE IN SUCH HORRIBLE SHAPE EVEN BEFORE ANY UNDERGROUND WORK IS STARTED.

FOLLOWING YOU WILL FIND OUR LIST OF CONCERNS:

WE BELIEVE WE NEED NEW ROADS AND WATER SHED ISSUES ADDRESSED BEFORE WE GO UNDERGROUND WITH UTILITIES.

FINANCIAL HADRSHIP ON MANY RESIDENTS FOR MANY YEARS.

IT WOULD DESTROY RETIREMENT PLANS AND CAUSE MANY RESIDENTS TO LOSE THEIR HOMES AND MOVE AWAY.

WHY PAY TO PUT VERIZON LINES UNDERGROUND WHEN THE SERVICE IS SO

ANTIQUATED NOW ---THEY DON'T EVEN OFFER THIS AREA LONG DISTANCE SERVICE. NONE OF THIS WILL GET ANY BETTER UNDERGROUND.

WE WERE TOLD RESIDENTS COULD APPLY FOR LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE IF WE GAVE OUR PERSONAL TAX INFORMATION TO A CPA IN CALIFORNIA, ONE CHOSEN BY THE HOA BOARD. ALL INFO WOULD BE KEPT PRIVATE OR SO WE WERE TOLD. AFTER INQUIRING WE DISCOVERED THE CPA BEING USED WAS NOT LICENSED, BONDED OR INSURED. ALL THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO APPLIED FOR ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC.

ONE HOME OWNER WHO HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE HOA BOARD IS NOT EVEN A RESIDENT AT HILLCREST BAY. HE OWNS SEVERAL HOMES AND THE ONE IN HILLCREST BAY IS A RENTAL/INCOME PROPERTY. HOW DOES THIS PERSON QUALIFY FOR LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE?

THE LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE MONEY IS BEING TAKEN FROM THE HOA GENERAL FUND---AT LEAST \$9,000. OF IT. THE BOARD MEMBERS WOULD HAVE THE COMMISSION BELIEVE THEY RAISED THESE FUNDS THROUGH DONATIONS.

THERE HAVE BEEN 2 FORECLOSURES IN HILLCREST BAY RECENTLY AND SEVERAL MORE ARE NEAR FORECLOSURE--ALL DUE TO THE DOWN TURN IN THE ECONOMY. HOW CAN WE CONTINUE TO IGNORE THE REALITY OF JOB LOSSES, INVESTMENT LOSSES AND NO END IN SIGHT.

EVEN IF THE PROJECT MOVED FORWARD AND OUR HOME VALUES INCREASED BY 10 OR 15 PERCENT WE WOULD STILL BE IN AT LEAST A 40 PERCENT NEGATIVE ON OUR HOME VALUES. AGAIN, WITH THE REAL ESTATE MARKET IN SUCH A DECLINE WE WON'T RECOVER FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO THE POINT OF A PROFIT ON OUR HOMES.

PERMANENT FULL TIME RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT SUFFER BECAUSE PART TIME RESIDENTS, MOSTLY FROM CALIFORNIA, DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT ITS NOT OK TO TAKE ON MORE DEBT THAN THEY CAN SUPPORT. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS GOING DOWN FOR THE THIRD TIME--DROWNING IN DEBT--FULL TIME RESIDENTS OF HILLCREST BAY DO NOT CHOSE TO JOIN THEM.

WE BELIEVE OUR HOA BOARD DOES NOT HAVE OUR BEST INTEREST IN GOING FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT. FROM THE BEGINNING THIS BOARD HAS HAD ITS OWN AGENDA AND ACTED VERY DEVIOUS, CONIEVING AND CORRUPT. IT TIME WE ENDED THIS!

IN CLOSING, WE ARE OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT AND ASK THAT YOU CONSIDERED ALL THE FACTS BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE OUR OPIONS.

SINCERELY,

Handwritten signatures: Harold / Joan and Donna Merrill

ONE OF US WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE HEARING. JULY 21, 2009