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Here are the agenda items I would like to address via Zoom during the meeting tomorrow.

Regular Agenda

#2 American Towers

I am the owner of one of the 40-acre neighboring lots. Our property is a multigenerational family-owned parcel. I have lived here for the full span of my lifetime of 50+ years. Our lot is on Hy.84 adjacent to the top end of San Mc Donald Park and the back side Redwood Forest of the Project Property.

There are many endangered and protected animals living here on our shared properties. Including Mountain lions, Bald Eagles, California Condors, Giant California Salamanders, and many others. The farmlands to the west, the town of La Honda to the east, push these animals to our uninhabited lands. The majority of these animals have taken refuge here and in the park system and do not know the boundaries between our properties. Even though the Mountain Lions territory is 30+ miles the "Lion's Den" is located right on the corners of my property, Sam Mc Donald Park, and the proposed property. Some of the Lions have tracking collars and their hunting/living grounds can be tracked to show that these predators live here and hunt among us. When humans move in, the predators, as well as the rest of the animal population, living in that territory will always suffer. To survive with humans, these animals here will have to relocate or be destroyed. The human population is too dense in the surrounding areas and there is nowhere else for them to go. I am against any "humane" disposal, trapping, removal, or harming the population of our property's wild predators or any animals. It's hard for me to imagine that the prior owners ever thought their property would become an industrial compound of Cell Towers and buildings containing unwanted house pets.

#3 Alexander Bagerman

Our property, our land, our animal population, and our water is directly affected by the decisions of the owners of the connecting proposed property above us. There are many freshwater springs in all the valleys on our properties. The tons of human and animal waste will directly affect the water system between us. Redwood and other tree removal will disrupt the land and the freshwater system we have and rely on here. Any tractors, large equipment, or tree removal process here will cause excess mud, landslides, and land dispersing of the loose water filled soil. Destroying or harming our property's water system for this project and unadoptable pets in any way is Not acceptable. La Honda raised; I grew up personally knowing the long-term family who owned the property on the proposal sight before its new owners. The prior owners believed in preserving the land in its purist form and kept it as open cow pastures and agreed with us not to ever have any harvesting of the redwood trees.

#4 The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

The Mountain lions here are Wild and stay reclusive from human populations. Although recently, as the human population has squeezed them into our small area, these predatory animals have been known to take midsized dogs, any cat, or other like size animal, directly from local resident's leashes and/or arms. They are cunning "opportunistic" hunters who will enter homes through doorways or windows to snatch any unsuspecting pet. Most recently a 11-year-old girl retrieving eggs was attacked when entering their hen house. The extremely intelligent Lion knew how to open and close the door and was in the hen house with the door closed waiting. A month or so back a small child, on a hike with his parents, ignoring the rules of "NO Running and Eye Contact" was running 50 feet in front of his parents, was pounced on by a Lion because of its internal nature to chase. The local store in La Honda has a billboard full of "Lost Animals". None are ever found, 100% all killed by the local predators. The proposed Animal Sanctuary will only result in aggressive behavior by these predatory animals towards any human

possessing any easy food or prey animal. Installing an Animal Sanctuary here will only cause human and predator conflict. I cannot comprehend how the SPCA's "NO KILL POLICY", will not consider the security of the Mountain Lion population living directly on the proposed property.