

Council Meeting of
November 14, 2006
SUPPLEMENTAL

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Supplemental Material to Agenda Item # 12C

Attached is public correspondence received after the original item was prepared.

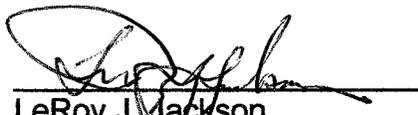
Respectfully submitted,

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CITY MANAGER

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Herbers, Sue

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From: Lori Sena [jimthe_auntie@hotmail.com]

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Sent: Friday, November 10, 2006 8:16 PM**To:** sherbers@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; pmcodyne@torrnet.com; jbram@torrnet.com; jnowatka@torrnet.com; gdrevno@torrnet.com; bsutherland@torrnet.com**Subject:** 3874 Newton Project

Dear Mayor & Council Members,

First I would like to thank those of you who voted to consider the reconsideration of this project at **3874 Newton**.

I was actually shocked to find out that not one council member visited the homes that would be impacted by this build. (to view, air, light, privacy). The excavation for the basement is what is extremely concerning to me. As I am sure the owners on Bluff are very worried about this, being we are on the hillside.

I am concerned by the massive size of these homes & how the homes that were just finished across the street. (North side of Newton) .

With this project being in the Hillside Overlay Zone I am pleading & urging you to please vote in favor of the motion to Reconsider the 3874 Newton Project. I do not believe the project should be approved over the 50% FAR.

The owner is selling one home for profit & I do not believe this would be a hardship for him. Reminder- this project has not been reduced in square footage at all.

Thank you for reconsidering,

Lori Sena
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Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2006 7:54 PM**To:** fscotto@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; tbrewer@torrnet.com; phudwarka@torrnet.com; gdrevno@torrnet.com; bsutherland@torrnet.com; sherbers@torrnet.com**Subject:** Motion of Reconsideration for 3874 Newton Street

Hello,

My name is Colleen Ikemoto, I live at 3897 Bluff Street, which would put me caddy corner (somewhat) to the Nordel's property. Close enough to see that the wonderful trees and bushes have been taken down to make room for these two massive homes. It is sad to see just open space there and from my second story I can see into their backyard. Now if I can see that, then one or both of the homes that are going to be built will see into my yard. And the noise of cutting down the trees and bushes were annoying especially in the early evening, before it got dark.

For the current and future homes to be remodeled or newly built, there must be a strict following of the Hillside Overlay Ordinance. If one homebuilder gets away with it then everyone after that will try the same thing. It will be an endless battle everytime with the same issue, wasting time and money. There must be a precedence set now and abide by it now. I don't want to see massive homes in our area, they will stick out so badly.

Let me tell you that only one member of the Planning Commission (Mr. Browning) came to visit and talk to me. No one else has put that effort out, including the Nordel's. Also, I do drive on Newton and the traffic is fast and busy. So by adding extra new homes on that street will make it worse. No one pays any attention to that sign on Vista Montana and Newton about no left turns between 4 and 7pm Mon.-Fri.

Please think about this carefully and for the future of the homeowners.

Sincerely,

Colleen Ikemoto

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Steve & Jana Shepard
3854 Newton St.
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November 13, 2006

Dear Mayor Scotto & Torrance City Council Members:

We are writing to express to you our support for our neighbors (the Nordels, 3874 Newton St.) construction of a new family home. We have seen the plans and pictures of the two houses and we like the design and think they will be an improvement to our street. All the homes on the south side of our street are very nice and most are either new or remodeled. This project is in harmony with our view of our neighborhood and street. It will improve the value of our property and surrounding properties by bringing this residence up to the same standards as other homes on our street.

How can any reasonable person stand in the way of this project? It is by far an improvement to what is currently there and the proposed houses are smaller than others homes that have been built recently just a few houses away. The Nordels are the owners of this property and have the right to build the new beautiful home they have dreamed of for themselves and their 3 sons. Have some compassion for what this family has been through to achieve this goal for over 3 years!! They have watched other homes sell, get knocked down and rebuilt all around their own home while waiting years for approval from the City to build their home.

Before you even consider voting against this family being able to build their dream home I insist that you come and see for yourself the home that is currently there and take the time to look at in detail the beautiful homes that will be built if you give the Nordels your approval.

Sincerely,



The Shepard Family

(Steve, Jana, Alex, & Blake)

3858 Newton Street
Torrance, CA 90505

November 13, 2006

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Torrance
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Torrance, CA 90501

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2006 NOV 14 AM 11:54
CITY OF TORRANCE

RE: Plans for two homes at 3872 and 3874 Newton Street

Dear Mayor Scotto and Honorable Councilpersons,

I am astounded at the treatment the Steve and Deidre Nordel have received in their request to build two homes on their property. I have looked at their plans and reviewed the pictures and I fully support what they are doing. Their homes are going to be a beautiful addition to Newton Street. I urge you to vote to not reconsider this matter and let them get on with the project.

I have had numerous conversations with all of the Nordels – their son, Chris, walks my dog – and I do not consider their proposed homes to be unreasonable in square footage or floor-to-area ratio. If anything, it will increase the “harmony” of the neighborhood through the addition of two gorgeous new homes, landscaping included.

Contrary to my position when I was first approached about this project, I fully support their application. This change came about because I thoroughly reviewed the Nordels’ plans and liked what I saw. I live two houses southeast of the Nordels at 3858 Newton Street and I want them to be able to finish before Steve (the dad) gets sent to Iraq with the US Navy. Please vote “No” to reconsider your decision of October 10th.

Thank you,


Betty Kohler