

Clerk of the Board

From: . rltjnk <rltjnk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 10:22 AM
To: Clerk of the Board; District3; dhudson@sanramon.ca.gov; Scott Perkins; rmorgan@danville.ca.gov; kstepper@danville.ca.gov; Supervisor Candace Andersen; councilstepper@yahoo.com
Cc: hsachs@sanramon.ca.gov; poloane@sanramon.ca.gov; bclarkson@sanramon.ca.gov; SupervisorMitchoff; District5
Subject: For PUBLIC COMMENT at board meeting of Aug 16, 2016
Attachments: STOP CLOSURE of OLD DOUGHERTY ROAD - SAN RAMON.pptx

Dear County, City, and DVOC Officials:

I have added some requests to my attached PowerPoint presentation on slide 22:

Here are my requests:

- Please reconsider and over turn the decision to close Old Dougherty Road until such time as a proper review can be made which considers all of the facts and policies
- Please state the page and paragraph of the DV Settlement Agreement which requires the road to be closed
- Please state the page and paragraph of the DV Specific which requires the road to be closed
- What disclosure language was stated by the developer in sales disclosures
- Which homes had the closure disclosed to them
- Please ask yourself if you lived in the affected neighborhood if you would want your access cut off
- Please enforce the DV Specific Plan which requires the developer to pay for the needed road improvements
- Does the DVOC have the authority to make road closure decisions which are not specified in the plan?

Please remember that there are over 800 citizens who are opposed to the Old Dougherty Road closure.

Thank you for your help.

Best Regards,
 Ron Taylor

On Thu, Aug 11, 2016 at 12:30 AM, . rltjnk <rltjnk@gmail.com> wrote:
 Dear Mary Piepho,

Could you please confirm receipt of my email.

I requested to the clerk prior to the meeting for my letter to be read during the public comment session of the 8/9/2016 board meeting.

However, I just checked the video of the meeting and there was no public comment noted. Perhaps the letter was not forwarded to you?

Attached is my letter of public comment which I submitted to the clerk.

Dear DVOC Members, Dear County Board of Supervisors,

My concern is that the relevant policies of the Dougherty Valley Specific Plan are not being considered with the closure of Old Dougherty Road and I would like the decision of the Dougherty Valley Oversight Committee to be reconsidered.

The Dougherty Valley Oversight Committee is supposed to ensure that the specific plan is implemented in accordance with the policies of the plan, however, I believe they have made an error.

I am also adding a presentation that I have made regarding the closure which provides information of the effect of the planned closure and the relevant policies of the DV Specific plan which favor keeping the road open.

My request of the County Board and the Dougherty Valley Oversight Committee is as follows:

- Please reconsider and over turn the decision to close Old Dougherty Road until such time as a proper review can be made which considers all of the facts and policies
- Please ask yourself if you lived in the affected neighborhood if you would want your access cut off
- Please enforce the DV Specific Plan which requires the developer to pay for the needed road improvements
- Does the DVOC have the authority to make road closure decisions which are not specified in the plan?

Please take the appropriate action as requested and please feel free to contact me as needed.

Best Regards,
Ron Taylor
Resident of Dougherty Valley Community

On Tue, Aug 9, 2016 at 8:40 AM, . rltjnk <rltjnk@gmail.com> wrote:
Could you please read the attached letter during the Public Comment today and please attach it to the meeting minutes.

Thank you so much for your help.

Best Regards,
Ron Taylor

PLEASE STOP THE CLOSURE

of

Old Dougherty Road,

San Ramon CA

in accordance with the policies and
goals of the Dougherty Valley

Specific Plan

BACKGROUND

- On June 6th 2016 it was decided by the Dougherty Valley Oversight Committee (DVOC) that Old Dougherty Road would be closed permanently to cars
- The Dougherty Valley Specific Plan which governs the development of this area does not specify or require Old Dougherty Road to be closed
- The residents of the area became aware of the closure on 06/29/2016 with only 60 days notice of the permanent closure
- The cost was previously considered to keep the road open, however, the developer said they are not obligated to pay for it even though the DV Specific Plan specifies the developer is financially responsible

SUMMARY

- Old Dougherty Road is a much needed road which minimizes travel distance and time for those that live in the Gale Ranch area.
- Without this road, residents must travel extra distance and take extra time for trips south of the neighborhood. In addition, if Old Dougherty Road was closed there would be extra congestion on Bollinger Road during school pickup and drop off.
- With the New Dougherty Road opening, through traffic is discouraged on Old Dougherty Road because it would be much faster and shorter distance to use the new road. The policies and goals of the Dougherty Valley specific plan favor keeping this road open.
- Old Dougherty Road is within the boundaries of the Dougherty Valley Specific plan and as such it is clearly specified on page 13-12 of the plan that the developer is financially responsible for paying for the roads and traffic improvements.

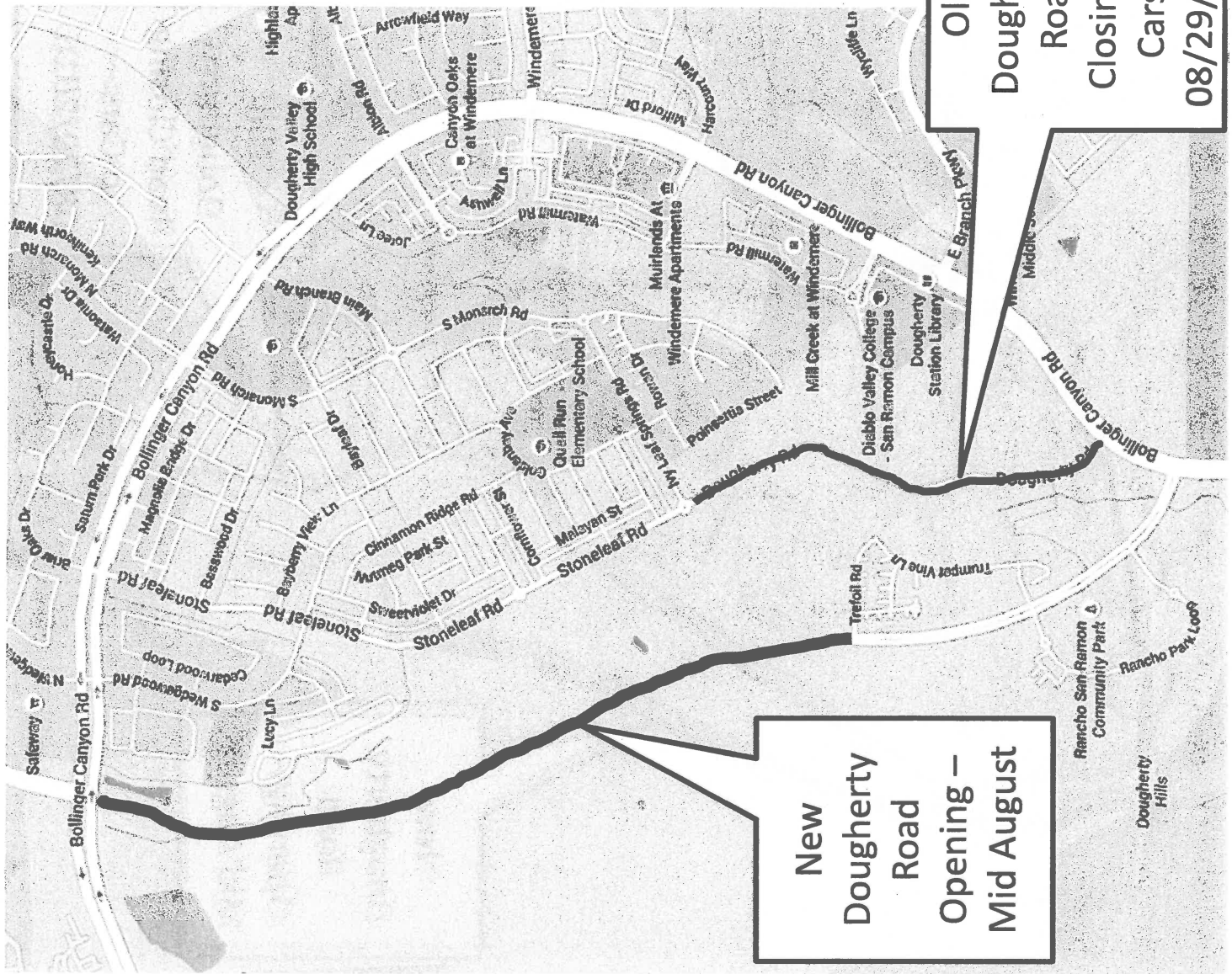
OPPOSITION TO CLOSURE

- Over 800 residents are opposed to the road closure and have signed a petition located at:

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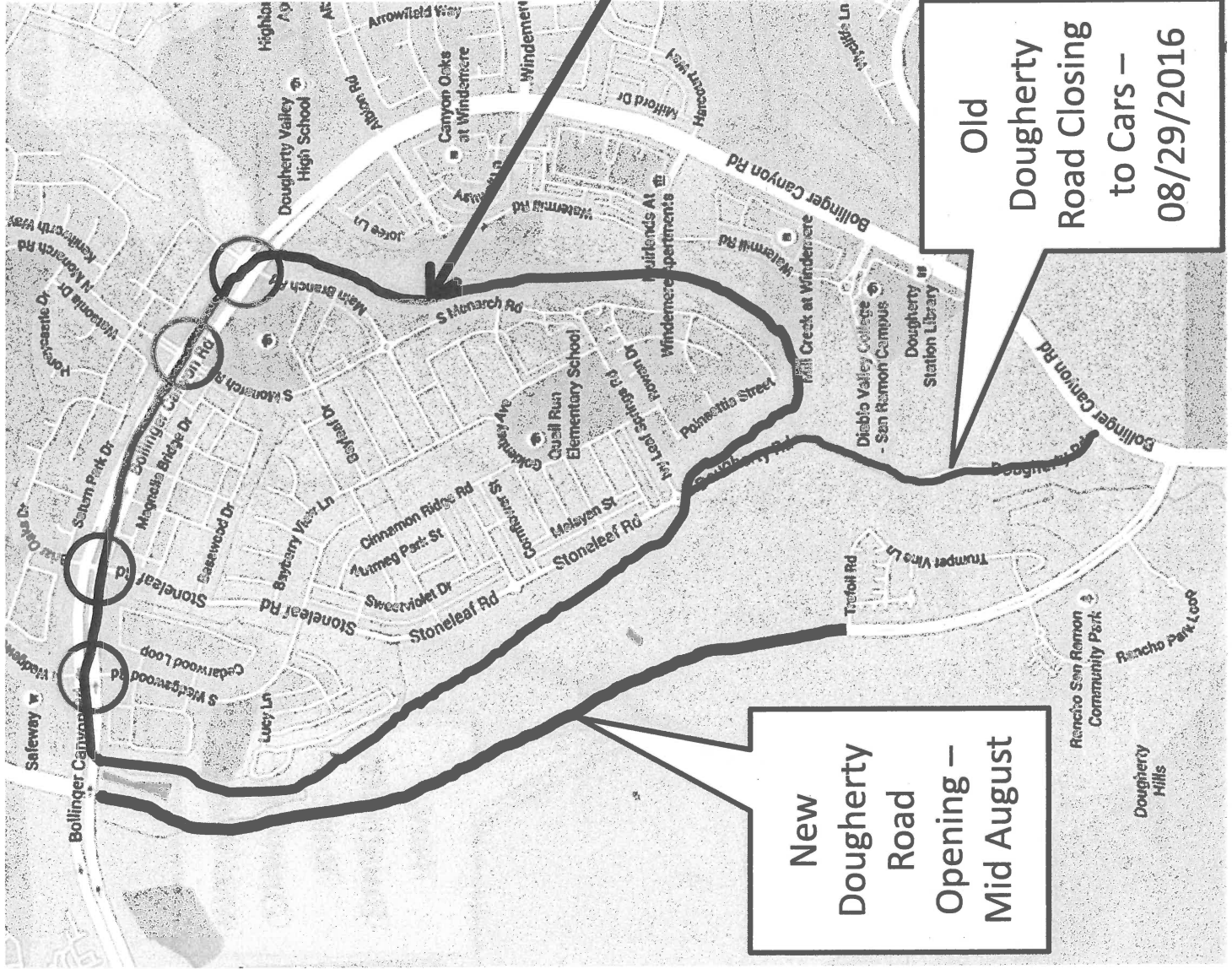
MAP OF AREA

- This map shows the affected area



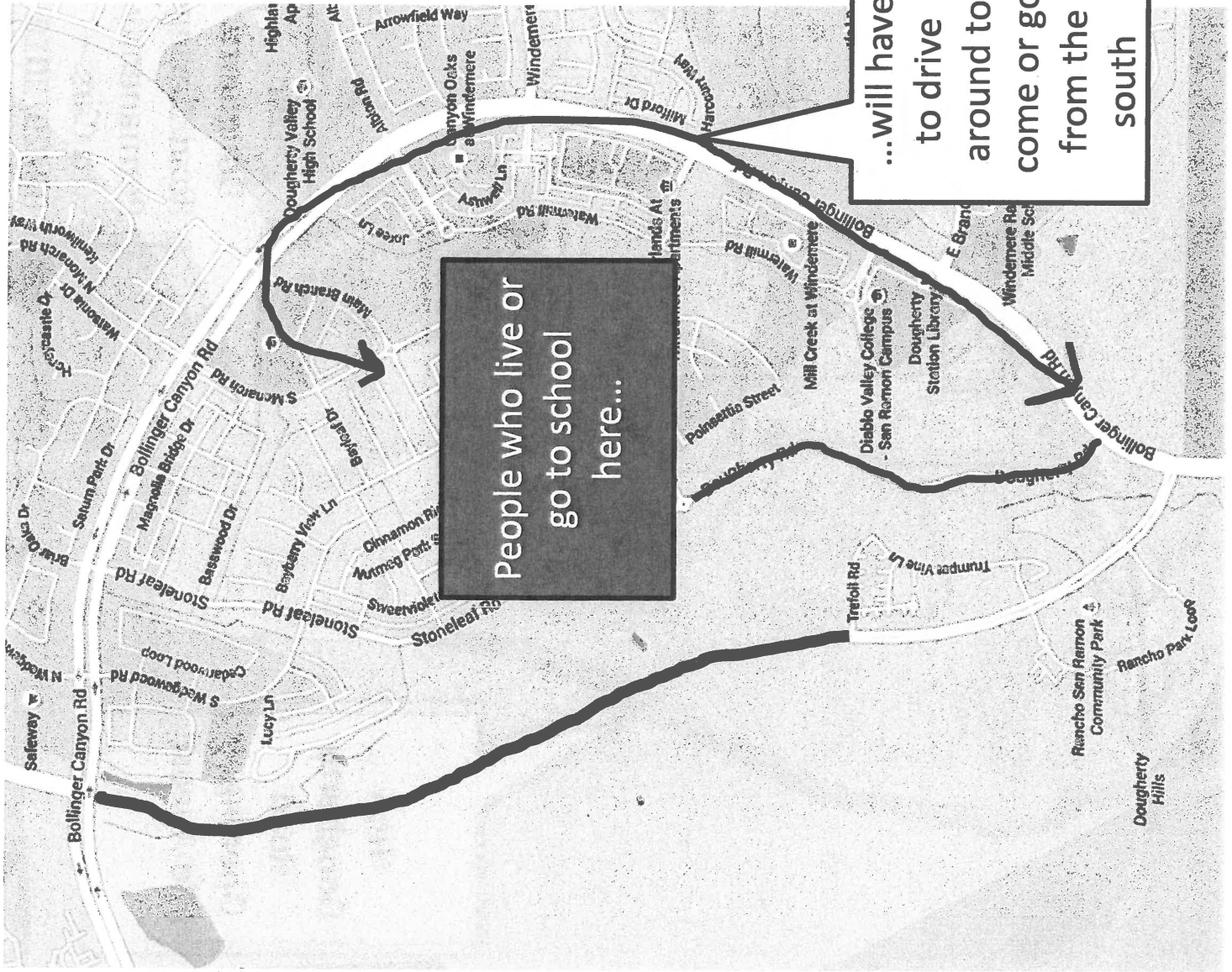
IF THE ROAD IS CLOSED

- The residents and school personnel in this area will only be able to enter and exit their neighborhood at the north on Bollinger



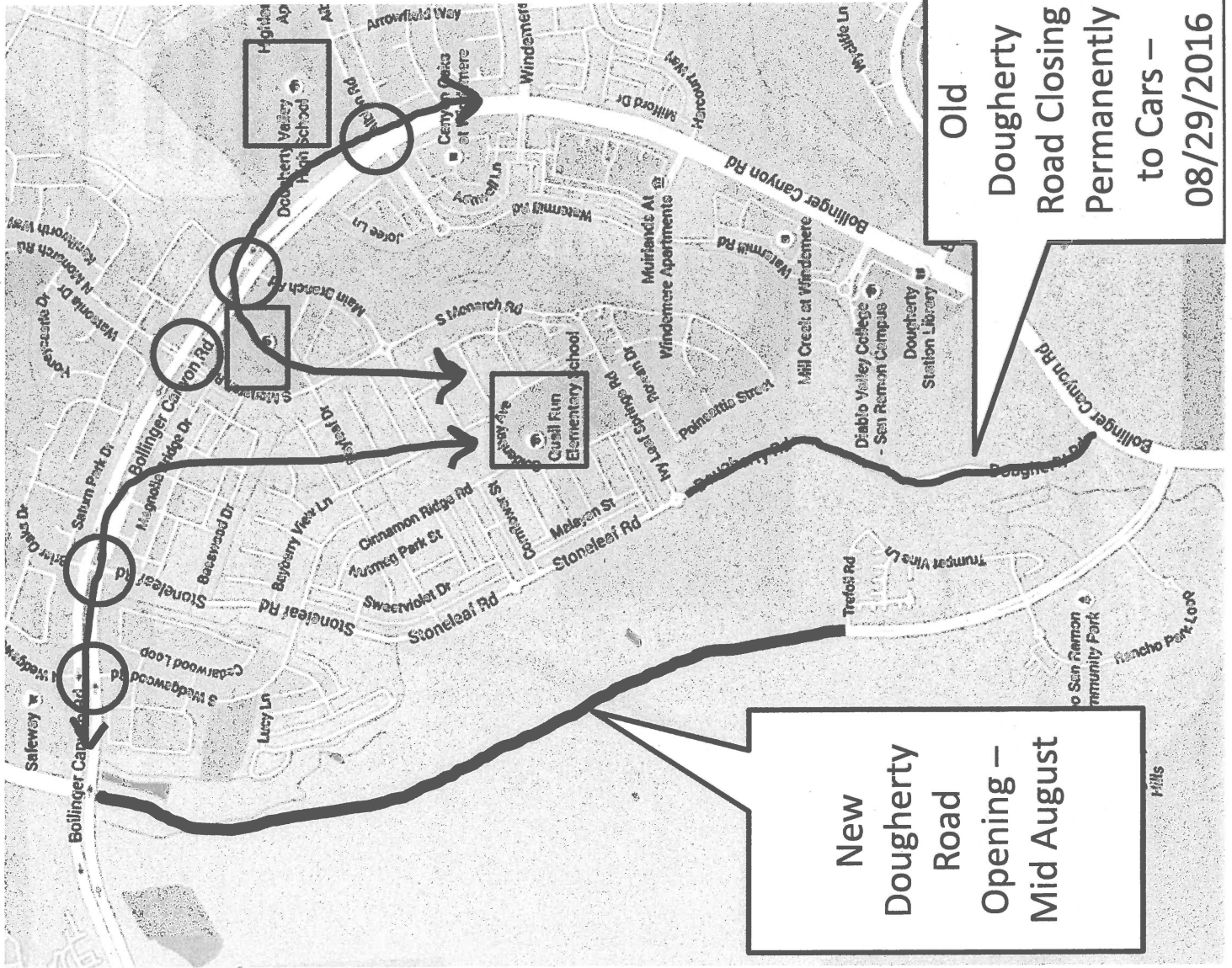
TRAVEL EFFICIENCY IMPACT

- An extra 1.5 miles each way is required.
- An extra 4 to 20 minutes time is required depending on time of day



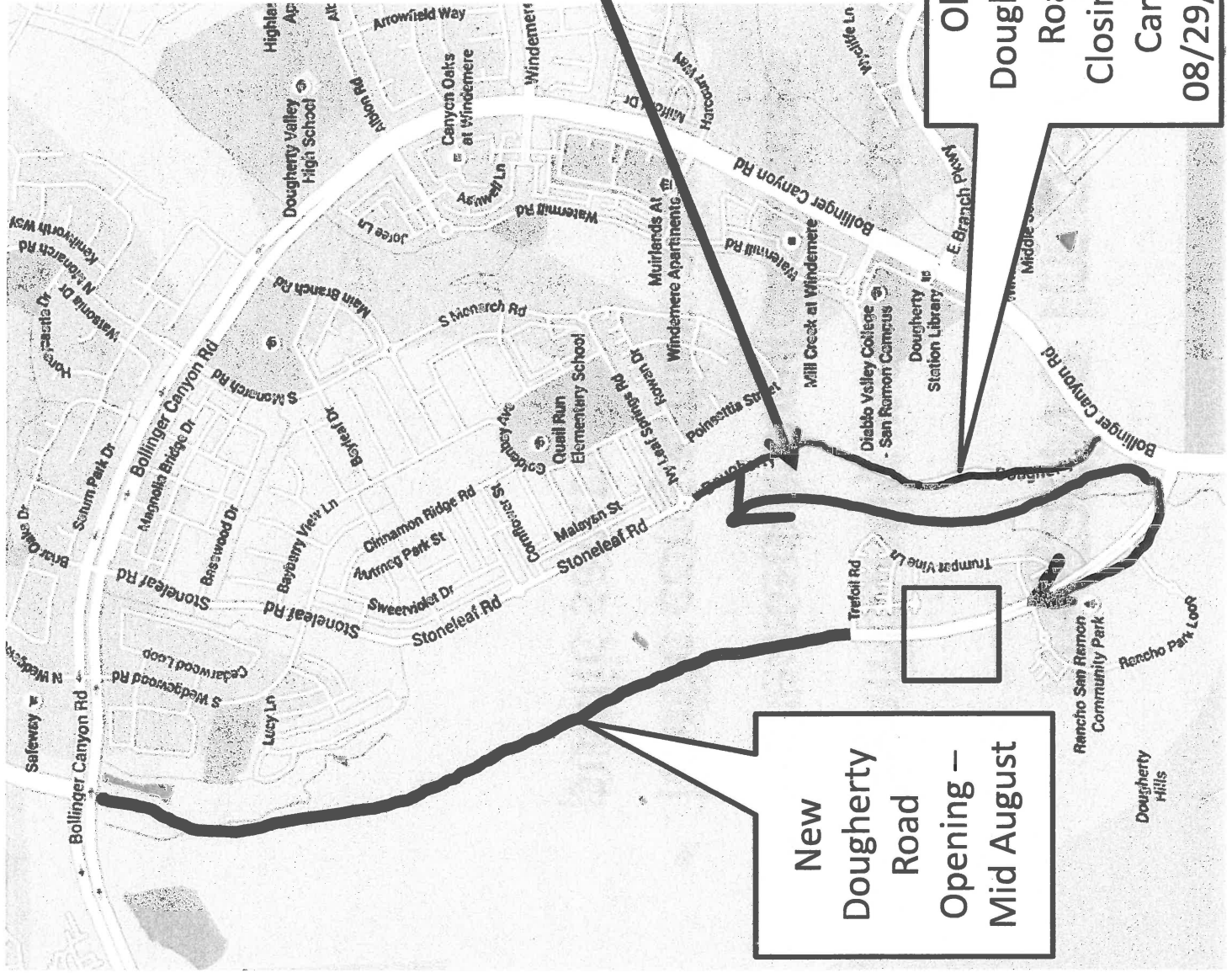
CONGESTION IMPACT

- During school and commute times Bollinger Canyon will be even more significantly impacted than it already is
- Several THOUSAND cars enter this area during school pickup and drop off



SCHOOL ACCESSIBILITY

- No direct
accessibility to
the new school
from the Gale
Ranch
neighborhood



Negative Impact of Closure

- Significantly increase commute times
- Increased travel distances
- Traffic congestion affecting air quality and public safety

Goals and Policies not considered by DVOC Decision

- DV Specific Plan Page 12-4
The Contra Costa County General Plan Goals and Policies
TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION
5-A. To provide a safe, efficient and balanced transportation system. 5-C. To balance transportation and circulation needs with the desired character of the community.
- By closing Old Dougherty Road, the roadways are no longer efficient and balanced.

Dougherty Valley Specific Plan Goals

CIRCULATION GOAL:

Establish a circulation system that creates an adequate major street system while maintaining a residential scale street system.

- By closing Old Dougherty Road the circulation system is no longer adequate because the Gale Ranch community is not sufficiently connected to the major street system.

Goals and Policies not considered by DVOC Decision

Policy C-16 was not considered		
C-16	Policy C-16: Encourage the incorporation of design amenities throughout Dougherty Valley to further the objectives of the Clean Air Plan and to facilitate compliance with the County's Congestion Management Program.	If closing Old Dougherty Road, the already excessive school traffic at the 4 main intersections (Wedgewood, Stoneleaf, Monarch, Main Branch) will be even more impacted due to entry and exit to the area not having the southern entry/exit collector route. This will only increase congestion. For people who live in Gale Ranch, there will be increased congestion, travel distance and travel time to and from homes.

Relevant Policy Summary

Specific Plan Policy Number	Relevant Policies of the Dougherty Valley Specific Plan	How policies are met with keeping Old Dougherty Road Open
C-1	Policy C-1: Develop a circulation network on neighborhood streets that minimizes heavy through-traffic which diminishes the quality of life for residents, while also providing a network of streets conducive to transit routing.	Traffic that is passing through would be discouraged from using Old Dougherty Road because they can use the new Dougherty Road which would be faster than using Stoneleaf / Old Dougherty. The already excessive school traffic at the 4 main intersections (Wedgewood, Stoneleaf, Monarch, Main Branch) would be even more impacted with Old Dougherty Road closure due to entry and exit to the peninsula not having the southern entry/exit collector route available.
C-2	Policy C-2: Provide local neighborhood streets which discourage through-traffic and high speeds but provide a network of streets conducive to transit routing.	With keeping Old Dougherty Road Open the through traffic is discouraged because the speed limits and driving time on the New Dougherty Road will make for less travel time for drivers passing through. Keeping Old Dougherty Road open also provides a network of streets conducive to transit routing to Quail Run School since the travel distance is far longer when southern entry exit is applicable.
C-7	Policy C-7: Encourage and facilitate the use of travel modes other than the private automobile for trips through and within Dougherty Valley.	By upgrading the collector route of Old Dougherty to standards of the plan, other travel modes are facilitated.

Relevant Policy Summary Continued

Specific Plan Policy Number	Relevant Policies of the Dougherty Valley Specific Plan	How policies are met with keeping Old Dougherty Road Open
C-8	Policy C-8: Develop systems of safe and convenient bicycle routes, hiking and riding trails throughout Dougherty Valley.	This policy can still be met with bringing the road up to standards of the collector route specified in the plan.
C-9	Policy C-9: Encourage and provide for the convenient and safe use of the bicycle as an alternative mode of travel.	This policy can still be met with bringing the road up to standards of the collector route specified in the plan.
C-11	Policy C-11: Encourage and maximize the use of alternative travel modes by providing connections between the various transportation facilities throughout the Dougherty Valley area.	Leaving Old Dougherty open provides connection to bus stops on Bollinger Canyon for people who are getting a ride to or from bus stops.
C-16	Policy C-16: Encourage the incorporation of design amenities throughout Dougherty Valley to further the objectives of the Clean Air Plan and to facilitate compliance with the County's Congestion Management Program.	If closing Old Dougherty Road, the already excessive school traffic at the 4 main intersections (Wedgewood, Stoneleaf, Monarch, Main Branch) will be even more impacted due to entry and exit to the peninsula not having the southern entry/exit collector route. This will only increase congestion. For people who live in Gale Ranch, there will be increased congestion, travel distance and travel time to and from homes.

DVOC REASON FOR CLOSURE #1

Condition of approval related to Phase IIII and Phase IV of the Gale Ranch Development states that the Dougherty Road connector is planned to be closed.

199. *When the Dougherty Road Connector is closed to traffic, the applicant shall repair any damage from the construction operations and apply a Type II slurry seal. The timing of the slurry seal application shall be determined by the Public Works Department.*

- Counter Argument – In the Permit Conditions of Approval document, there is no context around this clause which refers to permanent closure of this road. This clause could refer to a temporary closure during the repair of the road.

DVOC REASON FOR CLOSURE #2

By opening this roadway to vehicular traffic would be in conflict with the vision and policies established within the Specific Plan to address the need of preserving the south portion of Stoneleaf as a non-vehicular path of travel.

- Counter Argument – There is no specific vision or policy in the DV Specific Plan that addresses the need of Old Dougherty as a non-vehicular path of travel

DVOC REASON FOR CLOSURE #3

Policy C-2 Provide local neighborhood streets which discourage through-traffic and high speeds but provide a network of streets conducive to transit routing.

The Specific plan restates the concern of the use of local streets as shortcuts, detours, and overflow of travelers using excessive speed.

- Counter Argument – With keeping Old Dougherty Road Open the through traffic is discouraged because the speed limits and driving time on the New Dougherty Road will make for less travel time for drivers passing through. Keeping Old Dougherty Road open also provides a network of streets conducive to transit routing to Quail Run School since the travel distance is far longer when southern entry exit is applicable.

DVOC REASON FOR CLOSURE #4

Policy C-8: Develop systems of safe and convenient bicycles routes, hiking and riding trails throughout Dougherty Valley.

Policy C-9: Encourage and provide for the convenient and safe use of bicycle as an alternative mode to travel.

The preservation of Stone leaf as a path for pedestrian and bicycle will support the intent of the Specific Plan which is to provide for a system of safe street that provides the community access to all neighborhood commercial areas, parks, Village Center and schools.

- Counter Argument – These policies can still be met with bringing the road up to standards of the collector route specified in the plan.

DVOC REASON FOR CLOSURE #5

Community Facilities Policies:

Policy CF-2: Provide new schools to serve Dougherty Valley students which are convenient accessible via a network of streets, pathways, and trail connections.

- Counter Argument – This policy favors and supports keeping Old Dougherty Road open so that the new school on New Dougherty is accessible to the Gale Ranch neighborhood

DVOC REASON FOR CLOSURE #6

Open space and Conservation Goal: *Establish a system of open space which improves ecological values, provides recreational opportunities, enhances the character of the region and contributes to a high quality of life in an around Dougherty Valley.*

As depicted on Figure 7-1, of the Community Facilities Section, the south portion of Stoneleaf falls within the "creek corridor" and "open space" planned area of Dougherty Valley.

The EIR/traffic studies for Dougherty Valley developments evaluated this section to be closed from thru vehicular traffic; the plan/intent was for new Dougherty Road to be the vehicular connector from north side of Bollinger Canyon Road to the south side. It's anticipated and planned that vehicular traffic would shift to the new Dougherty Road rather than continue onto the residential Stoneleaf.

- Counter Argument – The area can still be preserved as open space without housing
- There is no specific document reference to traffic studies which evaluate this section to be closed.
- The anticipation of traffic shift to New Dougherty road further supports that Old Dougherty road would not be used for through traffic if kept open

DVOC REASON FOR CLOSURE #7

Anticipated Costs to Improve Stoneleaf as a Collector Roadway:

The south portion of Stoneleaf is old Dougherty Road and remains to be a 2-lane rural road. Improvements must be done to this section improving it to meet County and Caltrans standards for a collector street. A summary of the physical improvements includes a) widening of Stoneleaf, b) placing of street lights, and c) widening of bridge to accommodate the pedestrian path. Costs were estimated from 3- 4 million; in which the developer has no obligation to pay or construct. This does not include the costs of amending the Final Map, General Plan, Specific Plan, and CEQA environmental compliance documents.

- Counter Argument – The cost of improvement was considered
- The developer DOES have obligation to pay for the improvements as specified on page 13-12 of the DV Specific Plan.

Request to County, City and DVOC officials

- Please reconsider and over turn the decision to close Old Dougherty Road until such time as a proper review can be made which considers all of the facts and policies
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- Does the DVOC have the authority to make road closure decisions which are not specified in the plan?

Clerk of the Board

From: Sumathi Marappan <sumathim@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 8:07 AM
To: Candace Andersen
Cc: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Keep Old Dougherty Road open

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 because it will affect Gale Ranch residents and school kids.

Here are my major concerns:

Please note that the closing the Old Dougherty Road is going to push a lot of traffic in front of Quail Run and Gale Ranch middle school.

This is going to increase the risk of accidents in the community and is a big risk to the school students due to the extra traffic getting added in front of the already congested schools.

I have seen the documents about this planned road closure that was approved 25 years back and hence am not asking for any further explanation on this.

Around 10,000 families are using this road everyday to go for work/school college. Since there is no connectivity to new Dougherty Road from our community, we will not be able to use this new road. Hence we need to go thro Bollinger Canyon road with 6 additional traffic lights and 15-20 mins delay each time.

Its waste of time, fuel and frustration for us everyday. We just have one humble request and that is the following

- Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email stating that I have informed the City and County that this is going to increase risk of accidents at the schools.

Kindly delay the closure until end of this year and arrange to conduct a traffic study & obtain opinion from community members living here before closing this road.

I am confident the City and County officials will do what is best.

Thank You !

Sincerely,

Sumathi

Clerk of the Board

From: Lisa Sweeney <sweefamily@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 11:49 PM
To: Jami Napier
Cc: Clerk of the Board; District3; supervisorandersen@cob.cccounty.us; supervisormitchoff@cob.cccounty.us; District5
Subject: Regarding item C.8. On Agenda Tues 8/16

Dear County Officials,



The San Ramon City is going to shut down the Old Dougherty Road on August 29th for automobile traffic. Shutting down the Old Dougherty Road will have negative impact on residents.

The City of San Ramon is going to close the Old Dougherty Road that has been there for 50+ yrs. It connects Gale Ranch neighborhood more directly to South East end of Bollinger Canyon Rd & Hopyard Rd.

This is in regards to an item on the Agenda C.8. I request not to approve a resolution 2016/502 because:

1. Commuters who commute every day to Dublin BART, South Bay or San Francisco will need additional 20-25 minutes to go around the Old Dougherty Road
2. The New Dougherty Road runs in front of the new school so there will be huge traffic congestion during school hours which will make the Stoneleaf Road even worse as more people will avoid that road in the morning
3. Increased traffic on New Dougherty Road due to closure of Old Dougherty Road will also create problems for families (with children) who want to access to Rancho park
4. The Old Dougherty Road is a shortcut for most of the residents in Gale Ranch and a huge time saver whose closure will cause a lot of frustration amongst tired south bay commuters which will in turn negatively.

Avoiding the closure of Old Dougherty Road will help mitigate these issues and the positive fact is that the traffic that wants to avoid the school road in the morning can use the Old Dougherty Road as usual. Gale Ranch residents love their community and the peaceful environment around them and we will appreciate if this remains like this. Unfortunately I can't make it to your County Meeting on Tues but please consider what I have said. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sweeney

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Ph# 925-384-7305

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Clerk of the Board

From: Ganesh Puram <ganesh.puram@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 10:22 PM
To: Jami Napier
Cc: Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Regarding closure of Old Dougherty Road

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 because we will face lot more traffic issues. I have two school going kids and I work in Pleasanton. Without access to Old Dougherty road, the commute time for each day will add another 15-20 minutes for our daily schedule. As we already have very less time in dealing with our day to day commuting, taking out some more time out of that doesn't really add incentive in living out of super expensive San Ramon city.

We came to know about the agreement that has happened 20 years ago, but not sure the present traffic situation was taken into consideration during that time. I would strongly urge to look at all options to keep this road open and evaluate all the options before taking a decision to close it permanently.

Thanks,
Ganesh.

Clerk of the Board

From: Al Subramanian <alsmani@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 6:30 PM
To: Jami Napier
Cc: Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Keep San Ramon old Dougherty Road open

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 because

- With more homes built in San Ramon this road will closure divert more and more traffic around Quail Run Elementary and Gale Ranch Middle School
- More accidents can occur when the cars drive through neighborhood roads to exit and enter Bollinger Canyon Road
- Commuting everyday 3 more miles for me to get bart will increase my commute time and obviously increase emission
- The New Dougherty Road runs in front of the new school so there will be huge traffic congestion during school hours which will make the Stoneleaf Road even worse as more people will avoid that road in the morning

Avoiding the closure of Old Dougherty Road will help mitigate these issues and the positive fact is that the traffic that wants to avoid the school road in the morning can use the Old Dougherty Road as usual. Gale Ranch residents love their community and the peaceful environment around them and all residents will appreciate if the old Dougherty Road remains open.

Thank you so much for your support.

- Al Subramanian
Gale Ranch Resident

Clerk of the Board

From: Jyothi <jyothi.kaja@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 3:07 PM
Cc: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Old Dougherty Road Closure

Hello,
Hope you are doing well !

I wanted to send you a quick note on closure of the Old Dougherty Road. Please note that in my opinion closing the Old Dougherty Road is going to push a lot of traffic in front of Quail Run and Gale Ranch middle school. This is going to increase the risk of accidents in the community and is a big risk to the school students due to the extra traffic getting added in front of the already congested schools.

I have seen all kind of documents saying that this is something that was approved 25 years back and hence am not asking for any further explanation on this.

I just have one humble request and that is the following - Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email stating that I have informed the City and County that this is going to increase risk of accidents at the schools.

I am confident the City and County officials will do what is best.

Thank You !

Clerk of the Board

From: Vamsi Vandavasi <vamsii@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 3:06 PM
Cc: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Dougherty Road Closure

Hello,
Hope you are doing well !

I wanted to send you a quick note on closure of the Old Dougherty Road. Please note that in my opinion closing the Old Dougherty Road is going to push a lot of traffic in front of Quail Run and Gale Ranch middle school. This is going to increase the risk of accidents in the community and is a big risk to the school students due to the extra traffic getting added in front of the already congested schools.

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Thank You !

Clerk of the Board

From: CC Lin <intuition_metoo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 2:38 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Resolution 2016/502 (Agenda item C.8)

Dear Chief Assistant and Board Members,

I'm writing to express my OPPOSITION to the resolution 2016/502 regarding closing of the old Dougherty Road on 8/29.

I'd like to emphasize two area of concerns:

1. Traffic and efficiency: It is illogical to close the only southbound road connecting the Gale Ranch,
 - 1.1 The new road does not connect to the Gale Ranch community to justify the closure of the old road! If the city/county would first connect the Stoneleaf road to the new Dougherty road or connect the Ivy Leaf Spring road to the Watermill road, it would probably makes sense to consider converting old Dougherty road to a bike trail. But that is not the case.
 - 1.2. To make an analogy, it's like the city/county propose to down Hwy 680 because we have Hwy 880 -- and tell residents in Pleasanton to drive to San Jose by first going north around 580 and then 880. Would anyone agree to this kind of proposition?
 - 1.3 Road are built to connect place and people. After city/county allows builders to build high density housing in Gale Ranch -- this differs from the original plan -- why would shut down the only south bound road for the increased population? And the south-bound road is the quickest path to dublin BART.
2. Safety: This changes will add significant safety concerns.
 - 2.1 Significant traffic around Gale Ranch middle and Doughty valley high during pick up/drop off hours add chance for accidents for students.
 - 2.2. There would be no southbound evacuation path if significant fire or other hazard developed in the north Gale Ranch area.
 - 2.3 Considering the safety concern alone, the city/county shall not only not to close the old Dougherty road. Instead the city/county shall evaluate plan to add more south-bound or west bound exits for Gale Ranch residents.

Please acknowledge that you have read my email and understand my concern.

Kind Regards,

Chuang-Chia Lin, Ph.D.
Resident of San Ramon

Clerk of the Board

From: SURESH BALABRAHMAN <suresh.balabrahman@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 11:12 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Please don't close the Old Dougherty Road

Hi,

This road is a shortcut for lots of residents here saving fuel, time etc.
Due to this road an average person saves 5 minutes every time we use this road by skipping traffic signals.

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Regards

Suresh

Clerk of the Board

From: Niki <nikiluan2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 5:25 PM
To: Jami Napier
Cc: Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Resolution 2016/502 - temporary Dougherty road closure

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. in the upcoming county meeting. I am rendering my request not to approve resolution 2016/502.

During our meetings with the City Mayor of San Ramon, we were giving the reason of that the plan to close the road was approved 25 years ago! Why a plan designed in developing stage 25 years ago should be carried out while hundreds (if not thousands) of home owners expressed concerns of the impact to their daily lives without further study. Closing the temporary Dougherty simply will jamming up the traffic flow on the new Dougherty, creating more grief to area residents, longer commute time, more car exhaust produced to pollute the air with 6 more traffic lights, there is definitely more benefit in maintaining the road than closing it off and make it a trail! Save the cost in the conversion and be proactive in enhancing the quality life within the community. That's the goal of the city planners and the developers when this Master Planed Community was approved!

Respectfully,

Niki Stehenson, San Ramon Gale Ranch resident

Clerk of the Board

From: Laxman Marpu <laxmanmarpu@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 5:18 PM
To: Candace Andersen; Sekhon, Amy; Bobadilla, Lisa; Bornstein, Brian; Fierner, Maria; Low, Chris; Talley, Mike; Scott Perkins; Hudson, Dave; poloane@sanramon.ca.gov; hsachs@sanramon.ca.gov; Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante; bclarkson@sanramon.ca.gov
Subject: Re: Dougherty Road Opening and Closure of Old Dougherty Road

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. coming up is the County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday.

I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 due to add more traffic with in Gale Ranch Community due to close Old Dougherty Road. I was follow up on this last couple of weeks with other City and County Officials over email.

Thanks Laxman.

On Wed, Aug 10, 2016 at 3:50 PM, Laxman Marpu <laxmanmarpu@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello San Ramon City Memembers,

Please see below response from Country, City need to review and discuss further on this regard to provide proper soution for this issue with the consideration of further growth of San Ramon city.

Gale Ranch community looks for this road should be keep open further until come to proper plan based on future growth, Village Center/Retail Center new construction to finished and operation as well. I see there is U trun in front of Village Center/Retail Center to access.

Thanks Laxman.

On Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 2:41 PM, Candace Andersen <Candace.Andersen@bos.cccounty.us> wrote:
Dear Laxman,

Thank you for your email. There is a long and complex history regarding the entire Dougherty Valley. When I moved to Danville 21 years ago it was open space and ranch land, much like the Tassajara Valley is today. I used to drive my children through the winding Dougherty Road to get to Dublin or Pleasanton, and we would slow down to look at the horses and cows grazing.

In the early 1990's when a developer and Contra Costa County decided to develop it into 12,000 homes, people were very upset. Danville and San Ramon sued the County and developer to block the development, and eventually a settlement was reached. In 1994 the County, San Ramon, Danville, and developers entered into the Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement, which governs in great detail how the entire Dougherty Valley is to be developed. A copy of the agreement can be found here: <http://www.co.contra->

costa.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/25997. I'm also attaching for you the staff report received by the Dougherty Valley Oversight Committee (DVOC) at our public meeting two months ago, where this matter was once again discussed. It will address some of your questions with regard to the basis for closing the road. As the Settlement Agreement incorporates by reference, there is the Dougherty Valley Specific Plan <http://www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us/plan/dvalley.html> and the Development Agreements with the two developers. In the staff report reference is made to each area of the documents specifically addressing the closure of old Dougherty Road.

Among other things, not closing the road would take away a bicycle/pedestrian recreation path agreed to and promised to homeowners; it would impact neighbors who purchased homes believing that they would not have a busy road near their homes but a bicycle and pedestrian path; it would alter the "circulation" plan of Dougherty Valley which was intended to have just a few major collector roads and a robust system of paths and trails; it would impact the mitigations agreed to, to protect the environment and wildlife which were being disrupted with 12,000 homes being built in the Valley; and it would require substantial improvements to have it continue as a road for cars rather than a path for bicycles and pedestrians. When roads reach the end of their useful life, you can't just put on another slurry seal (top coat), but you have to do very expensive "dig out" repairs to ensure the integrity and safety of the road. As seen in the staff report, that cost is estimated to be between \$3-\$4 million. The developer is only required per the Development Agreement to restore the road for a path.

Any change of the Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement would need to be approved by the voting members of the Dougherty Valley Oversight Committee (DVOC), which includes Danville, San Ramon, and the County. However, the ball really is in San Ramon's court on this as they are the city that is annexing this land into their jurisdiction and would need to upgrade and maintain it as a road for vehicles. At Mayor Clarkson's request last December, DVOC looked at this issue and a meeting was held with the staff members of DVOC agencies and the developer. It was determined that it would cost around \$3-\$4 million to rehabilitate the road to make it safe and drivable for automobiles on a long term basis. The developer is not obligated to do this, only required per the development agreement and the settlement agreement to get it ready to be used as a bike/pedestrian trail. Thus, it would fall on San Ramon to cover this \$4 million plus cost. There would also need to be additional research done to determine if it would violate any of the permits received for habitats/endangered species..

This issue was once again discussed at our public DVOC meeting last month and the unanimous consensus of the DVOC committee was to continue with the original plan of having it become a path rather than be restored as a road for vehicles. If the City of San Ramon wants to pursue this further and is willing to bear these additional costs, DVOC can always revisit the issue one more time. This request would need to come from the City of San Ramon, as their DVOC representatives have previously voted to keep it as a path.

Best regards,
Candace

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From: Laxman Marpu <laxmanmarpu@gmail.com<<mailto:laxmanmarpu@gmail.com>>>
Date: Monday, August 8, 2016 at 10:32 AM
To: "Low, Chris" <clow@sanramon.ca.gov<<mailto:clow@sanramon.ca.gov>>>, Lisa Bobadilla <lbobadilla@sanramon.ca.gov<<mailto:lbobadilla@sanramon.ca.gov>>>, "bclarkson@sanramon.ca.gov<<mailto:bclarkson@sanramon.ca.gov>>>" <bclarkson@sanramon.ca.gov<<mailto:bclarkson@sanramon.ca.gov>>>, Candace Andersen <supervisorandersen@bos.cccounty.us<<mailto:supervisorandersen@bos.cccounty.us>>>
Subject: Re: Dougherty Road Opening and Closure of Old Dougherty Road

Hello Bill/Lisa/Chris/Candace

Hope you are doing well.

A Quick note on closure of the Old Dougherty Road.

Please note that in my opinion closing the Old Dougherty Road is going to push a lot of traffic in front of Quail Run and Gale Ranch middle school as school opening next week

This is going to increase the risk of accidents in the community and is a big risk to the school students due to the extra traffic getting added in front of the already congested schools.

I have seen all kind of documents saying that this is something that was approved 25 years back and hence am not asking for any further explanation on this.

I just have one humble request - Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email stating that I have informed the City and County that this is going to increase risk of accidents at the schools. I am confident the City and County officials will do what is best.

Thanks & Regards
Laxman.

On Mon, Jul 18, 2016 at 5:31 PM, Laxman Marpu <laxmanmarpu@gmail.com<<mailto:laxmanmarpu@gmail.com>>> wrote:
Hi Chris,

Thanks for quick response, I live Gale Ranch Phase 4 the houses build by D R Horton Amarante Community. Interesting thing is disclosure statements given by build never metioned about closure of this Road.

Today evening at 7PM PST all Gale Ranch home owners going to meet Mayor and keep you update the status.

Thanks Laxman.

On Thu, Jul 14, 2016 at 6:42 PM, Low, Chris <clow@sanramon.ca.gov<<mailto:clow@sanramon.ca.gov>>> wrote:

Hi Laxman,

Thanks for the email.

Not exactly sure where you live, but it's the City's understanding that residents living in the area were given disclosure statements by the developer when the homes were purchased. Replacing existing Old Dougherty Road with this trail after the new Dougherty Road connection is open is a condition of approval of the

Dougherty Valley Development and in conformance with the Dougherty Valley Specific Plan. The new Dougherty Road connection, which will be approximately 1.5 miles long and connect Bollinger Canyon Road, south of the Plaza at Gale Ranch to Rancho San Ramon Community Park, will be a 6-lane (3 lanes in both directions) roadway having sidewalks, bike lanes, street lighting, and landscape, is scheduled to be open to the public on August 12th.

Trail improvements for Old Dougherty Road will be conducted by the developer after the road closes permanently on August 29th, with the anticipated opening of the trail for public use in January 2017.

But with regards to someone to speak with regarding the closure of Old Dougherty Road, if the County website where you found the notice didn't have a phone number, then you may want to reach out to your elected officials.

Here at the City, your elected officials are the San Ramon City Council.

At the County level it would be the County Supervisors.

Hope this helps.

Chris

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From: Laxman Marpu [mailto:laxmanmarpu@gmail.com<mailto:laxmanmarpu@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 12:06 PM

To: Low, Chris

Subject: Dougherty Road Opening and Closure of Old Dougherty Road

Hello Christopher,

Good After noon,

I am just reading news in Contra Costa County Website about Dougherty Road Opening and Closure of Old Dougherty Road in San Ramon.

Closure of Old Dougherty Road is add more traffic on bollinger canyon road due to close of old dougherty road , travel time added to 15 to 20 mins for Gale Ranch Communities as well die to 1.5 miles drive with 6 signals. As most of Gale Ranch homeowners need to drive to South Bay and SFO for work and Dublin for Kids activities.

No use of New Dougherty opening for Gale Ranch homeowners, new road will be used for the new homes building by Toll brothers.

Please let us know whom we need to talk further on this reagrd to stop closure of Old Dougherty road with in the county.

thanks in advance for your response on this regard.

Thanks Laxman.

Clerk of the Board

From: phoram sharma <sharmaphoram@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 3:55 PM
To: Sonia Bustamante
Cc: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5
Subject: old dougherty road , requesting to attend county clerk meeting

Dear Madam Sonia and county officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 because.....

I am a resident here since 8 years. We use the old dougherty road for our daily commute and every other destination, day and night. It takes less than 5-6 min to reach to Rancho park and Dougherty library Vs in future, detouring onto a new Dougherty road which will take 15-20 min, increasing time and energy/stress. Not just that convenience but the road is helping thousands of families for daily commute and necessary errands. It takes less time and saves much fuel energy, congestion on internal housing streets, keeping near by schools, kids and families much safer on a daily basis. The internal streets are much quiet, providing safe, secure, clean environment for the residents and allow them to enjoy the serene community for which the crowd outside this community thrive to be part of!!

The kids are safely using the bikes, scooters or pathway to schools as there is less traffic. This will change to very unpleasant, serious traffic, causing chaos in the morning once the old Dougherty road will be closed for motor cars. I have read and acknowledge the 25yrs old agreement and not asking for more clarification. This is my sincere request to you all important people who are the representatives and make difference with your authority. Please attend the upcoming meeting in Martinez and help this community to keep the existing road as it is for all vehicles to use.

Thank you a bunch
Phoram Sharma
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Clerk of the Board

From: Denise Lee <deniseleelum@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 2:26 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Please Keep Old Dougherty Road Open

All,

I had to weigh how much to write as there is a lot that can be said, but what I would write would most likely have already been said.

Given the traffic issues now -

1. 580 West merging into 680 N & S - accidents we hear all the time and the congestion of everyone trying to merge into 680
2. Tassajara's closure - everybody is flowing onto Dougherty Rd because there is no other route
3. Dougherty Rd - The part leading into Dublin has so much construction now, it makes the Tassajara closure worse.
4. Bollinger Canyon - especially when school is in session & dropoff/pickup times - the traffic is congested
5. Even when Dublin's Dougherty Rd is done as well as Tassajara, we still have to contend with the new developments' population will be here now as well - adding to the traffic.

Given all the development and growth, it seems short sighted that our community would close off a driving alternative. It's easy to witness around our area the congestion and frustration happening due to our road congestion. The human nature of those speeding and making rash decisions because they are trying to get someplace and under estimated their time or over estimated their time as who knows when there's road construction or the stop light timing.

After over a decade living here, the community even with all it's planning still misses targets whether it's not planning enough school lockers or traffic patterns for school traffic to closing a road so many use especially those who live around there (I do not live around there but I am considering my neighbors).

Even our kids see or rather ask, why are we closing a road? It's already built and another way to get around home.

It truly makes no sense to close off a road that's already been built. We shouldn't be seen as one that limits its options but one that has options.

Thank you for your consideration,
Denise Lee

Clerk of the Board

From: SrinivasaReddyMARAM <maram_sreddy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 1:41 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Cc: Srinivasa Maram
Subject: Request to NOT TO Approve resolution 2016/502 (To NOT to close Old Dougherty Road)

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 because this will increase our commute time by at least 15-20 min during morning school hours.

Many of the Gale Ranch residents work in San Jose/Santa Clara and commute by ACE train after dropping their kids at school. The additional commute time added because of closing the Old Dougherty road will result in us missing the last ACE train at 8:18 AM at Pleasanton station. We have no other alternative commute options except to drive to San Jose, which is a daily nightmare.

This may sound a very small issue, but closing this road will affect many San Ramon residents adversely.

If the road must be closed for any reason, please delay it until Tassajara road is open in December 2016. This will at least reduce some traffic on Dougherty Road.

Thanks for your understanding and appreciate your help in this regard.

Regards,
Srinivasa Maram

Clerk of the Board

From: Arun <arun.kalasapudi@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 1:28 PM
To: Jami Napier; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Clerk of the Board; District3; District5; Sonia Bustamante; Supervisor Mitchoff
Subject: Please do NOT approve resolution 2016/502

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 because of the following impact on the residents is Gale Ranch and nearby communities in San Ramon.

1. The traffic of Old Dougherty Road will be redirected to Stoneleaf Road and the New Dougherty Road which will increase congestion on these roads
2. Commuters who commute every day to South Bay or San Francisco will need additional 20-25 minutes to go around the Old Dougherty Road
3. The New Dougherty Road runs in front of the new school so there will be huge traffic congestion during school hours which will make the Stoneleaf Road even worse as more people will avoid that road in the morning.
4. Increased traffic on New Dougherty Road due to closure of Old Dougherty Road will also create problems for families (with children) who want to access to Rancho park.
5. The Old Dougherty Road is a shortcut for most of the residents in Gale Ranch and a huge time saver whose closure will cause a lot of frustration amongst tired south bay commuters which will in turn negatively impact their family life.
6. By closing this road, getting to the new Bella Vista School from Gale Ranch will take longer, it increases the number of traffic lights we have to go through to get to the Dougherty library on Bolinger Canyon Road.

Please find a solution to build the bike and walking trails as per the original plan without shutting down this road.

Thanks a lot for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Arun Kalasapudi
Resident of Gale Ranch since 2010

Clerk of the Board

From: Sanjiv Tyagi <t_sanjiv@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 10:24 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: OPPOSITION to resolution 2016/502

Respected Sir,

I just wanted to bring to your attention about the upcoming Old Dougherty Road closure on 8/29 and express my concern due to this road closure. I request you to present my email in public comment session due to following concerns:

-Please note that the closing the Old Dougherty Road is going to push a lot of traffic in front of Quail Run and Gale Ranch middle school. This is going to increase the risk of accidents in the community and is a big risk to the school students due to the extra traffic getting added in front of the already congested schools.

- Around 10,000 families are using this road everyday to go for work/school college. Since there is no connectivity to new Dougherty Road from our community, we will not be able to use this new road.

Hence we need to go thro Bollinger Canyon road with 6 additional traffic lights and 15-20 mins delay each time. Its waste of time, fuel and frustration for us everyday.

We just have one humble request and that is the following

- Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email stating that I have informed the City and County that this is going to increase risk of accidents at the schools.
- Kindly delay the closure until end of this year and arrange to conduct a traffic study & obtain opinion from community members living here before closing this road.

I am confident the City and County officials will do what is best.

Thank You !

Sincerely,
Sanjiv Tyagi

Clerk of the Board

From: Adam Patt <apatt@simplegeek.net>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 5:47 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; SupervisorMitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Please do not allow Old Dougherty Road closure to close on 8/29

I just wanted to bring to your attention about the upcoming Old Dougherty Road closure on 8/29 and express our concern due to this road closure.

I understand that this will be voted on during the meeting on the 16th (agenda item C.8) I would ask that my email be part of the public comment section on this issue as I will not be able to attend in person and urge you to reject resolution 2016/502.

Here are my major concerns:

- Around 10,000 families are using this road everyday to go for work/school college. Since there is no connectivity to new Dougherty Road from our community, we will not be able to use this new road. Hence we need to go through Bollinger Canyon road with 6 additional traffic lights and 15-20 mins delay each time. Its waste of time, fuel and frustration for us everyday.

-Please note that the closing the Old Dougherty Road is going to push a lot of traffic in front of Quail Run and Gale Ranch middle school.

This is going to increase the risk of accidents in the community and is a big risk to the school students due to the extra traffic getting added in front of the already congested schools.

-I have seen the documents about this planned road closure that was approved 25 years back and hence am not asking for any further explanation on this. However, things have changed a lot in 25 years and I think the plan should change as well.

-I understand that the existing road may not be up to the current standards and would ask that it be considered to be given the upgrade it does very much need. It is a useful corridor into our community.

I just have one humble request and that is the following - Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email stating that I have informed the City and County that this is going to increase risk of accidents at the schools. Kindly delay the closure until end of this year and arrange to conduct a traffic study & obtain opinion from community members living here before closing this road.

I am confident the County officials will do what is best.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

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Clerk of the Board

From: Naresh Ganatra <naresh.ganatra@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 3:30 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board
Subject: Public comments for next county Board meeting - OPPOSITION to resolution 2016/502 which recommends for closing of Old Dougherty Road

Hello,

I would like to submit this for public comments for the County Board meeting to be held on Tuesday August 16th at 9 AM.

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I am opposing to resolution 2016/502 which recommends for closing of Old Dougherty Road in San Ramon due to following reasons

- Around 10,000 families are using this road everyday to go for work/school college. Since there is no connectivity to new Dougherty Road from our community, we will not be able to use this new road. Hence we need to go through Bollinger Canyon road with 6 additional traffic lights and 15-20 mins delay each time. Its waste of time, fuel and frustration for us everyday.

-Please note that the closing the Old Dougherty Road is going to push a lot of traffic in front of Quail Run and Gale Ranch middle school. This is going to increase the risk of accidents in the community and is a big risk to the school students due to the extra traffic getting added in front of the already congested schools.

-I have seen the documents about this planned road closure that was approved 25 years back and hence am not asking for any further explanation on this. These decisions were taken 25 years and definately do not reflect the current situation in Gale Ranch and our over crowded schools and community.

Kindly delay the closure until end of this year and arrange to conduct a traffic study & obtain opinion from community members living here before closing this road.

Also this will give time for tassajara road in dublin to open up and hence decrease a little bit of traffic on Bolligner Canynon.

I am confident the City and County officials will keep in mind the safety of our school students and would not want to increase any risks of accidents in the community and around schools

Thank You !
Sincerely,

Naresh Ganatra
Resident of San Ramon

Clerk of the Board

From: Velu Kandasamy <ksvelu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 8:16 AM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; SupervisorMithchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Please DO NOT close Old Dougherty Road

Dear County Officials,

I just wanted to bring to your attention about the upcoming Old Dougherty Road closure on 8/29 and express our concern due to this road closure.

Here is our major concern:

- Around 10,000 families are using this road everyday to go for work/school/college. Since there is no connectivity to new Dougherty Road from our community, we will not be able to use this new road. Hence we need to go thro Bollinger Canyon road with 6 additional traffic lights and 15-20 mins delay each time. Its waste of time, fuel and frustration for us everyday.

-Please note that the closing the Old Dougherty Road is going to push a lot of traffic in front of Quail Run and Gale Ranch middle school. This is going to increase the risk of accidents in the community and is a big risk to the school students due to the extra traffic getting added in front of the already congested schools.

-I have seen the documents about this planned road closure that was approved 25 years back and hence am not asking for any further explanation on this.

- We understand that the builder is in process of construction bicycle/pedestrian pat after it closes. Although, we are not averse to have the bicycle/pedestrian path, our community needs access to manage our daily routine. We strongly believe that 99% of our community members urgent need is to have access to old Dougherty road. We will be wasting energy and time (15-20mins each time) and this will certainly add more pollution to the environment. Further, we are forcing the traffic to go around school which will create more risk to school kids.

We, on behalf of 10,000 residents in the community, kindly request you to check with county & see the possibility of keeping the road open. It puts undue burden to the community in our everyday life and adds more pollution to the environment. We also request city officials to visit & witness existing traffic in the morning around 8:00AM near the schools particularly near Gale Ranch Middle & Quail Run Elementary school.

Kindly delay the closure until end of this year and arrange to conduct a traffic study & obtain opinion from community members living in Gale Ranch before closing this road.

Thank You !

Sincerely,

Velu Kandasamy

Clerk of the Board

From: Craig Wuest <cwuest@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 9:25 AM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Dougherty Road Closure

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to the plan to close Dougherty Road. Apparently, sometime in the 1990's an agreement was made with environmental groups to close Dougherty Road to protect the open space. If the road was closed at that time then, fine, hardly anyone lived out there so few people would have cared.

It's now over 20 years later. Dozens of houses, schools, parks, etc. have been built and hundreds of people are living off Dougherty Road. Shopping areas are being constructed. Why would you allow that much development in the area and then insist on closing off one of the main arteries into and out of the area? I don't believe money is an issue since all these new homes and stores are pouring money into San Ramon coffers. If the road needs to be fixed (and it seems fine to me), the money can be found. If environmental groups are going to protest, why have they not been protesting for the past 20 years?

Please leave the road open. My husband and I use it every day as do all of our neighbors. Closing an existing road in an area that is seeing enormous growth makes no sense at all.

Thanks,

Leslie Wuest

Clerk of the Board

From: Adam Heller (adheller) <adheller@cisco.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 10:54 AM
To: Jami.Napier@cob.cccounty; Clerk of the Board; District3; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; SupervisorMithoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Cc: dHUDSON@sanramon.ca.gov; bclarkson@sanramon.ca.gov; poloane@sanramon.ca.gov; sperkins@sanramon.ca.gov; hsachs@sanramon.ca.gov; Building@sanramon.ca.gov; Planning@sanramon.ca.gov; gmelendres@tollbrothers.com; tcallahan@tollbrothers.com; ctempleton@tollbrothers.com
Subject: FW: Old Dougherty Road Closure - Concerned and Upset Resident

Dear County Supervisors,

I am a Gale Ranch San Ramon resident impacted by the Old Dougherty Road closure. I am writing to let you know I am strongly against resolution 2016/502 adopting the closure of the Old Dougherty Road to vehicle traffic. I understand that this e-mail is provided late notice, but I don't feel my community was given adequate or appropriate notice of the closure via signs on the road shortly before its closure. I am against the resolution for the reasons set forth below. I am not aware of any traffic or safety studies completed. I have requested them below, but not received them. Anecdotally, I can tell you I don't want Stonleaf/Old Dougherty Road traffic pushed into the residential streets especially as my daughter walks to school. The timing of this closure couldn't be worse with Toll Brothers constructing homes right in front of Quail Run during the second week of school and New Dougherty Road opening up. Old Dougherty Road had heavy traffic this morning despite the new road now open. It seems there have been a number of meetings about this road closure outside the purview of the community impacted by the closure.

My community has a petition of 887 signature against the road closure, despite the lack of notice and organization so close to the road closure.

https://www.change.org/p/san-ramon-mayor-bill-clarkson-keep-old-dougherty-road-open-to-reduce-traffic-congestion?recruiter=575815154&utm_source=petitions_show_components_action_panel_wrapper&utm_medium=copylink&recuruit_context=copylink_long

I kindly ask you to delay the vote and please address our concerns.

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,

Adam

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From: Adam Heller (adheller)

Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 5:16 PM

To: 'Candace.Andersen@bos.cccounty.us' <Candace.Andersen@bos.cccounty.us>; 'bclarkson@sanramon.ca.gov' <bclarkson@sanramon.ca.gov>

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Subject: Old Dougherty Road Closure - Concerned and Upset Resident

Hello Supervisor Andersen and Mayor Clarkson,

I am a resident of the Gale Ranch community of San Ramon. I want to say that I'm opposed to the Old Dougherty Road closure for a number of reasons. Most importantly, safety. As the mayor put it in his discussion to us when he came out to our park a few weeks ago, there are 50% more families with school aged children than previously anticipated, which is one of the reasons why more schools have been built. I live in a community that commutes to work and a community with a lot of children. I'm am greatly concerned that traffic that safely passed through Stoneleaf and Old Dougherty Road is now going to be pushed into our residential streets. This is particularly acute during morning traffic during school drop-off and pick-ups. Quail Run Elementary has already had a number of traffic incidents and repeatedly asking parents to be mindful during these times (has the City/County/Developer worked with Quail Run?). Compounding the issue is Toll Brothers is finishing the neighborhood and a number of high density townhomes are being finished just in time for the new school year to start literally across the street from the school further making for a dangerous situation as residents try to get in and out. You have inexperienced new residents right in front of the school and old residents trying to learn this new paradigm just in time for the new school year to start.

This road closure is bottlenecking our residents. Again, using the mayor's words, our community is like a peninsula and the Old Dougherty road has been an essential relief valve. While \$3-\$4 million is a lot of money to update the road, it pales in comparison of the schools the developer has had to assist in paying due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., more families with young children). It angers me that the City, County and Toll Brothers can't come to a reasonable accommodation considering that 4 of the townhomes being constructed right now are going for about \$1 million apiece gets you to \$4 million. Granted there are costs in developing property but my point is that there is a furious build out of our neighborhood that is very profitable but little concern for the residents who actually live here. I've heard the many reasons for the road closure and found them unconvincing. I think New Dougherty Road will alleviate the noise that some residents have. With respect to converting to pedestrian/bicyclist road, bicyclists already safely share the road with motorists (quite infrequent) but there is no reason a new road couldn't accommodate both. With respect to pedestrians, there is nothing really to walk to unless you are going on a very long walk (i.e., the pedestrian interest has to be quite small). I find the money issue disingenuous with how lucrative housing prices are and the City and Toll Brothers could come to a reasonable meeting of the minds.

For those who make the argument I was on notice of the closure when I purchase my home, apparently this was in the HOA bylaws I signed as part of the closing process; my response is that it must have not been a particularly notable notice as I don't recall seeing it. In any event, how is a new resident supposed to know the consequences of a road closure unless they have lived in the neighborhood for some period of time?

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Clerk of the Board

From: Jillianne Libbe <jillianne@shadesofglitter.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 10:46 AM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Item C.8: Resolution 2016/502

Dear Respected County Officials,

I just wanted to bring to your attention about the upcoming Old Dougherty Road closure on 8/29 and express my concern due to this road closure. While I understand that the road has been planned to close for quite some time, I believe that the overall needs of our community have changed.

The closing of the road will divert more traffic towards our schools. Approximately 10,000 families use Old Dougherty Road every day. That is 10,000 more cars passing Bella Vista Elementary, Quail Run Elementary, Gale Ranch Middle School, and very close to the entrance of Dougherty Valley HS. Our schools are already congested at drop off and pickup times. Adding more traffic to this equation will be disastrous and dangerous for our students.

The road closure will also lengthen the commute for many families and students who travel outside of our community for work and school. It will take those, such as my husband, and extra 10-15 minutes per day (sometimes each way) to get to work and back home. This is valuable time that we spend together as a family and it adds up.

I would also like to bring to your attention the new shopping center that is being built off of Bollinger near the 680. The signs boast over 70 stores, along with a movie theater. That area is already extremely congested at rush hour, and once that shopping center is completed, it will be very difficult for people living in our community in Gale Ranch to get to the 680 via Bollinger. I fear that the amount of people trying to get out of our neighborhood via Dougherty towards Dublin will greatly increase, and the traffic will be horrendous. We will be effectively trapped.

I ask that you kindly acknowledge receipt of this email stating that I have informed the City and County that this is going to increase risk of accidents at the schools.

Please consider a delay of the closure until end of this year and arrange to conduct a traffic study & obtain opinion from community members living here before closing this road.

I am confident the City and County officials will do what is best.

Thank You !

Sincerely,

Jillianne Donahue-Libbe

Clerk of the Board

From: Partha Deka <partha.pritamdeka@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 11:18 AM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Agenda item C.8

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 because it will make commute difficult for people living in Gale Ranch. Most of travel to work in the morning to Pleasanton and Dublin and this current road makes the commute much easier.

If this road were to close, we will have to go all the way via Bollinger and then take a round about way to reach our homes. This will add at least 15 mins to our morning and evening commute when the traffic is huge.

I can only imagine the trouble it will cause for people who have to drop and pick up their kids from Quail Run elementary and Goddard pre school.

I sincerely request you to please reconsider your decision to stop the closure of the road.

Thanks,
Partha Deka

Clerk of the Board

From: Joshua English <joshuaenglish@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 12:19 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Re: Resolution No. 2016/502 (Agenda item C.8)

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in consideration of Resolution No. 2016/502 (agenda item C.8) concerning the closure of Old Dougherty Rd. that connects Stoneleaf Rd. and Bollinger Canyon Rd. I understand that the new road segment is considered a replacement for Old Dougherty Rd., however, access to this new road for many of the houses in the Gale Ranch neighborhood will push traffic past already congested school zones. What's more, Old Dougherty Rd. provides very convenient access to BART. Certainly it is not the intention of the Board to discourage use of BART. The new road segment will add up to 15 minutes to the trip from the Gale Ranch neighborhood to BART.

It appears that perhaps the Dougherty Valley Oversight Committee did not consider the true traffic impact during their deliberations with respect to connection to mass transit options. I respectfully request that you consider voting No on the resolution in order to allow time for a traffic study to be done. While I am very much in favor of increasing bike and pedestrian pathways, I believe that should be done in a way that improves access to retail and transit hubs. A pedestrian and bike path terminating at Bollinger Canyon Rd. is not likely to encourage bike use since the distances to BART and retail are too great for most people.

Thank you for your consideration,
Joshua English
4348 Gardenia St.
San Ramon, CA 94582

Clerk of the Board

From: Adam Heller (adheller) <adheller@cisco.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 2:59 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: FW: Old Dougherty Road Closure - Concerned and Upset Resident

I would like this email thread put into the written record regarding matter C8 for the meeting held tomorrow August 17th.

Thank you,
Adam

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

From: Candace Andersen [mailto:Candace.Andersen@bos.cccounty.us]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Adam Heller (adheller) <adheller@cisco.com>
Subject: Re: Old Dougherty Road Closure - Concerned and Upset Resident

Dear Adam,

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors will be considering the permanent closure of Old Dougherty Road tomorrow, August 17th. The Board of Supervisors meets in Martinez, at 651 Pine Street. <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/193/Board-of-Supervisors>. Although the meeting starts at 9:00 a.m., we immediately go into closed session and start the public meeting at 9:30 a.m. It is item C8 on the agenda. If someone is not able to be at the meeting, he or she can submit a written comment to the Clerk of Board of Supervisors and it will entered into the record. They can email their comments to clerkoftheboard@cob.cccounty

The road closure has been planned since the time the Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement was entered into in 1994, back when the entire valley was ranch land. In a legally binding agreement to settle a lawsuit over the 12,000 homes being developed, the City of San Ramon, Town of Danville, Contra Costa County, Shappell Industries and Windemere Ranch Partners all agreed to a Specific Plan which included old Dougherty Road being closed for vehicular traffic and it being turned into a trail once New Dougherty Road was opened. The Development Agreements with Shappell also included this information. Turning old Dougherty Road into a path/trail was also required as mitigation for all of the impact 12,000 homes was going to have on the wildlife and plants in the valley.

Mayor Clarkson has confirmed to me that all individuals who purchased a home in the Dougherty Valley had this information included in their sales documents. I also hope that anyone purchasing a home would take the time to carefully read all documents concerning the future of their community. When purchasing a new home, most people also inquire on their own what the future plans are for the land nearby. For example, when I bought my home in Danville 21 years ago there was a vacant parcel behind the lot of the home I was considering buying. I inquired and found out that tall town homes would be built behind that lot and chose not to purchase it, but instead bought a home on a different

lot. There is a great deal of open space across the street from my neighborhood, and I made sure that it would remain open space and a park, and that there would not be homes eventually built there.

People whose homes are close to Old Dougherty Road purchased their homes with the assurance that instead of having a busy road near their home, they would someday have a peaceful bicycle pedestrian path and trail. The developer committed in their contract to these buyers that this is how the development would proceed. Mayor Clarkson has strongly expressed to me his belief that these legally binding agreements with these homeowners must be respected. The Rule of Law must be honored.

As issues have arisen concerning the Dougherty Valley and Windemere, we have had members from the public attend the Dougherty Valley Oversight Committee (DVOC) meetings. The meetings are always publicly noticed and held in San Ramon so that residents can participate. Those of us who voted on this on DVOC are all San Ramon Valley residents (Three of us from Danville and two from San Ramon). I drive through the Dougherty Valley often. My Danville neighborhood and park border San Ramon and the Dougherty Valley. The Board of Supervisors, who will be voting on this on Tuesday, represents districts from all over Contra Costa County.

I recognize that with any change in traffic circulation there will be an inconvenience for some and an improvement for others, but the entire Dougherty Valley was planned with this road closure in mind. Extensive traffic studies were done to ensure appropriate circulation in and out of the valley and in and out of each and every neighborhood. This wasn't something arbitrarily decided, but after careful thought and consideration.

I'm hopeful that the closure of this road to vehicular traffic will encourage people to ride bikes, walk, or take a bus to where they need to go. I also have great confidence in the City of San Ramon Transportation staff. There is a lot traffic engineers can do to help traffic move more efficiently. As the road closes, they will be able to analyze any new delays and may find ways to mitigate those through things like the timing of traffic signals or the installation of traffic calming devices.

Old Dougherty road has always been a 2-lane country road never intended to carry the heavy traffic it has in recent years. It would need to essentially be rebuilt as a new road to continue to accommodate vehicle traffic. However, it's not just that money. This does not take into consideration that it is also intended to be a path to address the impacts on the environment as required by other governmental agencies. The even bigger issue is that there is a legally binding agreement between the cities, county and developer that it be turned into a path and not remain a road. Furthermore, residents purchased their home with this legal assurance that it would be a path.

Mayor Clarkson has indicated to me that as he has looked into this issue and he fully understands and supports the need to close Old Dougherty Road. He was worked tirelessly to meet with the residents of San Ramon to discuss this issue, he has explored different alternatives, but understands that the legal commitments made must be honored and the road closed

Best regards,
Candace

Candace J. Kay Andersen
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Board Chair, District 2

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Subject: FW: Old Dougherty Road Closure - Concerned and Upset Resident

Dear County Supervisors,

I am a Gale Ranch San Ramon resident impacted by the Old Dougherty Road closure. I am writing to let you know I am strongly against resolution 2016/502 adopting the closure of the Old Dougherty Road to vehicle traffic. I understand that this e-mail is provided late notice, but I don't feel my community was given adequate or appropriate notice of the closure via signs on the road shortly before its closure. I am against the resolution for the reasons set forth below. I am not aware of any traffic or safety studies completed. I have requested them below, but not received them. Anecdotally, I can tell you I don't want Stonleaf/Old Dougherty Road traffic pushed into the residential streets especially as my daughter walks to school. The timing of this closure couldn't be worse with Toll Brothers constructing homes right in front of Quail Run during the second week of school and New Dougherty Road opening up. Old Dougherty Road had heavy traffic this morning despite the new road now open. It seems there have been a number of meetings about this road closure outside the purview of the community impacted by the closure.

My community has a petition of 887 signature against the road closure, despite the lack of notice and organization so close to the road closure.

https://www.change.org/p/san-ramon-mayor-bill-clarkson-keep-old-dougherty-road-open-to-reduce-traffic-congestion?recruiter=575815154&utm_source=petitions_show_components_action_panel_wrapper&utm_medium=copylink&recuruit_context=copylink_long

I kindly ask you to delay the vote and please address our concerns.

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Subject: Old Dougherty Road Closure - Concerned and Upset Resident

Hello Supervisor Andersen and Mayor Clarkson,

I am a resident of the Gale Ranch community of San Ramon. I want to say that I'm opposed to the Old Dougherty Road closure for a number of reasons. Most importantly, safety. As the mayor put it in his discussion to us when he came out to our park a few weeks ago, there are 50% more families with school aged children than previously anticipated, which is one of the reasons why more schools have been built. I live in a community that commutes to work and a community with a lot of children. I'm greatly concerned that traffic that safely passed through Stoneleaf and Old Dougherty Road is now going to be pushed into our residential streets. This is particularly acute during morning traffic during school drop-off and pick-ups. Quail Run Elementary has already had a number of traffic incidents and repeatedly asking parents to be mindful during these times (has the City/County/Developer worked with Quail Run?). Compounding the issue is Toll Brothers is finishing the neighborhood and a number of high density townhomes are being finished just in time for the new school year to start literally across the street from the school further making for a dangerous situation as residents try to get in and out. You have inexperienced new residents right in front of the school and old residents trying to learn this new paradigm just in time for the new school year to start.

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Clerk of the Board

From: Upal Mandal <upalmandal@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 3:22 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Cc: Shrabanti Paul Mandal
Subject: Agenda Item C.8

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 because I am a resident in Gale Ranch area and that road is really the quickest and easiest way to enter the area from Dougherty Road/Bollinger Canyon Road. In case the road is closed I would need to use the Albion Road which means I have to cross two schools (Gale Ranch Middle School and Dougherty High School) to get into Bollinger Road. I believe it will increase the traffic in that area in exponential manner which means more danger to the school kids and also lot of congestion during pick time. New Dougherty Road has no link to our area and will not really help easing those traffic.

Regards

Upal Kumar Mandal
San Ramon

Clerk of the Board

From: sandeep gandhi <sandeep_no1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 4:20 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Agenda item C.8.... To keep old dougherty road

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 and keep the old dougherty road. If the old dougherty road is closed only option for our community is to go through major roads which all pass in front of the schools. Increasing traffic in front of the schools is very dangerous for our kids and we would like to keep our kids safe.

thanks
Sandeep

Clerk of the Board

From: Naresh Ganatra <naresh.ganatra@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 5:53 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; Candace Andersen
Subject: Re: Public comments for next county Board meeting - OPPOSITION to resolution 2016/502 which recommends for closing of Old Dougherty Road

Thanks for your time today Candice.

I have sent the below email to clerkoftheboard@cob.cccounty.us and Jami for the meeting tomorrow so that it can be kindly included in the public comments tomorrow.

On Fri, Aug 12, 2016 at 3:29 PM, Naresh Ganatra <naresh.ganatra@gmail.com> wrote:
Hello,

I would like to submit this for public comments for the County Board meeting to be held on Tuesday August 16th at 9 AM.

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I am opposing to resolution 2016/502 which recommends for closing of Old Dougherty Road in San Ramon due to following reasons

- Around 10,000 families are using this road everyday to go for work/school college. Since there is no connectivity to new Dougherty Road from our community, we will not be able to use this new road. Hence we need to go through Bollinger Canyon road with 6 additional traffic lights and 15-20 mins delay each time. Its waste of time, fuel and frustration for us everyday.

-Please note that the closing the Old Dougherty Road is going to push a lot of traffic in front of Quail Run and Gale Ranch middle school. This is going to increase the risk of accidents in the community and is a big risk to the school students due to the extra traffic getting added in front of the already congested schools.

-I have seen the documents about this planned road closure that was approved 25 years back and hence am not asking for any further explanation on this. These decisions were taken 25 years and definately do not reflect the current situation in Gale Ranch and our over crowded schools and community.

Kindly delay the closure until end of this year and arrange to conduct a traffic study & obtain opinion from community members living here before closing this road.

Also this will give time for tassajara road in dublin to open up and hence decrease a little bit of traffic on Bolligner Canynen.

I am confident the City and County officials will keep in mind the safety of our school students and would not want to increase any risks of accidents in the community and around schools

Thank You !

Sincerely,

Naresh Ganatra

Resident of San Ramon

Clerk of the Board

From: Raga Krishnakumar <raga.krishnakumar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 6:27 PM
To: Clerk of the Board; Jami Napier
Subject: Dougherty Road Closure

Dear County officials,

I just wanted to bring to your attention about the upcoming Old Dougherty Road closure on 8/29 and express my concern regarding this road closure.

Here are my major concerns:

-The closing the Old Dougherty Road is going to push a lot of traffic in front of Quail Run and Gale Ranch middle school (I witnessed this this morning – despite BOTH Old and New Dougherty being open, the traffic was considerable). This is going to increase the risk of accidents in the community and is a big risk to the school students due to the extra traffic getting added in front of the already congested schools.

- Around 10,000 families are using this road everyday to go for work/school college. Since there is no connectivity to new Dougherty Road from our community, we will not be able to use this new road. Hence we need to go thro Bollinger Canyon road with 6 additional traffic lights and 15-20 mins delay each time. Aside from the loss of time, this will increase fuel emissions significantly.

As residents of Gale Ranch and San Ramon, we just have one humble request and that is the following: Kindly delay the closure until end of this year and arrange to conduct a detailed traffic study, release the results of this study to the community and involve the residents in the downstream decision-making process. We of course understand that at the end of the day, the decision is yours, and are confident that the City and County officials will do what is best for the community.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

Raga Krishnakumar

Clerk of the Board

From: Dorothy Megeath <DorothyMegeath@antioch.k12.ca.us>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 8:24 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: Stoneleaf Road Closure

I feel that Dougherty Road should remain open for several reasons. Due to the continued growth in the area and expected 600 more homes, due to the high volume of traffic to Bella Vista, Quail Run, Gale Ranch Middle, Coyote Creek, Dougherty Valley, and several other nearby schools, I worry about traffic, school safety, and wild commuters. If there is an emergency ...one less artery of access would be available for hasty travel, and the new Dougherty is already a donut-spinning raceway.

Please wait for new traffic and environmental studies to evaluate carbon emissions at all those stop lights and further distances many must travel.

Regards,

Dorothy Megeath

7816 Stoneleaf owner and resident

Sent from my iPhone

Clerk of the Board

From: Viswanath Ananth <touvishy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 10:39 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Not to approve the close of Old Dougherty Road San Ramon

Dear County Officials

This is in regards to the agenda item C.8. I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 because:

Shutting down the Old Dougherty Road will have negative impact on residents.

1. The traffic of Old Dougherty Road will be redirected to Stoneleaf Road and the New Dougherty Road which will increase congestion on these roads
 2. Commuters who commute every day to South Bay or San Francisco will need additional 20-25 minutes to go around the Old Dougherty Road
 3. The New Dougherty Road runs in front of the new school so there will be huge traffic congestion during school hours which will make the Stoneleaf Road even worse as more people will avoid that road in the morning
 4. Increased traffic on New Dougherty Road due to closure of Old Dougherty Road will also create problems for families (with children) who want to access to Rancho park
 5. The Old Dougherty Road is a shortcut for most of the residents in Gale Ranch and a huge time saver whose closure will cause a lot of frustration amongst tired south bay commuters which will in turn negatively impact their family life.
- Avoiding the closure of Old Dougherty Road will help mitigate these issues and the positive fact is that the traffic that wants to avoid the school road in the morning can use the Old Dougherty Road as usual. Gale Ranch residents love their community and the peaceful environment around them and we will appreciate if this remains like this.

County Officials, thank you for your support.

Thanks
Viswanath Ananth

Clerk of the Board

From: Kyle Toyoda <kyle.toyoda@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 11:05 PM
To: Jami Napier
Cc: Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Request To Not Approve Resolution 2016/502

Dear Contra Costa County Officials,

I am emailing you in regards to agenda item C.8. at your upcoming meeting on August 16th, 2016. I respectfully request that you do not approve resolution 2016/502 to close Dougherty Road (Old Dougherty Road) from Stoneleaf Road/Ivyleaf Springs Road to Bollinger Canyon Road (south). Closure of this road will negate the benefits of the new Dougherty Road as it will shut down an outlet for traffic that currently is able to move smoothly into the Gale Ranch area around Stoneleaf Road and Ivyleaf Springs Road. This will cause unnecessary congestion on new Dougherty Road that could otherwise continue to move smoothly in and out of the area. The closure of Old Dougherty Road will also cause more traffic to flow past school zones near Quail Run Elementary School, endangering the students on their way to school. It also causes the residents such as myself living in the area near Stoneleaf Road and Ivyleaf Springs Road to travel 3+ miles one way further to get to and return from Dublin. We would have to travel north to go south! Further, the construction to widen Bollinger Canyon Road in Dublin (Alameda County) is touted as an improvement to access to Dublin and BART; this will actually make it more arduous for those of us living near Stoneleaf Road and Ivyleaf Springs Road to get to Dublin and BART. Moving to Dublin/Alameda County seems to be the best option to take advantage of the widening of Bollinger Canyon Road.

Again, I respectfully request that you do not approve resolution 2016/502 to close Dougherty Road (Old Dougherty Road) from Stoneleaf Road/Ivyleaf Springs Road to Bollinger Canyon Road (south).

Sincerely,

Kyle S. Toyoda, Yasuko Toyoda, Erisa Toyoda
San Ramon

Clerk of the Board

From: N Ish <nish@mentr.io>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 7:41 AM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Speaking on Agenda C8

Respected county supervisor, my name is Nishant and I want to comment on Agenda C8. I am in opposition of resolution 2016/502 which calls for closure of "Old" Dougherty Road on 8/29.

1. I have been living in San Ramon for past 3 years and me and my family enjoy the city its excellent. In fact I moved 40 miles away from my work so that my family can enjoy excellent surroundings, schools, parks, shopping & recreation
2. Closing of this road will result in severe hardship for me and my family. I have two kids, one that goes to Bella Vista and one goes to Quail run. I need to drop my kid to school and then drive to work in south bay. The road closure will increase my time outside the home by extra 30-40 minutes depending on the day. This is the precious time I could have spent with my family, like I do today.
3. However I am not alone who will suffer serious hardship. I started a petition to appeal the decision to the Mayor. More than 900 households have signed the petition. Each of the residents who signed have mentioned the hardship they will face if this stretch of the road is closed. I invited the mayor for a meeting with residents and more than 150 people turned up at a very short notice which clearly proves residents need this badly.
4. Apart from the personal impact, I would like to mention two other important impact that you should consider.
 - a. Environmental Impact - Approximately 2000 cars take this road every day. Closing this road would mean each car has to travel at least 5 extra mile each day, which is

10,000 extra miles per day and extra miles 3.65 Million miles per year. This will result in increased carbon footprint thus harming the environment

b. Children Safety issues - With the road closed, the traffic will be diverted to Bella Vista School and Gale Ranch Middle school. This will put children at increased risk of getting involved in pedestrian accidents.

5. I am fully aware of the legal agreement that was put in place at a time when cattle inhabited this area. It definitely made sense then but cattle have been replaced by people unfortunately which calls for a reassessment of the situation. I am also aware of the \$4M financial burden on the city of San Ramon to keep the road open. I am also aware that environmental lobbyists who have been recommending the road closure without considering the impact on human lives. I strongly oppose a YES vote on resolution 2016/502 and want to request county and city to look into this matter one more time and to keep the road open until we have reassessed all the impact to the society and human life.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration
- Nishant Asthana
Resident of San Ramon.

Clerk of the Board

From: Murali Krishna <jampala.murali@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 2:17 PM
To: Jami Napier; Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: Agenda item C.8. resolution 2016/502

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8.

I request not to approve resolution 2016/502 because of the following issue i may face if the road is closed.

- 1) More time to reach the Bollinger Canyon Road because of around 8 traffic light stops
- 2) More gas to be used (we have to reduce the gas usage as it is environment risk)
- 3) More distance to be travelled and as we can see more houses are going to come on the new Dougherty road, traffic will end up as great hassle to the daily commuters.

Hope all of you understand the **PRACTICAL** difficulties commuters face in the above scenario of closing the road.

Regards

Murali Krishna Jampala

Clerk of the Board

From: Chad Chen <chad_chen_yh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 12:55 AM
To: Jami Napier
Cc: Clerk of the Board; District3; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor Mitchoff; District5; Sonia Bustamante
Subject: agenda item C.8 (resolution 2016/502)

Dear County Officials,

This is in regards to agenda item C.8. I request not to approve resolution 2016/502. The new Dougherty Road is operating. However, on my way to work in the morning and on the way back in the evening, I noticed the traffic on the old road was not significantly reduced. That shows the old road is indeed still needed for many people who live in the Gale Ranch area. I checked the map. If the road closed, I will need to drive almost 3 additional miles to get on the freeway. I guess that is true to many of the people living in this large community too. The morning traffic for Quail Run Elementary and Gale Ranch Middle School could be of concern too. Today the school traffic is distributed into two directions.

Regards,

Minjia Chen

