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Good Afternoon,

We would like to submit our Public Comment for tonight's June 15, 2021 City Council Meeting. Our Public Comment is relating to Agenda Item No. 8.2: "Proposed Amendments to Otay Ranch Village 3 to Include the "FlatRock" Parcel and Change Land Use of Three Parcels of Land to Residential Uses, Resulting in an Increase from 1,597 to 1,638 Permitted Residential Units"

Please see the attached PDF Document containing our Public Comments.

We would appreciate a reply back ensuring that our Public Comment will be included in tonight's meeting.

Thank you, Anthony Ball and Eileen Dimagiba We started visiting the Escaya homesite late 2017 while looking for a home for our growing family. We would visit often, as often as 3-4 times weekly. We loved the views provided to homes on Camino Cantera and chose a lot overlooking the preserve, hills and waterpark. We had some reservations regarding the large natural properties directly behind our lot, now known as Parcel R-19. The Realtors of Lennar would stress that the land directly behind our property, aka R-19, would remain a natural preserve. We purchased our home in 2018, then shortly after, the city erected a metal fence around the preserve, further validating what the builder's realtor told us.

Now, several years later, we are being informed that developers and the City of Chula Vista are planning to "relocate" the nature preserve and build 224 high residential units directly behind our home thereby ruining the view so many of us homeowners had to pay a premium price for.

My questions to the board are:

- Why would the city choose to move an established, vibrant and diverse nature's preserve, filled with varied species of birds, frogs and other wildlife just to accommodate more housing?
- While it is understood that Chula Vista is growing, a community, specifically ours, requires more than just the addition of yet another 224 units of homes that will be built to about 40-50' in height thus blocking the views of the homeowners. Why weren't our property values or our concerns considered?
- Due the views from R-19, that location could be ideal for restaurants without having to move the preserve. The restaurants, the view and the preserve would have better suited for that location. Was that considered?
- I think before the board makes a decision that will impact the micro-ecosystem affecting many species living within the preserve, they should visit it. Has anyone from the board visited the preserve recently?