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## Amber Carrillo

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**From:** Laura Aguilar  
**Sent:** Friday, June 6, 2025 3:16 PM  
**Cc:** Jose Reynoso; Miguel Hernandez; Amber Carrillo  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: June 10, 2025 Discussion Item #2

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Mayor and Members of the City Council;

The following email was received for public comment.

Regards,

Laura M. Aguilar  
City of Sierra Madre  
(626)355-7135

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Rachelle Arizmendi [REDACTED]  
**Date:** June 6, 2025 at 1:51:48 PM PDT  
**To:** Laura Aguilar <laguilar@sierramadreca.gov>, Laura Aguilar <laguilar@sierramadreca.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: June 10, 2025 Discussion Item #2

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Madam City Clerk,  
Please accept this email as Public Comment for the City of Sierra Madre's June 10, 2025 City Council Meeting for item #2 under Discussion:

Rachelle Arizmendi  
Sierra Madre Resident

Good evening Mayor and Council Members. For Discussion #2 Item CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL NOMINATIONS TO SERVE ON THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (SGVCOG) 2028 OLYMPIC & PAPALYMPIC GAMES AD HOC COMMITTEE, I would appreciate your consideration to appoint me on the committee ***IF you decide to include an alternate that is a non-elected representative.*** I believe I can represent our City to ensure we have a voice at the table, advocate for the benefit of our businesses with my Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce hat on & local Workforce Development Board hat on, and

promote our City to best support these regional mega events like the Olympics/Paraolympics.  
Thank you for your consideration.

**Amber Carrillo**

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**From:** Barbara McCallon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 8, 2025 9:46 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Everything about The Meadowx Project

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There are so many reasons not to continue with ANY aspect of this project. Multiple heavy metals are in the dirt, especially on the monastery property with all that open land. More testing needs to be done not just once or twice but possibly for a few years.

I need an exact answer WHY and where so many trees have to be cut down. Trees are living things and part of Sierra Madre's history.

Had those houses already been there during the Eaton Fire, they easily could have caught fire endangering adjacent neighborhoods.

We are still experiencing a drought. Where's more water coming from?

Carter, Grove and Sunnyside are very quiet streets and will so horribly be changed if this project continues. Bailey Canyon will be negatively impacted. LIFE IN NORTHWEST SIERRA MADRE WILL BE FOREVER DEVASTATED.

Barbara McCallon  
[REDACTED]  
Sierra Madre 91024  
[REDACTED]

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## Amber Carrillo

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**From:** Kraig Pakulski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 8, 2025 10:15 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Update to Modification of N Grove and Carter

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It has come to my attention that the corner of North Grove and Carter may be impacted by traffic from residents traveling westbound on north Carter from the 42 new housing developments on the land south of the Mater Dolorosa retreat house.

This is a concern because additional traffic in this area is likely to have a negative impact on Grove Avenue and Fairview Ave., South of Carter

It seems that a better solution for traffic maybe to prevent a right turn going south on Grove so as to create a thorough affair to Lima Ave., which is better suited for the traffic that may need to find its way to Sierra Madre Blvd.

This would also prevent congestion at the corner of Grove and the neighbor streets south of that area. Grove Ave is a smaller neighborhood street and not a thorough fare to Sierra Madre Blvd. Furthermore, Lima is a better path, especially in the instance of fire or flood evacuation.

Likewise, a left turn, from northbound Grove to west bound Carter should be prevented. This would essentially make the road exiting Mater Dolorosa retreat house and Carter a one-way street.

Please take this into consideration when making a final decision on how to manage traffic in and out of this new housing area.

Respectfully,

Kraig A. Pakulski,  
Resident,  
[REDACTED]  
Sierra Madre, California  
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kraig Pakulski [REDACTED]  
**Date:** June 9, 2025 at 12:10:43 AM CDT  
**To:** publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com  
**Subject:** Modification of N Grove and Carter

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Kraig A. Pakulski,  
Resident,

  
Sierra Madre, California

## Amber Carrillo

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**From:** Mutia Hull [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 9, 2025 10:48 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 390 W Carter Ave

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Subject: widening Carter and best solutions for traffic from the Meadows Project

I have only heard about the status of Carter Ave from a neighbor. I obviously would like to know more.

I would like to have the trees in front of my house left standing. I think moving the entrance to Bailey Canyon to Oak crest drive would impact less home owners than the entrance currently on Carter.

I hope to be at the meeting tomorrow night.

Mutia Hull  
[REDACTED]  
Sierra Madre

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## Amber Carrillo

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**From:** Samuel Pedersen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 9:04 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 6/10/25: Discussion Item #1

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Hello,

As a Sierra Madre resident and someone who used to report directly to Mike Bruckner I am uniquely qualified to provide a insight on the above mentioned item.

I started off my professional life in the public sector as an intern in Arcadia and Mike immediately took me under his wing. He not only taught me how things work in Arcadia, but taught me what it means to serve a community. He has also continued to serve as a professional mentor to me and always made me feel welcome despite his busy schedule. I know he will be an asset and ally for Sierra Madre staff as well, giving them the right amount of direction to understand a task with the freedom to take ownership and excel.

I also know he will be a great resource for the community and city council as well. Mike is that rare person who can think both creatively and analytically and switch between the two with ease. His gregarious nature also makes him a natural at team building and creating consensus. I could go on but time is limited and I think I've made my point.

In conclusion, I think Mike would make an excellent CM for Sierra Madre. He would be an asset for the community, staff and of course, city council. I urge you to support his appointment to the position and hope he stays in our wonderful City for a long time.

Kind regards,

Sam Pedersen

## Amber Carrillo

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**From:** Jenny Chu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 9:36 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Cc:** Jason Rietze; Hien Dao  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MINOR VARIANCE 25-01 (MVAR 25-01)

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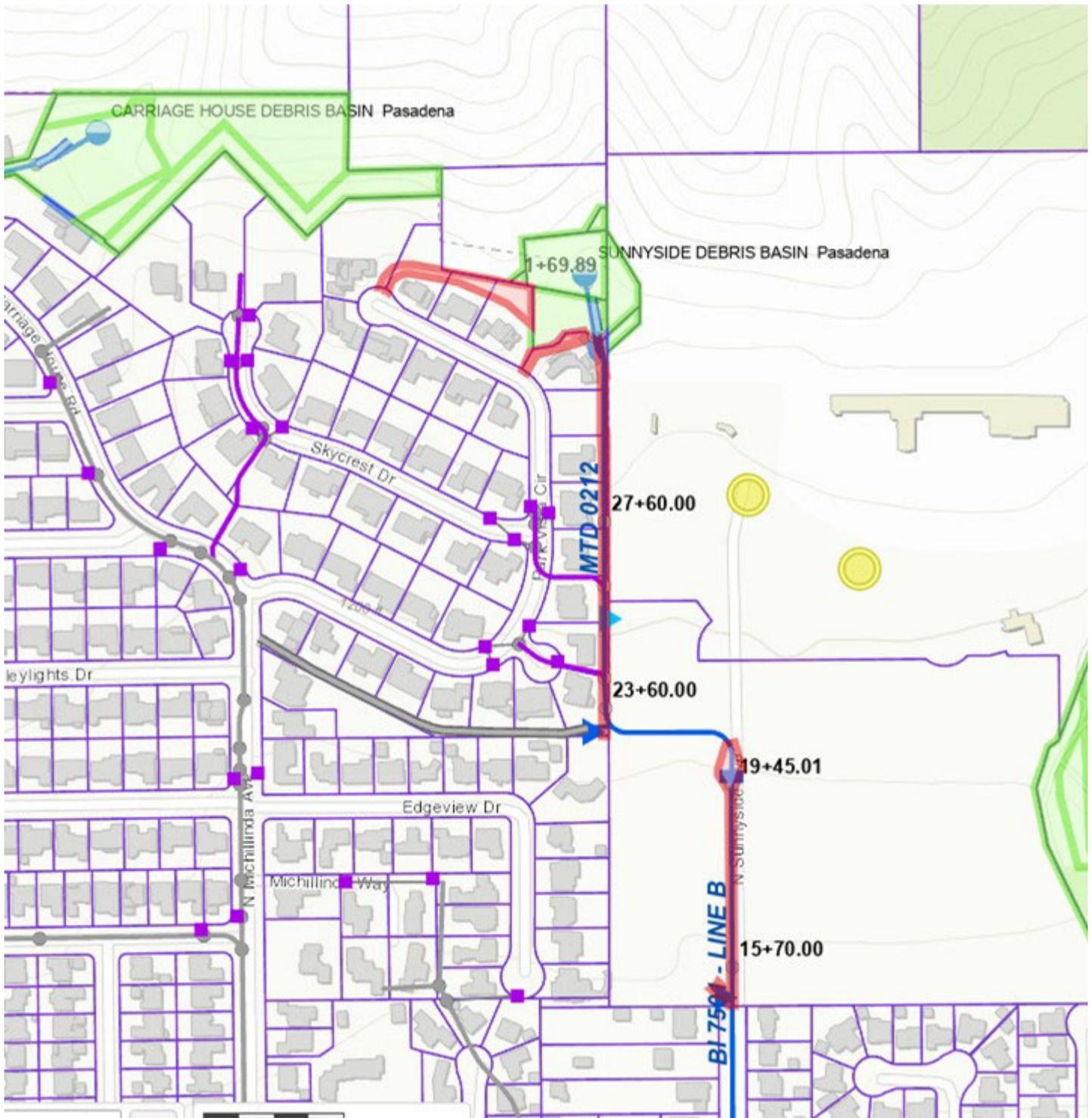
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Hello,

We have easement and fee-owned property near your proposed location. You may need to check with our Permits Section to determine whether any permits are required before beginning construction.

### FCD Permit info.

For any proposed alterations, connections, access, etc. to any of the Los Angeles County Public Works facilities or rights-of-way, please use <https://epicla.lacounty.gov/SelfService/#/home> to register and apply for a permit. If you have any questions regarding the permit application, please call the Permit Desk at (626) 458-3129 or [floodpermit@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:floodpermit@pw.lacounty.gov).



Thanks,  
 Jenny Chu  
 Senior Civil Engineering Technician  
 Los Angeles County Public Works  
 Office: (626) 445-7630

## Amber Carrillo

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**From:** Elynor C [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 11:16 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] West Carter Widening Potential Public Comments

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Dear Sierra Madre City Council,

I am a tenant on Carter Ave and was made aware of the development of 41 homes in the meadows at Bailey Canyon. I very much enjoy the quietness and nature in this special corner of Sierra Madre.

Over the last few months, heavy trucks emptying the debris basin due to the fire have been commuting on Carter and Lima, causing a lot of noise, pollution, and deterioration of the road. While not ideal, I understand it is necessary.

My understanding is that the development of 41 homes will indeed move forward and thereby heavy trucks and construction will continue for months, if not years, greatly diminishing the quality of life. Moreover, I have been informed Carter Ave will be widened to accommodate construction as well as increased traffic from the 41 homes built.

Therefore, we are asking the City to include West Carter Widening Design & Construction Conditions of Approval as follows:

Developer shall collaborate with ALL property owners on West Carter adjacent Widening, to implement an interface and tie-in design and aesthetic to address:

1) proposed widening grades and storm water control should not disturb existing private property, and if a disturbance is contemplated, be required to provide a level of detail which is correct and complete, and at Developer's cost for restoration of existing property, and for property owner written sign off during definitive design - not during construction;

2) a new privacy wall, in public right of way (no easement, no encroachment on private property, including foundations) for owner written sign off during definitive design - not during construction, which addresses: 2.1) a privacy height of 6 to 8 feet (or otherwise lower depending on owners decision and owner's written approval); 2.2) vehicle lights blockage; 2.3) potential for vehicle direct impact; 2.4) noise mitigation to avoid noise trespass in accord with best practices and municipal code; 2.5) fire and ember non-combustion in accord with forthcoming Public Resources Code WUI requirements; 2.6) material & color selection in alignment with Specific Plan; and

3) conformance with Sierra Madre's "Dark Sky" Program, no light trespass, no street glare from street lighting using shielded lights with location controls.

Proposed Development Vehicles using West Carter Not Cut Thru with Use of N. Grove:

1) new curb, gutter, street markings and signage @ "T" intersection improvements to address: 1.1) no east bound traffic on West Carter from New Development to make a right turn onto N. Grove towards GrandView; 1.2) no north bound traffic on N. Grove to make a left turn onto West Carter heading to New Development;

2) N. Grove is a narrow street and cutting thru will present safety problems;

3) the Mobility Plan in other Entitlements compels use of Lima, and N. Grove is neither indicated and apparently absent of any field investigation for impact.

Closure of Access to Bailey Canyon at West Carter, with Access Shift to Oak Crest.

1) mitigating the on going parking problem on N. Grove and West Carter;

2) Accident and Death Potential at an existing "T" intersection resulting from new traffic load and frequency from 42 homes;

3) Oak Crest available curb spaces will not encumber existing property owners need for parking and provide a more direct tie-in to Lima collector.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Elynor Chiu

## Amber Carrillo

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 1:51 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Cc:** Larry Torres  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] West Carter Street Widening

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We would like for the city of Sierra Madre to consider including West Carter widening design and construction conditions of approval as follows:

Prevent vehicles using West Carter to not cut through North Grove

1. New curb, gutter, street markings, and signage at the "T" intersection improvements to address:
  - a. No east bound traffic on West Carter from the new development to make a right turn on North Grove towards Grandview
  - b. No north bound traffic on North Grove to make a left turn onto West Carter heading to new development
2. North Grove is a narrow street and cutting through will present safety concerns
3. The mobility plan in other entitlements compels use of Lima and North Grove is neither indicated nor appears to be included in any field investigation to impact

Closure of access to Bailey Canyon at West Carter with access shift to Oak Crest

1. Mitigating the ongoing parking problem on North Grove and West Carter
2. Reduce accident potential at the existing "T" intersection resulting from new traffic load and the addition of 42 homes
3. Oak Crest available curb spaces will not encumber existing property owners for parking and provide a more direct tie-in to Lima

Thank you.

Carole Tremblay and Larry Torres

[REDACTED]  
Sierra Madre

## Amber Carrillo

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**From:** Kristy C [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 2:08 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pertaining to widening of Carter

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**Whereas, other Stakeholders may have provided the same or similar comments, We have used these comments because We find them to be applicable for our use as comments and for City Leadership to be advised.**

**The City should include West Carter Widening Design & Construction Conditions of Approval as follows:**

- **Proposed Development Vehicles using West Carter Not Cut Thru with Use of N. Grove:** 1) new curb, gutter, street markings and signage @ “T” intersection improvements to address: 1.1) no east bound traffic on West Carter from New Development to make a right turn onto N. Grove towards GrandView; 1.2) no north bound traffic on N. Grove to make a left turn onto West Carter heading to New Development; 2) N. Grove is a narrow street and cutting thru will present safety problems; 3) the Mobility Plan in other Entitlements compels use of Lima, and N. Grove is neither indicated and apparently absent of any field investigation for impact.
- **Closure of Access to Bailey Canyon at West Carter, with Access Shift to Oak Crest.** 1) mitigating the on going parking problem on N. Grove and West Carter; 2) Accident and Death Potential at an existing “T” intersection resulting from new traffic load and frequency from 42 homes; 3) Oak Crest available curb spaces will not encumber existing property owners need for parking and provide a more direct tie-in to Lima collector.

Kristy Cepielik  
[REDACTED]

## Amber Carrillo

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**From:** Amy Wasson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 2:55 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council Meeting June 6, 2025

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Dear Council Members,

I feel the need to restate my concerns regarding the potential toxins in our water and soil as a result of the fires on Jan 7th. Residents have spent thousands of dollars to restore their properties, removing ash and other possibly toxic debris. They did not go to all of this effort and expense to have their properties re-contaminated by developers. The potential fallout is still being studied, as to the dangers to our health from the contaminated soil, and particulates. It is imperative that steps are taken to require full disclosure and remediation of this danger before any projects are allowed to proceed. It is critical that our elected officials, take the necessary steps to prevent further injury and health issues to members of our community.

In addition, I would like to be advised of the city's proposal for widening Carter, and see details on the traffic plan of that, and for the intersection of Carter and Grove.

Regards,

Amy Wasson

## Amber Carrillo

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 2:56 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] West Carter Widening Hickman Comments  
**Attachments:** West Carter Widening Hickman Comments 06.10.25.pdf; West Carter Widening\_pg 40  
\_One-Way\_New-Entrance\_RT Turn Only Concept\_05.24.23verF 2 (2).pdf

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### Hello: City of Sierra Madre - City Clerk

- Please reply back that you received my public comments for delivery to the City Council, June 10, 2025 Meeting to Discuss the West Carter Widening Development Agreement.

There are two documents: letter and drawing.

- Please redact any of my private information which may be required prior to public posting.
- This e-mail was initiated via internet at approximately 2:50 pm in advance of the 3:00 same day cutoff.

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regards,  
Glenn Hickman

**To: City of Sierra Madre  
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024**

To: City Council:  
Kelly Krebs, Edward Garcia, Kris Lowe, Gene Goss, Robert Parkhurst  
To: Jose Reynoso, City Manager; Laura Aguilar, Deputy City Manager

Via: PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com

From: Glenn Hickman, [REDACTED] Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024

**Re: Hickman Comments – West Carter Widening for Meadows Housing Development**

**Citizens of Sierra Madre and Dear City Council and Mayor: Whereas it is unclear to me where the West Carter Widening is in the design process and development agreement between the City and the Developer and Land Owner, I would recommend the City include West Carter Widening Design & Construction, Design, and Conditions of Approval as follows:**

- **Developer shall collaborate with ALL property owners on West Carter adjacent Widening, including the house at 502 Crestvale Drive, to implement an interface and tie-in design and aesthetic to address:** 1) proposed widening grades and storm water control should not disturb existing private property, and if a disturbance is contemplated, be required to provide a level of detail which is correct and complete, and at Developer's cost for restoration of existing property, and for property owner written sign off during definitive design - not during construction; 2) a new privacy wall, in public right of way (no easement, no encroachment on private property, including foundations) for owner written sign off during definitive design - not during construction, which addresses: 2.1) a privacy height of 6 to 8 feet (or otherwise lower depending on owners decision and owner's written approval); 2.2) vehicle lights blockage; 2.3) potential for vehicle direct impact; 2.4) noise mitigation to avoid noise trespass in accord with best

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- **Proposed Vehicles from Meadows Housing Development using West Carter Shall Not Cut Thru with Use of N. Grove Street:** 1) design and construct new curb, gutter, street markings and signage @ "T" intersection improvements to address: 1.1) no east bound traffic on West Carter from New Development shall make a right turn onto N. Grove Street towards West GrandView Ave. or FairPark Ave; 1.2) no north bound traffic on N. Grove Street shall make a left turn onto West Carter Ave. heading to the New Development; 2) N. Grove Street is a very narrow street and cutting thru will present safety problems which already exist, including excess parking use for Bailey Canyon; 3) the Mobility Plan in various Entitlements compels use of Lima Street, and N. Grove Street was not indicated or use and apparently missed in any of the field investigation for impact. See Attached Drawing.
- **Closure of Access to Bailey Canyon at West Carter Ave., with Access Shift to Oak Crest Drive.** 1) mitigating the on going parking problem on N. Grove Street and illegal parking of West Carter Avenue; 2) Accident and Death Potential at an existing "T" intersection resulting from new traffic load and frequency from 42 homes; 3) Oak Crest available curb spaces will not encumber existing property owners need for parking and provide a more direct tie-in to the North Lima Street collector.
- **Carter Family Legacy Trees Should Be Protected and Surveyed: 1)** The West Carter Widening Document, May 2, 2022, notes 1 and 2 provides ambiguity as to tree locatin and could provide a future opportunity when the survey is done, for removal of trees and or a design which will not work, unless the trees are removed. Therefore, it is imperative that a survey be implemented and the Civil Engineer and a Landscape Architect (which maybe absent to the design) provide credibility to any conceptual design before proceeding. All to often, the timeliness of critical path information renders the best intentions void and trees removed. See Attached Drawing.
- **Lack of Continuity in Design & Function between West Carter Widening, Bailey Canyon Park and the New Park:** continues to be obvious and was commented on by me in the Community Services Commission Special Meeting, April 25, 2024 and numerous documents to the Meadows Development Record.

Regards and Thank You in Advance for Your Consideration,  
Glenn Hickman AIA Emeritus

Active AAA Construction Arbitrator; Retired Part Owner: McCarthy Building Companies; and prior professional profile: Chief Architect - DMJM/AECOM; AEG Development Project Manager - Staples Arena; SOM Architects & Engineers Associate - Los Angeles; USC Architecture - Adjunct Faculty.

Note: my public comments are not associated with any of the entities identified

