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To: [Megan Wood](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Concerned downrange residents
Date: Monday, May 18, 2020 2:07:37 PM

Please include these 2 emails in the Board of Supervisors, CEO and County Councils packet for tomorrow's meeting, and part of the public record for the Board of Supervisors meeting May 19, 2020.

Thank you,
Nancyjo Riekse

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: nancyjor9
Date: 5/18/20 1:58 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Cindy Gustafson <cindygustafson@placer.ca.gov>
Cc:
Subject: Concerned downrange residents

Cindy,

This is the second email to you since the removal of the Auburn Trapshooting Club wall. I have never received a response to or an acknowledgment of that email.

I am copying a group of concerned downrange residents (17 with more contacting me every day) that have been effected by the past increase of noise and percussive reflective sound, as well as the increased usage of ATC's facilities beyond historic hours/days, for the past 3 years. The wall did give us some reduction, in the last year, but none that meets the Placer County Noise Ordinance 9.36

With the wall down some of us are experiencing dB levels up to, and sometimes over, 100dB when Maximum level outlined in the noise ordinance should be no higher than 70dB.

Since the lifting from the county, allowing ATC to return to shooting, they have returned to 3 days a week. I am not confident, nor are other residents confident, that the county will hold them to this in the future, considering the amount of county influencers that are members of this club. At the March 9th BOS meeting the motion/ruling from the board I thought, was to hold ATC to the removal of the top portion of the wall within 90 days and requested staff to

look into the removal of the remainder of the wall and to investigate ATC's historic hours of operation and bring this information back to the board in 90 days for comment, including public, then a ruling/decision would be made. The entire wall was allowed by county staff to be taken down before the 90 days was up and without public comment. This makes me assume that staff and county influencers will allow ATC to return to its 7 days a week, all hours of the day and night, without getting input from the people that have been affected by the blatant misuse of this facility and lack of code enforcement by the county.

The BOS, CEO, County Council and Director of CEDR need to enforce Placer County Noise Ordinance 9.36.060 Sound limits for sensitive receptors and remove ATC from exception 9.36.030, 10 Exemptions as well as Placer County Code Zoning Ordinance 5459-B, 17.60.120 Nonconforming Uses.

Auburn Trapshooting Club has significantly changed their onsite activities and definitely changed their hours and days of operation. ATC increased shooting from 3 days a week to 7 days a week without ever getting a use permit, and therefore has been in violation of these ordinances for at least 3 years.

We think it is about time for our District 5 Supervisor and the rest of the Board of Supervisors to enforce these ordinances and abide by the declarations they have put in place for the residents of Placer County and stop letting the county influencers impact these decisions.

And I quote again "The people of Placer County have a right to and should be ensured an environment free from unnecessary, offensive and excessive sound and vibrations that may jeopardized their health or, welfare or safety or degraded the quality of life."

I have asked the county clerk to distribute this and my previous email to the Board of Supervisors, CEO, County Council and make it part of the public record of the board meeting to be held May 19, 2020.

Nancyjo Riekse

----- Original message -----

From: nancyjor9

Date: 5/11/20 3:37 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Cindy Gustafson <cindygustafson@placer.ca.gov>

Subject: Back to square one

Cindy,

I hope you enjoyed your Mothers Day. Mine was spent closed up in my house with all the windows closed and the volume on my tv set turned way up. What a difference from the weekend before when the wall was up. You should come out again so you can hear the difference. The majority of the time the dB level was way above 80 and sometimes up to 100. The percussive noise didn't just reflect once but on several occasions twice, sounding like an explosion. I had nowhere to go being a member of that high risk group.

It has been exactly 1 year that I first came to a BOS meeting to comment on the

excessive dB levels and the excessive use of ATC members club. And its been 2 1/2 years since I started working with the county and wrote my first complaint, which non have been responded to including my last one two weeks ago.

I was even told by your predecessor that the shot screen would fix everything and not to bring up the issue at a BOS meeting because there was nothing they could do. Which it seems is true. The BOS staff continues to do things the way they want not considering the effects of their actions or the outcomes on others.

I have been beyond patient. I almost sent you a thank you email after the March 9 BOS meeting, I thought we were finally getting heard and the county was going to do something.

The top portion of the shot screen was going to be removed, which helped the up range people, and staff was to determine if the remainder of the wall should be removed and look into the historic hours of operation at ATC, a report was due in 90 days from staff to the BOS.

No were was it discussed that the entire wall was to be removed leaving the downrange people exposed to higher levels of noise and reflective sounds then the uprange people had been experiencing since the wall went up.

Why may I ask is it OK for downrange people to experience this and not the people uprange? No one from the county has ever measured the downrange dB level or percussive reflective noise.

I understand that a permit was pulled for it. But was there no consideration as to the impact or transparency, like notification even if it's not required.

Does this mean that next week ATC will start shooting again 7 days a week because a determination was made by staff that it was ok. Aren't the people who have voiced a concern allowed to give input. I was assured by Steve Pedretti I would, but everything the county has told me has been smoke and mirrors.

Once again I quote from the Placer County Noise Ordinance Declaration "The people of placer county have a right to and should be ensured an environment free from unnecessary, offensive and excessive sound and vibration that may jeopardize their health or welfare or safety or degrade the quality of life. "

Mine is severally degraded.

Nancyjo

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