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Supervisor Angry –

At your Board meeting of November 17th, you will hear a case for a Special Use Permit for a drive-thru at the Ridgefield Village Retail Center. This SUP was brought to LOCCA/PELT several months ago and we support the applicant's request.

However, separate from the SUP application you will hear, there is a bigger issue we have been working on, in coordination with your office and the community in Ridgefield Village. That is pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety in and around this area. With the existing conditions (Earl Cunard Park Credit Union, and 307 households with children in Ridgefield Village, 69 households in Ridgefield Oaks), the addition of the Apollo project with 100 townhomes and now this new retail center and daycare center, we believe there is an urgent need to pursue safety measures – especially at the intersection where Ridgefield Village Drive has been extended – the entrance to Earl Cunard Park, the County Credit Union, the new proposed daycare center and the retail center. We would appreciate your assistance as we work through the issues.

At the October 21st Planning Commission Public Hearing on the SUP for the drive-thru. Commissioner Taylor made the friendly amendment to encourage all the parties (the PWC Credit Union, Ridgefield Village and other neighboring residents, LOCCA/PELT, Mr. Sherman Patrick, Mr. Richard Weinmann and/or Elizabeth Scullen, P.E. of the County's DOT) to have a discussion on traffic safety prior to the BOCS public hearing. Due to logistics difficulties of getting everyone together for the October 29th LOCCA PELT Committee meeting, we planning to have this dialogue at our November 19th LOCCA PELT meeting.

Vehicular traffic and pedestrian safety have been a long-standing concern since Lidl proposed building a facility on Ridgefield Village Drive. The resident's concerns on traffic safety were partially addressed when the Apollo project developer graciously stepped forward and offered off-site traffic safety proffers and road adjustments as a way to mitigate citizen concerns in this heavily trafficked area.

Just to reiterate, our wish is for the county to take a comprehensive, big picture look at traffic/pedestrian safety at the intersection, considering both current conditions and the future impact of traffic from:

- New Apollo Project townhomes and retail when fully occupied (including delivery trucks and self-storage vehicles);
- New Apollo Drive traffic exiting through Ridgefield Village Drive extension since left turn is now closed at Apollo/Hoadly;
- New traffic from Ridgefield Village Coffee Shop Drive-thru;
- Future traffic from completion of the Ridgefield Village project and build out of the remainder of the site (childcare center, restaurant, and dental office have been mentioned);

so that solutions can be long-term, strategic, and achievable, funding can be sourced, and improvements implemented.

Thank you very much
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Tom