Public Comment Received for:

**Item 2: 650 Rockwood Dr**

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650 Rockwood Drive Meeting  
April 11, 2022  
City of Santa Barbara  
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**Questions/Concerns/Issues:**

1. Water runoff and erosion from 650 Rockwood Drive Santa Barbara, CA 93103 to 706 Rockwood Drive Santa Barbara, CA 93103.

   In December of 2021, January 2022 and March 2022, we experienced several rain storms in Santa Barbara including in our neighborhood which encompasses the properties at 650 Rockwood Drive and 706 Rockwood Drive.

   When it rains, there is a tremendous amount of water runoff from 650 Rockwood Drive onto our property (which is on the west side of our property at 706 Rockwood Drive). This is due to the slopes and pitches of their land which angles toward our property. This is creating both flooding and erosion to our property and causing unknown underground damage. We have existing pavement, plants and trees (including California Oak) along the property line that receives excessive amounts of water runoff from 650 Rockwood Drive.

   **To completely halt the water runoff, a retaining wall which is both functional as well as aesthetically pleasing is required before any construction or permits for construction are issued. Additionally, a water collection reservoir on their property is needed.**

   What specific plans in their development project do they have to rectify this issue? Is a retaining wall along our joint property line in the development plans? Is a water collection reservoir in the development plans? And if not, we request that there is. The water runoff damages our property and property value as well as creating a dangerous situation.

2. The owners at 650 Rockwood Drive are proposing the maximum square footage (or near) allotted for building a home. Because of the severe issues outlined in item 1, it is not acceptable to maximize property size on their lot when it affects the water and erosion issues on our property. A retaining wall and water reservoir which will be required to protect our property needs to be incorporated into the overall development. We are against the development of the property size being proposed based on these issues.

3. We have had to bring in top soil/dirt in effort to shore up our property from further
damage; however that will not protect us from the runoff of 650 Rockwood Drive when the next rainfall happens.

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