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RE: Public Comment: City Council Resolution 2017-23, AB 17-201 Re: Vacate Duane Lane

I oppose the terms of the action to vacate Duane Lane in trade for a trail between Weaver Road and Sportsman Club Road. I ask the City Council not to approve the resolution or agreement to vacate Duane Lane as proposed.

While I do agree that this vacation should take place, I believe the City must use this as a negotiation point for discussions between Ohrts and the Wallace cottage developers, such that a joint access point for BOTH developments be created onto Madison Avenue.

While we live on Nakata, the issue, I believe, is NOT how this impacts Nakata, but how it impacts traffic on Grow avenue.

Grow is a secondary street, WITHOUT SIDEWALKS, yet this road is a main, if not the main pedestrian and bike access to the High School. As the students feed in from the side neighborhoods the bikes and pedestrian traffic is particularly heavy at the northern part of Grow, right where the Wallace cottage residents would enter and exit (Via Wallace) their homes. Not only does Grow NOT have sidewalks, the shoulder is very narrow, so both bikes and pedestrians are forced to walk very close to the cars. It is a somewhat unsafe situation now, which would only be worsened by this additional traffic.

The other solution, of course, is for the City to build sidewalks and bike lanes on Grow, to meet the demands.

All of us hope for safe travels, for all pedestrians and cyclists, but especially for the students attending our schools. Adding additional traffic from the Wallace Cottages, increases those risks. The City now has the opportunity to attempt to improve safety for our students, by encouraging agreements between these two developers to move the traffic to Madison, the main traffic corridor.

Thank you for considering our thoughts,

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