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Hello, please share this with the City Council as a written public comment.

Dear Mayor and City Council representatives,

I am writing to you about the PIPS project resolution on the Consent Calendar for February 24. As residents of the Riverfront neighborhood near Caulfield/Hopper, we request you to please ensure that the City Clerk and whoever is planning to do the construction understands that Hopper/Caulfield is the ***only entry and exit access route, for daily use and also for emergency evacuation purposes***, for our neighborhood and for guests of the Courtyard Marriott local business.

We need the City Council to ensure that the City Planning Team and the construction team, such as construction vehicles and activity, do not block the only entry into / out of our neighborhood along Hopper/Caulfield.

Here is our request as you go through this approval process:

- What is the plan to ensure that our only entry/exit along Caulfield / Hopper will never be blocked?
- Will a secondary access/exit be created? How will any emergency evacuation be handled if necessary during the construction period?
- When are these projects expected to start and end? How will the neighborhood be notified of any impact? How can we ensure that some construction rules are put in place given that there are residences within a few hundred feet?

Please consider the following solutions -

- The city planning team should ensure secondary entry/exit or guarantee no blockage/delays at Caulfield at any time for regular traffic and pedestrians.
- Builders should send out notifications + put up signage well in advance of construction.

- The city planning team should ensure that there are construction rules codified and in place for Code Enforcement given the proximity of residences, to minimize impact to our quality of life (*e.g. post-8am weekday and post-9am Saturday start times, reasonable 5pm end times, no large construction vehicle transit through neighborhood, no blockage of Caulfield Rd, etc*)
- Builders/construction crews should be held accountable rather than leaving it up to Riverfront residents to reactively report issues.

Thanks,
Ashmi C (Riverfront neighborhood, Petaluma)