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## LOOKS LIKE “HARMONY” IS GOING AWAY!

On Wednesday, August 8, the Highland City Council met to vote on whether to rescind (un-approve) the project approvals it had granted in the past, because of Judge Alvarez’ decision on the CEQA (environmental) issues in the project. The staff had recommended the vote and the Council voted to repeal the land use entitlements, and invalidate two ordinances which were subject to the Referendum scheduled for November, effectively cancelling the need for the Referendum.

Several speakers had submitted comments, asking to speak. None was in favor of the project, although some had differing ideas as to how to deal with the land after the project was cancelled. Among the speakers were Bruce Bailey, an engineer who reminded the Council of the Lockheed contamination so close by, and Steve Rogers, who stated that the tract map would have to be recorded in order to implement the changes.

Dr. Frantz (sp?) suggested using it as a mitigation land bank, where developers could purchase acreage from that area in order to comply with the requirement to designate open land when developing other open land into tracts. [Ed.’s note: as we reported before, some of the land designated for projects located here is in *Kern County* – think Bakersfield!] He further stated that federal and state officials are in agreement with the idea, whereby Orange County – who owns the land – could recoup the full amount of their investment.

The City Council had already moved and seconded and they did not amend to include that option.

Another speaker was Anthony Serrano, who provided a history of the project before LAFCO and suggested the zoning be the same as it was in March 2000. His documents were on the City Council’s website and the entire hearing’s audio is available on [www.ci.Highland.ca.us/MinutesAgendas](http://www.ci.Highland.ca.us/MinutesAgendas). Click on “City Council” and “Minutes” and scroll down to the date to hear what was said.

*OP-ED*

MM apologizes for the misspelling of the Doctor's name in the article, if it is incorrect: we listened to the audio, which was not always clear and of varying decibel levels. And, there were no letters asking for comments published on the City Council's website, although the agenda was available on it in advance.

MM is cautiously optimistic about the project being history (remember it was there under another name in the past). MM also thinks the "land bank" idea is excellent. Another idea would be – and forgive us if we repeat ourselves – purchase by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust.

Again, we owe a great deal of thanks to Wendy Rea and her mother, without whom we might well be looking at the destruction of the Boulevard in the next year. If you can help with legal fees, please do so on their GoFundMe site. Personally, we think rich Orange County and the developer, "Greenspot LCD" (aka Lewis Homes) should foot the bill!

MM has a question about Tom Dodson's environmental opinions: obviously he is well thought of because "everyone" hires him but why does he *always* rubber-stamp the project, stating "no impact on the environment" - even when there is serious ground contamination, as in the (stalled) project next to the Zanja on Wabash at Sylvan?

Now to go after Redlands for its greedy takeover!  
The Publisher.

**WE GET E-MAILS!**

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR MENTONE MATTERS ARTICLES. VERY INFORMATIVE. WILBUR COMPLIMENTED YOUR ARTICLE AND SAID WAS VERY WELL WRITTEN. WE APPRECIATE YOUR ENDEAVOURS. SINCERELY, JUNE PURVIS" *Thank you, June and Wilbur. Don't know which article you are referring to – most have been written in haste lately because of the fast-breaking news but thank you very much for your encouragement. MM*

"Thank you for the newsletter. Very informative and I will spread the word about Tom's Burgers protest. Kelly K"  
*You are most welcome. This is what we exist for. MM*

Great job! George

*Probably everyone on the mailing list that day got this but we'll include it anyway, for those who didn't. MM intends to make a big difference in the community; it's what we think is necessary to save where we chose to live - not Redlands!*

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**COMING EVENTS:**

Protest against Redlands' pending takeover of Mentone: August 9, 10, 11, 9 a.m. to noon, for several weeks thereafter. Shade, water and signs will be provided.

**MACA:** Second Tuesday of the month, Mill Creek Cattle Company and Diamond Jim's Saloon, 6:30 p.m.,

**Coming events:** Weeklong celebration planned in 2019. **Chili Cookoff, September 29 on Wabash, across from Stater's (where the Mentone Days was held);** Thanksgiving parade. Film festival in a tent: date TBA.

**C.O.M.E.T./CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Meetings: last Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at Rocky Point Fellowship in the back meeting room.

**ORGANIZATIONS MEETING LOCALLY\*:**

(Religious organizations meet on Sundays unless otherwise noted)

Rocky Point Fellowship

2116 Mentone Blvd.,  
Mentone, 92359

Avodah Fellowship (Friday nights)  
Rocky Point Fellowship (in the fellowship hall)  
2116 Mentone Blvd.,  
Mentone, CA 92359

Congregational Church UCC  
1205 Beryl Ave,  
Mentone, CA · (909) 794-2893

Sandals Church East Valley  
1325 Amethyst Ave.,  
Mentone, CA

Faith Chapel  
1259 Agate Ave.,  
Mentone, CA 909-863-8145

Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Mentone (English and Spanish) (Saturdays 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.)  
1230 Olivine Ave.,  
Mentone, CA 909-794-1610

Mentone Indonesian-American Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
1331 Turquoise Ave.,  
Mentone, CA 909-799-3521

New Life Christian Women's Luncheon @ Mill Creek Cattle Co.,  
1874 Mentone Blvd., First Wednesday each month, 10-2  
Mentone, CA

Republican Committee Tea Party  
Mill Creek Cattle Co., 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
1874 Mentone Boulevard,  
Mentone, CA

COMET and Chamber of Commerce: Rocky Point Fellowship,  
2116 Mentone Boulevard, at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month.  
AA/NA Rocky Point Fellowship, Tuesdays

MACA: Mill Creek Cattle Co., in Diamond Jim's Saloon,  
1874 Mentone Blvd., second Tuesday of the month,  
Mentone, CA 909/389-0706

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GREENSPOT

According to their Facebook page, Judge Alvarez is expected to announce his decision sometime in July.

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DOWNTOWN MENTONE: