

## Laurie Swindell

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**From:** Laurie Swindell  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:05 AM  
**To:** Rose Espinoza; Jose Medrano; Jim Gomez; Tim Shaw (Tshaw@lahabraca.gov); Steve Simonian  
**Cc:** Breanna Hurt; Rhonda Barone; Jim Sadro; Robert Ferrier  
**Subject:** FW: 161 Hidden Lane - 4/19/2021 City Council Meeting  
**Attachments:** 20210307\_173245.jpg; IMG\_0782.jpg; 20210306\_192815.jpg; IMG\_0772001.jpg

Good Morning City Council,

Please see the Public Comment below and attached pictures from Jennifer Paraska for tonight's City Council meeting.

Regards,



### Laurie Swindell, CMC

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 4:33 PM

**To:** Rose Espinoza <[respinoza@lahabraca.gov](mailto:respinoza@lahabraca.gov)>; Jose Medrano <[jmedrano@lahabraca.gov](mailto:jmedrano@lahabraca.gov)>; Jim Gomez <[jgomez@lahabraca.gov](mailto:jgomez@lahabraca.gov)>; Tim Shaw <[tshaw@lahabraca.gov](mailto:tshaw@lahabraca.gov)>; Steve Simonian <[ssimonian@lahabraca.gov](mailto:ssimonian@lahabraca.gov)>; Andrew Ho <[andrewh@lahabraca.gov](mailto:andrewh@lahabraca.gov)>; Roy Ramsland <[RRamsland@lahabraca.gov](mailto:RRamsland@lahabraca.gov)>

**Subject:** Hidden Lane Council Meeting

To whom it may concern,

Attached are just a few of the photos that were presented to the Planning Commission to help representatives visualize the issue of the necessary turnaround spot missing in the developers Plot Plan. By completely removing this turnaround, and not providing another option, the developer is removing emergency, trash pick up, deliveries and utility services ability to turn around once entering our neighborhood, therefore cutting off access for them to access our properties, including preventing access to whomever would purchase the proposed future property. Hidden Lane is a dead end street and has an excess of more than 150 feet to the lot in question, requiring the current or a compatible turnaround area in place if a house were to be built. (503.2.5).

I believe there has been a huge misunderstanding as far as the assumption that the Fire Department has been out to the lot previously and then approved the plans. I do not believe any such approval was made, and a stamp approving hydrant location and ingress access is not enough to clarify that question. I personally met with Jonathan McKinley, the Fire Safety Route inspector for La Habra, and he had no knowledge of ever being out to the property prior to meeting with me that day, nor did he send anyone out previously. He said it would be impossible for a Fire truck to gain access to our homes without that turnaround and that L.A County Fire code would not approve plans doing such a thing. I strongly encourage this confusion to be clarified.

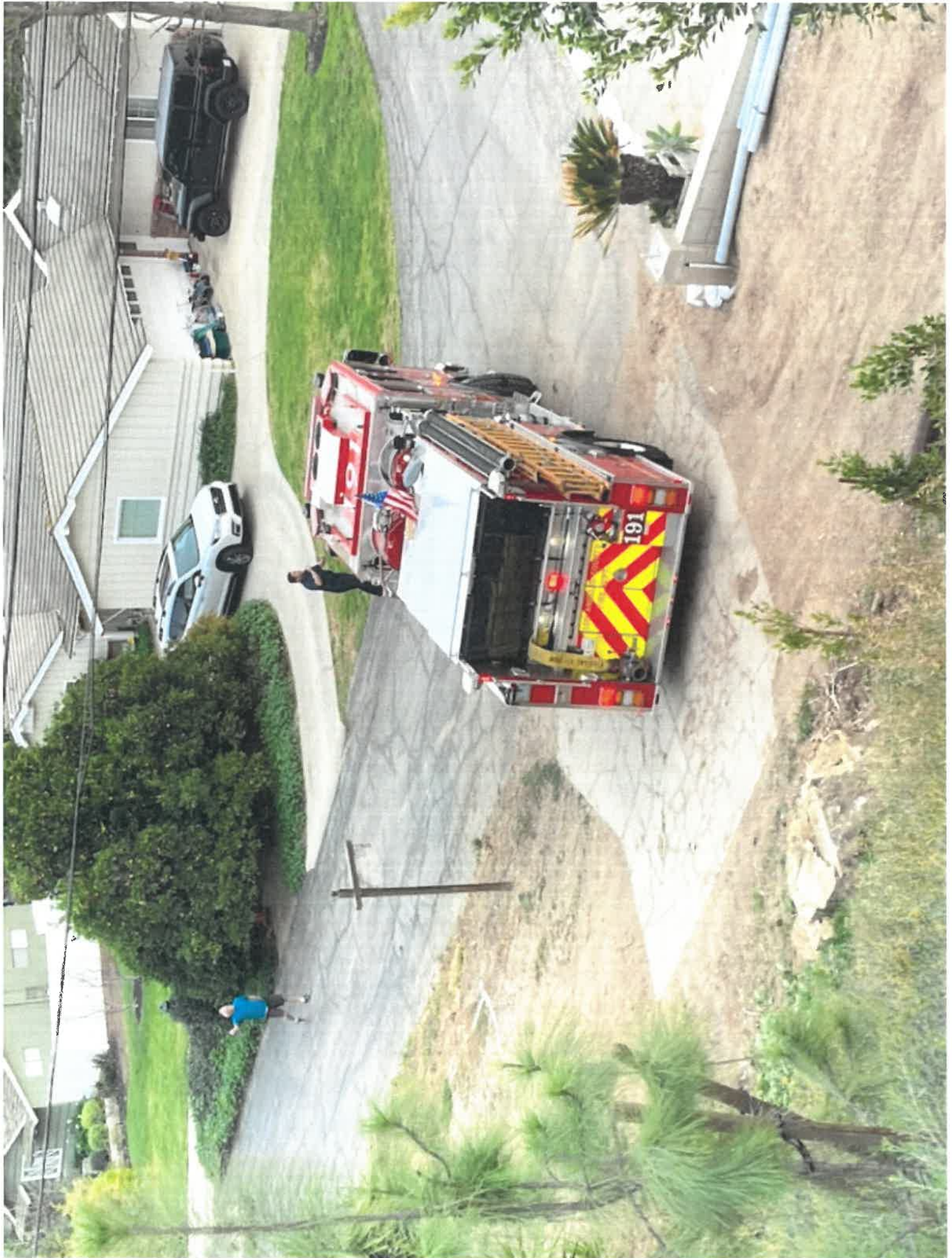
Being that Hidden Lane is only 20 feet wide, even less in certain areas, the entire lane is to be kept open for Fire Access. Approving a variance on such a small piece of land to build a home without room for any guest parking, would already cause a problem with the fire lane being blocked due to guests parking on the street. The plot plan also shows a guest room with no access to the main part of the house. With only a two car garage, that is already pushing parking to less than enough for even the residents of the house, forcing their guests to park out front, and block fire access. We have had the Fire Department called out to our street many times, where timing was crucial. An emergency vehicle not only doesn't have the ability to reverse out of our street (clarified by Mr. McKinley), or to then make two blind 90 degree turns in reverse, one uphill to just to get back out, wasting precious time for whomever was in need, endangering damage to fire vehicles and personal property. This does not even address the dangers of not having access if there were an actual fire! Removing the capability for necessary services to our neighborhood is going against every one of our safety and quality of life, as well as removing the trash company and utilities access that our taxes pay for. This extreme Variance should not be approved, since this build absolutely does not match the character of our neighborhood due to the lot size. Our established neighborhood is comprised of all large, single-story homes, with large green lots, ample parking and privacy, whereas the developer is proposing a two story that would tower over and encroach on the privacy to neighbors. Due to the dead end corner location of the lot, substandard lot size, and long term use/need of the turnaround, these Variances should not be approved. Hidden Lane street is maintained completely by residents. There is nothing in place that would require the builder to repair or replace damaged easement areas within our Lane. Variances are put in place for a reason, and can be beneficial in the right circumstances. Unfortunately, these Variances are not practical or beneficial to anyone on Hidden Lane, and would bring down our high home values due to the value of the small lot skewing the values of our large lot homes, and would endanger public safety. If you haven't been out to see the lot in person, I encourage you to come out and take a look, as it will put all of the above information in a better perspective. The gate code is 1950. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jenifer Paraska

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**Attachments:** HiddenLanePetition.pdf

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**Subject:** Hidden Lane Petition Attached

Hello Mayor and City Council,

Attached is a petition for your review.





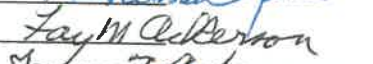


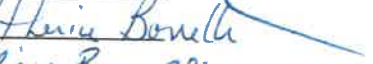

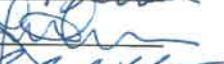
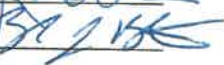



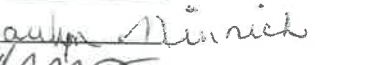
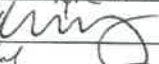



Thank you,

Jenifer Paraska

# Petition to La Habra City Council

I am signing this petition in support of the residents of Hidden Lane and surrounding areas in opposition to granting variances for construction of a house on the small parcel of property located at:

161. N Hidden Ln.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Joy Porter	120 Hidden Lane, La Habra	
Jen Parasaka	1330 N. Hidden Ln. La Habra	
Mike Parasaka	1330 N. Hidden Lane La Habra	
DONNA LAWSON	121 W HIDDEN LA HABRA CA	
Fay Ackerson	124 W Hidden La Habra	
JAMES Ackerson	124 W Hidden Lane La Habra	
TOM MINNICHT	1420 N HIDDEN LAUNE HT	
Katherine Borrelli	1410 N. Hidden Ln, La Habra	
BILL BORRELLI	1410 N. HIDDEN LN, LA HABRA	
Leticia Baker	180 W. Hidden Ln. La Habra	
Errol Baker	180 W. Hidden Ln, La Habra	
Allina Baker	180 W. Hidden Ln. La Habra	
PATRICIA CARVER	141 W. HIDDEN LN, LA HABRA	
RICHARD E. CARVER	141 W. HIDDEN LN. LA HABRA	
Marilyn Minnich	1420 N Hidden Lane La Habra	
Ray Fernandez	1400 N. Hidden Ln La Habra	
Krista Fernandez	1400 N. Hidden Ln La Habra	
Peter Chen	150 W. Hidden La Habra	
Charlene Cannon	1421 N. Euclid St, La Habra	

Name	Address	Signature
Phyllis DeSio	240 Olinda Ave La Habra	Phyllis DeSio
Irene Darnett	301 La Serna Dr. La Habra	Irene Darnett
Connie Gipple	114 W. Hidden Lake Habra	Connie Gipple
MARK GIPPLE	114 W. HIDDEN W. LA HABRA	Mark Gipple
Sherree Milhous	150 W. Hillside Dr. La Habra	Sherree Milhous
John Milhous	11	John Milhous
Kyle Shubin	1325 N Euclid St	Kyle Shubin
Leah Shubin	1325 N Euclid St	Leah Shubin
David Portnof	1325 N Euclid St	David Portnof
Anthony Tstod	227 W. Hillside Dr.	Anthony Tstod
Alejandra Tatad	227 W. Hillside Dr	Alejandra Tatad
JOHN SALZMAN	200 OLINDA	John Salzman
Kevin Davis	300 Olinda	Kevin Davis
Patricia K. Davis	300 Olinda	Patricia K. Davis

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**From:** Blash Momeny <blash@aidgent.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 5:13 PM  
**To:** Laurie Swindell; David Lopez  
**Subject:** FW: City Council request  
**Attachments:** La Habra City Council.docx

FYI,  
For our tonight

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**From:** Max Ahmadi [mailto:maxahmadi@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 5:09 PM  
**To:** Blash Momeny  
**Subject:** City Council request

Statement to the City Council Cit of La Habra

Regarding allowable speaking time for public hearing Items.

Variance 20-01-

20-02

**Honorable Mayor and Council Members:**

My name Max Ahmadi consultant for Mr. Blash Momeny

Applicant.

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Planning Commission allows only 3- minutes speaking time for those who are for or against a project.

Applicants and the City staff are equal parties in presenting a project in front of the City Council. They should be affordable similar time/oppurunity.

The City Council by definition is body of judges (determining all facts and evidence and rendering judgment of approval or denial).

Limiting the applicant to only 3- minutes (same as opponents) denies applicant to fairly present of address all issues.

I request the City Council the following

1. Permit applicant a minimum of 10- minutes to present and defend the proposal.
2. Permit adequate time to "REBUTELL" all issues raised by opponent/staff or council members.

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Sincerely

Max Ahmadi                      Consultant

Blash Momeny                Owner