

In case you haven't already read and written your note, a reminder:

UPDATE ON OUR DEAD END STREETS:

Stephanie Farmer, who is the new planner in charge of Santana West and the Pulte Homes project would like our neighborhood to weigh in on the dead end streets. She currently has nothing in writing from the neighborhood asking for the streets to be closed. I do know that we have written to the city before, but this correspondence has not made its way to this project manager. We need to inundate her with letters. Please send as many as you would like from each household and make sure that your neighbors do the same. I have included the email address for Stephanie Farmer, plus a sample letter that you can use, modify or simply write your own.

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Dear Planning Department,

This letter is in reference to the proposed development project by Pulte Homes on the Winchester Ranch Mobile home site, located behind the Winchester Mystery House. I live in the Winchester Orchard area which surrounds this site.

The Winchester Orchard neighborhood is an older, well established area with single family homes and quiet streets. We have a large percentage of residents who have young children, mixed with residents who have been here for 30 years or more. As we are surrounded by Winchester Blvd., Stevens Creek Blvd and San Tomas Expressway, our streets offer a small refuge from the highly trafficked area in which we live. Our streets simply were not designed to handle large quantities of traffic. Nor does this fit with single family homes.

I am requesting that you do not open Maplewood Ave., Rosewood Ave., Henry Ave., Olsen Ave., or Kirkwood Drive to vehicular traffic, where they currently dead end into the mobile home park. I am happy to have bicycle and pedestrian openings at these places, as this will ensure that the established neighborhood and the new homes will be able to integrate. This will also make for a much safer neighborhood, as people who walk and bike will not have to go out to Stevens Creek to do so.

Please include this letter as the Planning Department moves forward with the draft EIR for the Pulte project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Winchester Orchard Neighborhood Association