

From: Mandar Raje [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 2:27 PM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>; Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>; Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>; Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Cole Elementary School - What is pending with the City?

Dear Tracy City Mayor, Mayor pro tem & Councilmembers,

We received a letter from Sam Serpa, President Surland group, singling out City Attorney for delays in the construction of Cole Elementary School in Ellis.

With the memories of all the saga around Aquatic Park IOD of 16 acres of land still fresh, i am tempted to disregard the letter. However, this still points to the fact that this matter lacks clarity from the City. It is easier to blame City and distribute the ownership of various items to Woodside, Lennar, Shell, and of course inaction by City when there is no concrete update coming from City about the approvals.

Creation of Detention Basin by Woodside - Is it pending any approval from City?
Storm drain connection to ultimate basin - Is it pending any approval from City?
Filling the temporary detention basin by Lennar - Is it pending any approval from City?

I am assuming Surland wants to tie one or more of these pending items to getting more land, more RGAs, any other approvals they need for Avenues (just like you know, Aquatic center). I would also like to request that School related items be separated from any other Avenues matter since the Ellis community alone has reached the required number of residents for school construction. And that no additional approvals be given on Avenues until all the parties commit to expediting the ever-delayed School construction.

So, to add to the list,

Are there matters from Surland that are tied with School and hence pending approval from city?

Requesting all of you, a reply / statement from City to bring visibility into the matter,

Thank you,
Mandar Raje
Resident, Ellis Community

Letter from Sam Serpa, enclosed below.

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Regards,

Sam Serpa Vice President – Surland Companies

From: sunil mareddy [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 10:16 AM

To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>; Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>; Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>; Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Delay of Elementary School in Ellis

Honourable Council Members,

I am writing this with the regret of buying a house here in Ellis with all false promises, earlier with Aquatic Park and now with the School. I bought a house here with the hope of sending my 2 young kids to the school close to my place, now i don't see that happening anytime soon. I request the city to take immediate action and help the community in any way possible by holding surland accountable for all the delays.

There is a letter circulating from surland that they want to get their next community Avenues to get approved by abandoning the existing homeowners, I request you to please take immediate action to stop all approvals until they prioritize the promises they made.

Thank you,
Sunil

From: Rohit Reddy [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2023 12:28 PM

To: Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>; Eleassia

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Subject: Ellis School - Dont link school with other projects

Hello Council members,

We recently received an email from Ellis POA on behalf of Surland that states Tracy city has been holding off permits for Ellis school and the hold that was mentioned was due to an approval for the Avenues section of the development. On top of that the email was also focused on three members of the council only. This is a very disappointing behaviour from the master builder to further their personal objectives.

My humble request to **all FIVE of you (not THREE not TWO. ALL FIVE)**. Please put your priorities towards the residents of Tracy and keep Avenues and School at Ellis separate. Do not tie these two together and thereby delay the school construction, which is a necessity now for all the kids in Ellis. Do not make the future of our kids a propaganda item and have the school district and master builder take the responsibility for their actions.

Thanks,
Rohit.

From: divya m [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 7:29 PM
To: Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>; Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>; Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>; Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Ellis School is Priority - Stop Avenues final map Approvals

Hi,

I trust this message finds you in good health. My name is Divya, and I am a resident of Woodside Homes, Ellis, Tracy, CA. I am writing with profound concern and unwavering commitment to the welfare of our community, particularly our cherished children.

I wish to express my vehement opposition to the approval of the Avenues' final map without an unequivocal assurance of the timely completion of the school project. Our city's future, and the educational prospects of our residents, hinges on this pivotal decision.

I earnestly implore the esteemed members of the city council or planning commission to postpone the endorsement of the Avenues' final map until we are provided with concrete, irrefutable guarantees regarding the school project's completion. This proactive step is essential to safeguard the educational well-being of our community and to preempt any potential adverse repercussions. It is disheartening to note that the school project has encountered persistent delays year after year.

I deeply appreciate the diligence and dedication you bring to your roles, shaping the destiny of our city and the lives of its inhabitants. I am eager to participate in any forthcoming meetings or avenues for public input related to this matter. Your insights and a collaborative discourse would be invaluable in addressing the pressing concerns at hand.

I extend my sincere gratitude for your invaluable time and thoughtful consideration. Together, we can ensure a brighter future for our city and its future generations.

Warm regards,
Divya
Ellis Resident

From: Ashish Singh [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 1:14 PM

To: Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>; Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>; Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>; Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Ellis School Priority - Stop Avenues' final map

Hello Mayor and City Council Members,

I learned from an email sent out by the property management company, about the delay of School amenities in Ellis Community. The letters are attached for your reference.

Both the attached letters are not physically signed or e-signed and Surland's letter is on white paper without any signature, so intent and authenticity is a questions about the letter.

After reading the content, it sounds like, the city doesn't care about the amenities and progress promised by the developer for the residents of Tracy. With more carefully reading the letters, it sounds like that city is holding all the developmental approvals, which is very odd as the city mayor and council members have to listen to residents of Tracy as they are elected by them only.

Would like to understand what process and on which platform, I can raise my voice to get detailed black-and-white answers about the delays and who is accountable party with the amenities being developed and provided for the residents of Ellis Tracy.

Jefferson school district is a government body and their letter indicates that the city is not approving and 3rd party builders like Lennar and Woodside are responsible we don't see these builders anymore in the Ellis community as their projects are over, in that case under which legal bonding Jefferson is taking there names for the delay caused, ultimately Surland who promised the amenities should be held accountable and responsible for any kinds of delay caused by not furnishing the land as school ready to Jefferson District.

Please help...

Note:

My understanding is that the school and other promised amenities the developer should be providing and it's not the responsibility of the residents to run around behind 3rd party to get details and dig about the delays.

Thanks & Regards

Ashish Singh

Responsible Ellsi Tracy Resident

From: Vijaykumar Nagarajan [REDACTED]

Date: September 1, 2023 at 1:12:59 PM PDT

To: Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>, Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>, Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Ellis School is priority - STOP AVENUES FINAL MAP APPROVAL

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Hope all is well at your end.

It's been 3 years since we moved to ellis community with builders selling point being school for the ellis residents.

It's now 4th year, we don't see anything being auctioned.

Please stop any approvals for these builders unless there are official action item on the promised school happens.

School is very very important for the ellis residents and we honestly believe that the community deserves and this is one of the main reason we moved to tracy Ellis.

We trust you all that you would make everything in your power to have this school a reality sooner before our kids leave the city.

Thanks once again and please stop any approvals for these builders until they full fill what they promised.

Thanks,

Vijay.

From: Sriharsha Ayinala [REDACTED]

Date: September 1, 2023 at 1:17:39 PM PDT

To: Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>, Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>, Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Ellis School is Priority - Stop Avenues' final map Approvals

Dear Mayor and council members,

I am writing to express my concern about the recent emails sent to homeowners by Jefferson school district and Surland development regarding the Ellis School. The email mentioned the city attorney's failure to approve the simple administrative matter for storm drain connection, which delayed the school project years.

I am not supporting everything mentioned in the document but we are curious to hear from the council members' explanation on these delays and how you can help move this school project forward.

Also Surland is trying to build a new project named `Avenues` and I want to request you to hold Surland accountable for the misinformation on the Ellis projects and any delays they caused by not granting approvals until the current promises are fulfilled.

Please consider the Ellis school as a high priority and help pull this to the next council meeting, clarify the homeowners of Ellis and people of Tracy about what the city is doing.

From: Praveen K Bandari [REDACTED] >

Date: September 1, 2023 at 1:59:57 PM PDT

To: Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>, Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>, Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Ellis School is Priority - Stop Avenues' final map Approvals

Dear Tracy City Council Members,

I am writing this email with deep respect for the Tracy City Council, trusting that the council prioritizes the welfare of its citizens and provides the necessary amenities for our future generations. Currently, residents of Ellis face a significant challenge in transporting their children to schools located 5-8 miles away from our community due to the absence of a nearby school. When I purchased my home, I anticipated that a school would be established in 2024, as indicated by the builder, Landsea. However, it now appears that this timeline has been delayed until 2027. This delay has caused great frustration for parents who must plan daily commutes and for children who endure approximately 60 minutes of travel each day. The lack of proper school transportation only exacerbates this challenging situation.

I have received emails from Surland, the master builder, and Jefferson, both mentioning the delay in school construction, now extended to 2027. Attached the letters for reference.

The email from Surland gives the impression that they are deflecting responsibility for the school project delay, despite being the master developers of our community. They are attempting to shift blame onto Lennar, Woodside, or Landsea. However, it is their third-party vendor who has failed to meet their obligations.

Surland's primary objective seems to be securing the city's approval for the Avenues' final map, and they appear willing to go to great lengths to achieve this goal. Unfortunately, they appear unconcerned about the impact of this delay on homeowners who rely on the school, resorting to emotional manipulation to further their agenda.

The final sentence of the email is particularly significant, as it exposes Surland's true intentions. They are not seeking homeowners' support for the school project but rather their approval for the Avenues' final map.

I earnestly request that all of you prioritize the needs of citizens and future generations by ensuring that essential amenities are provided first. Please consider urging Surland to complete the school construction before granting approval for the Avenues.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Praveen Bandari

From: Naga Bilwanth <[REDACTED]>

Date: September 1, 2023 at 1:44:43 PM PDT

To: Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>, Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>, Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>, [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Ellis school issue

Hi Tracy City Council and Jefferson school district,

We received the email below from Ellis' development team by expressing their concerns and delay in school construction. Before this email, we were in a perception everything is going as planned and need to wait to see the progress. After seeing this email, we lost hope on improvement doing to Ellis community. Last 10 days back we have seen similar panic for the approval of Water park, now school which is a basic amenity required for any community. Not sure if it's false advertising by builders given to house owners or it's a planning issue.

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Thank you in advance and consideration of my request.

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Regards,

Sam Serpa
Vice President – Surland Companies

From: PV Narasimham [REDACTED] >

Date: September 1, 2023 at 10:53:12 AM PDT

To: Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>, Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>, Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Ellis School Priority - Stop Avenues' final map until Surland finishes School Site work !!!

Respected Council Members,

I am living(owned a property) in a Ellis community. Our kids are going to other schools which is really tough. We are looking forward to Ellis School's approval. But we got an email that the School will be delayed to 2027.

Looks like Surland has pending work which causes the School delay. But Surland sent an email that the City's attorney made a delay.

Am expressing my opposition to approving the Avenues' final map without a guarantee of the school project's timely completion.

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- Thank you,
Venkata Peetla
Software Architect
[REDACTED]

From: Veera Reddy [REDACTED]

Date: September 1, 2023 at 10:51:41 AM PDT

To: Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>, Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>, Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>, Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Ellis School Priority - stop Avenues final map

Hello,

This email is to express my concern with respect to delay in school construction and it's completion date. Looks like Surlands objective is to get Avenues final map approved and not concerned on school in Ellis. So request you to consider the school as the priority over the Avuneues final map approval.

Thanks,

Veera Reddy Nandikanti

From: prabhakara R <[REDACTED]>

Date: September 1, 2023 at 11:15:10 AM PDT

To: Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>, Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>, Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Ellis School

Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of ELLIS in Tracy. Recently, I have received an email from both the school district and the homeowners' association concerning a delay in the construction of our community's school. I am deeply

concerned about the status of the school project. According to the letter I received, the master builder, Surland, is attributing the delay to issues with city approval. This communication has stirred confusion and unrest within our community regarding the school's progress.

I kindly request that you collaborate with the builder and provide the residents with an update on the school's status. It might be beneficial for the city and Surland to prioritize resolving the school delay before proceeding with the avenues plan.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Regards,
Prabhakar

From: ashish shrivastava <[REDACTED]>

Date: September 1, 2023 at 1:23:23 PM PDT

To: [REDACTED], Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>, Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>, Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>, Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>, [REDACTED]

Subject: Sub - For Ellis School - Keep City Informed

Dear Jefferson School District,

I am writing to express my concern about the recent email you sent to homeowners regarding the proposed Surland development. I am disappointed that you did not reach out to the City Manager before sending this email. As a result, many homeowners are feeling confused and misled.

I understand that you are working with Surland on this project, but it is important to keep everyone in the loop. The City Manager who works for the city's elected officials and who represents the interests of the homeowners, should be given the opportunity to share their views on this development.

I urge you to reach out to the City Manager and ask them to share their information with the homeowners. This will help to ensure that everyone is on the same page and that the best interests of the community are being served.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Regards Ashish Shrivastava
Ellis Community

Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to approving the Avenues' final map without a guarantee of the school project's timely completion.

I am a parent of two children who will be attending the new school when it opens. I am concerned that if the project is not completed on time, my children will have to attend overcrowded schools or be bused to schools outside of our neighborhood.

I understand that there are challenges to completing the project on time. However, we were promised by the builder that School will be open by 2023/2024.

I urge you to delay approving the final map until you can guarantee that the school will be completed on time. This is a critical investment in our community, and we cannot afford to delay it any further.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Swamy Sadashivaiah

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Member Mateo Bedolla,

I am the homeowner of Ellis, Tracy. Surland the master developer got 900 house approvals and they are almost built and we still don't have school for Ellis. School District and Surland sent us emails stating for various reasons, the school is postponed to 2027, I doubt that will happen unless as the Council member of the city, kindly act on it and do the needful. Avenues can wait but not the school. Please put this item on the coming meeting agenda. Please understand the parents' and kids' agony and please work with the School District and master developer; clear any pending items from the city and let's build Ellis School.

Thanks
Bhaskar

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to request that you move the discussion of the Franklyn E. Cole Elementary School construction delays to August 2027 at Ellis to the agenda for the September 5th City Council meeting.

As you know, the construction of Franklyn E. Cole Elementary School was originally scheduled to be completed and opened in August 2026. However, due to unforeseen delays, the school is now not expected to be completed until August 2027. This is a significant delay, and it is causing a lot of anxiety for the families who are expecting to send their children to this school.

I believe that it is important for the City Council to discuss this issue with the public as soon as possible. The September 5th City Council meeting is the next regularly scheduled meeting, and it would be a good opportunity to have this discussion.

I urge you to consider my request and move the discussion of the Franklyn E. Cole Elementary School construction delays at Ellis to the agenda for the September 5th City Council meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sudheer Varma Rudraraju
Resident of Ellis, Tracy

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Regards,

Sam Serpa
Vice President – Surland Companies

Hi,

Why is the city attorney council not approving the school storm drain connection. This has been put in her office in Mar 2023. It's been six months since. This has delayed the school opening by a year now atleast to 2027.

If there are other conditions with the builder Surland which the school is tied up with, I strongly urge you to unlink deals with school - moving the basin. It's high time the council gets their act right.

If you cannot get Surland to unlink the deal, take ownership of previous councils misdeeds in giving all deals to Surland previously without completing their city infrastructure in, and move the basin yourself. DO NOT LEAVE THE SCHOOL IN A LIMBO WITHOUT A COURSE OF ACTION.

It's dejavu with aquatic park all over again, and we do not want the Ellis school also stuck as another of those city pearls that takes generations to fight.

I sincerely urge council members to add this to your agenda meeting on 9/5.
Ajay Yvs

Greetings Council Members,

What is the delay for School in Ellis community ?

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Thanks!
RR

From: Vinaykumar Pudari <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 9:18 AM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Urgent: Franklyn E. Cole Elementary School Delay

Hi ,

I hope this message finds you well. We wanted to express our deep concern regarding the delay in the approval process for the Franklyn E. Cole Elementary School in our community.

When we made the decision to purchase our home here, one of the key factors was the proximity to this school, with the hope that our children would attend it. The ongoing delay is causing significant worry and uncertainty for us as parents.

We kindly request your immediate attention and action to expedite the approval process for the school construction, as this delay is affecting not only our family but also the entire community.

Thank you for your understanding and prompt attention to this matter.

Here is the announcement we received from the builder, which informs all of our residents that the school delay is attributed to the City of Tracy.

From: Rahul Reddy <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2023 9:14 PM

To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>

Cc: Dan Evans <dan.evans@cityoftracy.org>; Dan Arriola <Dan.Arriola@cityoftracy.org>; Eleassia Davis <eleassia.davis@cityoftracy.org>; Mateo Bedolla <mateo.bedolla@cityoftracy.org>; Nancy Young <Nancy.Young@cityoftracy.org>

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From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2023 9:11 AM

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Subject: Ellis School Construction is Priority

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From: Ellis POA <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 30 August 2023 15:54
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ellis POA – School Construction Update

Ellis POA Bulletin

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Dear Ellis POA Homeowners,

Kindly take a moment to review the attached notice, which provides an update regarding the current status of building developments and a potential delay in the construction of the school.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Bay Area Property Services
Ellis Property Owners Association
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From: Manoj Upadhyay <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Ellis School Priority - Stop Avenues' final map
Hello Mayor and City Council Members,

I learned from an email sent out by the property management company, about the delay of School amenities in Ellis Community. The letters are attached for your reference.

Both the attached letters are not physically signed or e-signed and Surland's letter is on white paper without any signature, so intent and authenticity is a questions about the letter.

After reading the content, it sounds like, the city doesn't care about the amenities and progress promised by the developer for the residents of Tracy. With more carefully reading the letters, it sounds like that city is holding all the developmental approvals, which is very odd as the city mayor and council members have to listen to residents of Tracy as they are elected by them only.

Would like to understand what process and on which platform, I can raise my voice to get detailed black-and-white answers about the delays and who is accountable party with the amenities being developed and provided for the residents of Ellis Tracy.

Jefferson school district is a government body and their letter indicates that the city is not approving and 3rd party builders like Lennar and Woodside are responsible we don't see these builders anymore in the Ellis community as their projects are over, in that case under which legal bonding Jefferson is taking there names for the delay caused, ultimately Surland who promised the amenities should be held accountable and responsible for any kinds of delay caused by not furnishing the land as school ready to Jefferson District.

Please help...

Note:

My understanding is that the school and other promised amenities the developer should be providing and it's not the responsibility of the residents to run around behind 3rd party to get details and dig about the delays.

Thanks & Regards

Manoj Upadhyay
Responsible Ellsi Tracy Resident

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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Ellis POA – School Construction Update

Dear Ellis residents:

Because of inaction from the Tracy City Attorney, the new Franklyn E. Cole elementary school will be delayed.

City Attorney Bijal M. Patel has failed to approve a simple administrative matter for a storm drain connection to the school site and the neighborhood. This procedure was put in the hands of her office in March and delayed until August and is now again delayed by her office's inaction until September or even later.

We do not know when the storm drain pipe will get approved. Until this simply matter gets an OK from the city attorney, the entire project will be postponed.

We are deeply disappointed by the failures of the city attorney. We trust that you, too, are frustrated by her inaction and inability to read, review, and process straightforward administrative matters. The Jefferson School District and Surland have worked together to do everything possible to move this school to construction. However, the failure of the three council members to manage the City Attorney is responsible for these delays. At this point we cannot even confirm that someone in the City Attorney's office has looked at the application since June.

Please help let the city council know that the city attorney's failures are holding up school children, impacting education, harming parents and our community. Contact the following city councilmembers who have supported City Attorney Patel and let them know you want action to approve the storm drain pipe so that this school can be built:

- Eleassia Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
- Dan Evans, Councilman
- Mateo Bedolla, Councilman

You can write all three of them at this single email address: tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org. Please ask them to do all they can to get the City Attorney to schedule the Avenues Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreement (SIA) for the September 5th City Council Meeting.

Regards,

Sam Serpa
Vice President – Surland Companies



August 24, 2023

Dear Residents of the Ellis Community:

Last year in October I sent a letter to the Ellis Community detailing the milestones necessary for Franklyn Cole Elementary School to start construction. Many of the milestones that need to take place are outside the control of the school district and continue to be delayed. The Jefferson School District continues to work with the developer, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Shell Corporation, and PJHM Architects to move the site approval process forward for the school site planned in the Ellis Development. In the meantime, students will be educated in the existing schools in our district. While students from Ellis will not attend Corral Hollow Elementary School when it opens in August 2024, the opening of the new school will create more space at the other four schools in the district. Based upon current information, the earliest Franklyn Cole Elementary School will open is August 2027.

Milestones Needed to Move the Project Forward as of October 2022/Updated as of August 2023

1. ~~December 31, 2022~~/Updated to April 2024 – Woodside Homes needs to complete the new detention basin for the Ellis subdivision north of Valpico Rd. This is subject to the City of Tracy providing all needed approvals in a timely manner to start and complete construction. Construction of the Ultimate Basin north of Valpico Rd. is estimated to be completed April 2024 subject to weather.
2. ~~June 30, 2023~~/Updated to April 2024 – Lennar needs to fill in the temporary detention basin that is currently on the school site. The improvement plans for the Avenues which include the storm drain connection to the Ultimate Basin were approved by the City in February 2023. The City has delayed placement on the Council agenda multiple times this year, and more recently pulled this item from the August 15th Council agenda. If the plans are approved by Council in September, the connection to make the basin operational may be completed April 2024 subject to weather. Lennar can fill in the temporary basin immediately after.
3. ~~June 30, 2023~~/Updated to March 2024 – Shell Corporation needs to complete its Remedial Action Plan and have the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) issue a No Further Action (NFA) letter. Shell has awarded the contract for the Remedial Action Plan work and is expected to complete excavations in November 2023. The request for NFA (No Further Action) confirmation from CVRWQCB will be completed by December 2023. Estimated receipt of NFA is March 2024.
4. ~~August 31, 2023~~/Updated to July 2024 – District consultants will complete soil testing and prepare the Geotechnical Report. Pending progress on items # 1-3, this will be delayed at least until July 2024.

5. ~~December 31, 2023~~/**Updated to September 2024** – Jefferson School District will submit all the final documents for California Department of Education approval of the school site pending progress on items #1-4.
6. ~~January 31, 2024~~/**Updated to January 2025** – PJHM Architects will submit final school plans to the Division of State Architects for approval. They have the plans completed, but all of the structural drawings are awaiting the Geotechnical Report expected by January 2025, pending progress on items #1-5.
7. ~~August 31, 2024~~/**Updated to March 2025** – Jefferson School District will advertise for school construction bids pending progress on items #1-6.
8. ~~October 15, 2024~~/**Updated to August 2025** – The Jefferson School District Board will approve the construction project and school construction will begin pending progress on items #1-7.
9. ~~August 2026~~/**Updated to August 2027** – Franklyn Cole Elementary School is expected to open pending progress on items #1-8.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates as needed.

Sincerely,

James W. Bridges

Superintendent