SAFE Moraga

Safety Around Fire Evacuation for Moraga

Prioritize Public Safety, Not Lucrative Giveaways to Developers

State of California lawmakers have mandated that all communities add more housing. The Town of Moraga is either in or near a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, with many of its residents **dependent upon Moraga Way** as the <u>only</u> evacuation route in the event of a wildfire. Before approving any development, the Town Council is **required** to consider the development's impact on emergency response and evacuation in the event of a wildfire. Approving any development without meaningfully addressing the impact on emergency response and evacuation as well as mitigation measures puts the lives of Moraga's current and future residents at risk. Development decisions the Town Council makes are <u>life or death decisions for residents of Moraga</u>.

On January 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., the Moraga Town Council will be considering for approval the building of a <u>four-story</u>, 66-unit, <u>luxury apartment complex</u> at the intersection of School Street and Country Club Drive. This complex is expected to <u>add several hundred residents</u> and their vehicles at a point where <u>key roads converge on the Moraga Way evacuation</u> route.





Rendering of 1600 School Street Apartment

The lives of those living in the School Street, Camino Pablo, Sanders Ranch, Rimer, Larch and surrounding neighborhoods depend upon their ability to use Moraga Way to evacuate in the event of a wildfire.

What We Want \rightarrow A Project-Specific Analysis of Wildfire Evacuation Impact and Mitigation Measures

SAFE Moraga does not oppose development. But, the Town Council must <u>meaningfully</u> <u>assess increased wildfire evacuation risks posed by this new development</u> by conducting a <u>site-specific Environmental Impact Report for this development</u> before approving this <u>luxury development</u>. We also demand that the Town Council enforce state and local affordable housing laws. Greenlighting a luxury high-rise only helps the for-profit developer and does **not** help Moraga meet its required affordable housing allocation (RHNA).

What Can You Do? \rightarrow

Make Your Voice Heard! Here is how.

- Attend the Moraga Town Council meeting set for January 15, 2025 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers - 335 Rheem Blvd in Moraga.
 - Public comment is welcome.
 - **Speak up** and share your concerns about wildfire evacuation safety with the Town Council.
- 2. <u>Email or write to the Town Council BEFORE January 15, 2025,</u> and tell them how important it is to you that you and your family be able to evacuate in the event of a wildfire.
 - Email should be sent to the Moraga Town Clerk (Amy Heavener) at aheavener@moraga.ca.us
 - Mail can be sent to the Moraga Town Council % Town Clerk, 329 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556. Make sure to send it so it is <u>received by</u> <u>January 15, 2025</u>.
- 3. <u>Do both #1 and #2!</u>
- 4. Tell your friends and neighbors in Moraga about this critical meeting and encourage them to participate, too!

For email updates or to get more involved, contact us at: <u>moragansforwildfiresafety@gmail.com</u>

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