

- ☐ III. The Board of Supervisors has received the following items of correspondence which require no official action by the Board at this time:

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

PROCLAIMING MAY 12-16, 2025, AS JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK
IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American citizenship, and the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, our court depends upon citizens to serve as jurors, and all citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury service; and

WHEREAS, a continuing and imperative goal for the courts, the bar, and the broader community is to ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome on anyone; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant actions a court system can take is to show appreciation for the jury system and for the citizens who annually give their time and talents to serve on juries.

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County is committed to educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service; applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty; ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly by supporting employees who are called upon to serve as jurors; ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly among citizens and that a fair cross section of the community is called for jury service; ensuring that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome; providing jurors with tools that will assist in their decision making; and continuing to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim May 12-16, 2025, as Juror Appreciation Week in Santa Cruz County and invite the community to join in recognizing the vital contribution of past, present, and future jurors to our justice system.




Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

May 1, 2025
Date

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING MITSUNO BAURMEISTER
ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Mitsuno Baurmeister will officially retire on April 25, 2025, concluding an extraordinary 38-year career in Human Resources, including 19 years devoted to public service, and leaving behind a legacy defined by vision, compassion, and generosity of spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mitsuno began serving as the County's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer on September 30, 2019, bringing deep experience, unwavering integrity, and a rare ability to hold space for both accountability and empathy, elevating the role with her impeccable professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Mitsuno could be relied upon to conduct careful, thorough EEO investigations with both sensitivity and commitment to maintaining a respectful workplace for all; and

WHEREAS, Mitsuno developed two thoughtful and inclusive DEI Employee Surveys, each carefully crafted to honor employees' lived experiences and reflect her deep commitment to equity; and

WHEREAS, Mitsuno was instrumental in creating the County's first *Gender Inclusion and Gender Transition Guidelines*, a milestone policy affirming the dignity and rights of transgender and nonbinary employees; and

WHEREAS, Mitsuno developed two EEO/Cultural Responsiveness Plans, most recently presenting the 2025–2027 plan to the Board on April 8 – a final act of dedication from a consummate team player that required many hours of effort and is deeply appreciated by the Personnel Director and new EEO Officer; and

WHEREAS, a trusted mentor and colleague with the rare ability to make others feel truly seen and valued, Mitsuno empowered those around her by celebrating achievements and creating opportunities for growth, and whether mentoring future leaders in the County's Supervisory Academy or in her day-to-day work, Mitsuno brought collaboration, clarity, and genuine care to her role; and

WHEREAS, beyond her many accomplishments, Mitsuno will be remembered for her generosity of spirit, emotional intelligence, and ability to create a sense of belonging and safety for those around her; and

WHEREAS, as Mitsuno enters this next chapter, she carries with her the respect, admiration and appreciation of her colleagues, and we wish her the utmost best as she continues to make wine, sip it on the beach in Cayucos, travel, and take time for walks.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby commend Mitsuno Baurmeister at the end of her distinguished service in the Personnel Department, and extend our deepest appreciation, admiration, and gratitude for her extraordinary public service.




Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

April 22, 2025
Date

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SEMPERVIRENS FUND

WHEREAS, Sempervirens Fund, a conservation organization dedicated to preserving Coast Redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains and California's first land trust, is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Sempervirens Fund may never have been founded if not for San Jose citizen and photojournalist Andrew Hill, who, while on assignment in the Santa Cruz Mountains in 1899, was shocked to see the widespread logging of old-growth redwoods and, upon returning home, launched a campaign to protect the remaining coast redwoods; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 1900, on the banks of Sempervirens Creek, Mr. Hill and several prominent San Jose residents founded the Sempervirens Club by passing a hat and collecting \$32, sparking a fundraising and lobbying campaign to protect the remaining redwoods and establish a public park at Big Basin; and

WHEREAS, within two years, the Sempervirens Club convinced the California Legislature to pass a bill to create the park and acquire 3,800 acres of ancient redwood forests in Big Basin for the people of California—protecting Coast Redwoods for the first time, anywhere; and

WHEREAS, in the subsequent 124 years Sempervirens Fund has protected tens of thousands of acres of forest including the establishment of Henry Cowell Redwoods, Big Basin Redwoods, and Castle Rock State Parks, and the Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument, as well as advancing conservation science and policy, sustainable forest management and public access; and

WHEREAS, in the next 125 years and beyond, Sempervirens Fund will continue its core mission to protect and connect the forest while addressing head on the challenge of this century—climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Justin Cummings, Santa Cruz County Third District Supervisor, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2025, as Sempervirens Fund Day, and encourage all citizens to honor this milestone by taking a moment to enjoy the magnificence of the redwood forest.




Member, Board of Supervisors

April 29, 2025
Date

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: parcel correction-Primrose Lane (Watsonville)
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:23:41 AM

From: Laurisa Kanzler [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 8:44 AM
To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountycalifornia.gov>
Subject: parcel correction-Primrose Lane (Watsonville)

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Good morning Board of Supervisors,

I am reaching out to clarify a few things from my prior email. The Planning Commission referenced 2 of the 5 parcels on the Primrose Parcels (off Green Valley Road) as 41 and 42 at their last meeting in regards to Batch B rezoning properties. I also referenced them as 41 and 42. Those parcel numbers are actually **050-41-35 and 050-41-36**. I want to use this opportunity to point out the discrepancies and the constant confusion of mixed numbers and data on the Primrose Parcels (off Green Valley Road). These confusions and misunderstandings show how the county cannot trust the process and that truly, no one on planning commission came out (after many asks from us all). They themselves do not even know parcel numbers, and Mark Connolly and his staffers did not even correct them, which shows they don't even know.

By referencing the 2023 Housing Element document, specifically Appendix HE-F Housing Inventory Maps, you will see such discrepancies. Mark Connolly and his staff state that parcel 050-41-35 can fit 162 units. This is 100% inaccurate and shows how the staffers cannot even keep their facts straight. At the same time, they also keep referencing the total number of acres in different totals and on different documents and presentations. Some documents state just shy of 10 acres, where others show parcel 050-41-35 and 050-41-36 is a total of 10 acres. The total number of acres for all 5 of the Primrose parcels is just under 10 acres.

Please take this additional information to show how the Primrose Parcels should not be rezoned to high density, low income housing. By using all the information myself and neighbors have shared, we have met with Kim De Serpa, Maureen, Regina, Ramon and

Maria Orozco, mayor of Watsonville City to show them first hand these parcels. They have each expressed concerns for these parcels and having them rezoned to high density, low income.

Again, I am asking that you vote to have the Primrose Parcels **not** be rezoned, or at least vote on what the Planning Commission had a split vote on (removing parcel 050-41-35 and 050-41-36 from the rezoning document).

Thank you,

Laurisa Kanzler

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April 22, 2025

BY EMAIL ONLY

Olivia Flores

Board President

Pajaro Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees

294 Green Valley Road

Watsonville, CA 95076

Dear President Flores,

As you may know, ADL is a leading anti-hate organization whose mission is to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure just and fair treatment to all. Our goal is a world in which no group suffers from hate, discrimination, or bias.

I am writing to you today regarding reports of antisemitic statements by members of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees during the Pajaro School Board meeting on April 16, 2025.

Members of the Trustees engaged in divisive rhetoric during the meeting, including using stereotypes and sweeping generalizations about Jewish people, including references to Jewish economic power and influence. Whether these comments were intentionally hateful or the result of ignorance and a lack of education, the use of these stereotypes is deeply troubling. The Pajaro Valley Unified School District has a responsibility to foster a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all students, staff, and community members, including members of the Jewish community. Antisemitic rhetoric and falsehoods undermine that responsibility.

It is critical that the Board of Trustees addresses these concerns directly and decisively to uphold the values of inclusivity and respect throughout the school district.

As Board President, we urge you take this situation seriously and take immediate action. This may include, but is not limited to:

- **A formal investigation:** Implementing a clear and independent investigation to examine the evidence related to the allegations.
- **Engagement with relevant community stakeholders:** Consulting with Jewish community leaders and organizations to understand the impact of the alleged behavior and to inform appropriate responses.

- **Consideration of Board ethics policies:** Reviewing existing Board policies regarding conduct and ethics to determine if any violations have occurred.
- **Exploration of disciplinary measures:** If the allegations are substantiated, consider appropriate disciplinary actions as outlined by Board bylaws and applicable laws.
- **Public statement and commitment:** Issuing a clear public statement acknowledging what occurred at the meeting, the Board's commitment to combating antisemitism and fostering an inclusive environment.
- **Educational initiatives:** Implementing training for Board members and staff on antisemitism awareness and prevention.

Addressing the reports stemming from the April 16 Board meeting proactively and transparently is essential to maintaining the trust of the community and ensuring a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. ADL is here as a partner and a resource. I look forward to your response and welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss these issues further.

Sincerely,



Marc Levine
Regional Director, ADL Central Pacific

Cc: Watsonville City Council
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Assemblymember Robert Rivas
Assemblymember Dawn Addis
Assemblymember Gail Pellerin
Senator John Laird
Congressman Jimmy Panetta
Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Public Instruction

From: [Board Of Supervisors](#)
To: [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)
Subject: FW: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 9:00:27 AM
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From: k goodman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:27 AM
To: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Cc: Carolyn Burke <Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Katie Beach, Carolyn Burke & The Board of Supervisors:

When planning the sewer project, it seems no consideration was made as to how to mitigate the serious disruption it would cause to the residents who live in the vicinity of a continuous all-night construction project. At the very least, hotel vouchers should have been set up and available upon request. I asked for a hotel voucher on March 28th and heard back on April 7th that this would have to be discussed with the Board of Supervisors first. It is unclear if this discussion has been scheduled yet. In the meantime, I am 5 weeks into what feels like a form of torture. As I stated to Katie below, I do not have expendable income to spend on a hotel without a guarantee of reimbursement.

Additionally, I have suggested construction to go in shorter, more efficient shifts that would not require a lunch break in order that work end at a reasonable hour i.e. 7 PM-12 AM.

It is now 2:53AM and I am still listening to the rumbling of trucks. I have not slept yet. Again. (My understanding was that the section of work on Soquel @ Robertson was completed, but they are back again tonight).

Attached are two videos from tonight to give you an idea of what it's been like for weeks.

I need more than discussions and empathy. I need immediate, actionable steps to alleviate this extreme disruption to my health and well being and would appreciate your timely, helpful

response.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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From: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 11:51 AM
To: k goodman [REDACTED]
Cc: Carolyn Burke <Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

I'm sorry for any confusion — my previous message referred specifically to night work between Daubenbiss and Robertson. As noted in earlier emails, night work is also occurring between Porter and Daubenbiss, which is the activity you're referencing now.

I understand how disruptive this has been, and I sincerely empathize with the impact it's had on your rest and well-being. Unfortunately, shifting this work to daytime/early evening hours would cause significant traffic disruptions and reduced nighttime shifts would extend the overall duration due to setup times/safety requirements associated with underground work. This work is classified as an "emergency," as it is time-sensitive infrastructure repair which does affect public health if left unaddressed. We're operating within the County's Noise Ordinance (Section 8.30), which allows for nighttime construction activities under several circumstances.

To stay informed, I recommend signing up for project updates here (although I am happy to provide updates to you directly when you inquire): [Project Newsletter Sign-up](#)

Here are the latest updates from the Communications Officer:

- [Sewer Update #3](#) – Sewer work is expected to continue through May 9, 2025 (subject to be extended due to underground conditions).
- [Buffered Bike Lane Update #14](#) – Night work for striping removal has been occurring and expected to end this work, followed by more night work for resurfacing (project update coming soon, but expected to begin Mid-May)

We are doing our best to balance the needs of residents, commuters, and businesses. I

understand this doesn't make the disruption easier, but I want to assure you your concerns are heard and have been discussed with the Assistant Directors, Director, as well as Supervisor Koenig's aides. If you would like to further advance conversations regarding night work, I would suggest that you reach out to the District Supervisor's office

<https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Government/BoardofSupervisors/ContactUs.aspx>

Thank you,



Katie Beach

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From: k goodman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 1:03 AM
To: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Carolyn Burke <Carolyn.Burke@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Katie,

From your April 4th email, you stated that "Night shifts will continue into Thursday and the following week...", suggesting to me that work would be done that following week. Instead, the work has continued with no communication or notice as to when it will be completed, and the all-night construction noise will finally end. While the construction (and stadium-like lights) is no longer across the street from me (although they were again last night for an hour or two), even a block away it is clearly audible and grating. The consistent, continual sound of trucks and generators rumbling on for hours has been a stress to my nervous system impeding my ability to sleep for well over a month. I have lost work because of sleep deprivation. Again, I will cite the noise ordinance **Section 9.36. 10 states that offensive noise shall not be permitted between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM.** Your office claims that this work is an "emergency" allowing you to forgo the ordinance, yet in a true "emergency" (Wikipedia's

definition: "An emergency is an urgent, unexpected, and usually dangerous situation that poses an *immediate risk* to health, life, property, or environment"); such as flood, fire, or other catastrophic event work would be done around the clock (without taking weekends off) until the "emergency" work was done. I understand that this sewer work is important and necessary and perhaps even urgent, but this is not an emergency. If it were, I would have heard from your office and received some kind of notification, which I did not. Our neighborhood cannot continue to be subjected to ongoing all-night construction. As I suggested some weeks ago, your office must think creatively and change construction hours to those that are lawful or at the very least display a modicum of consideration for your community.

I appreciate your immediate response including a calendar of the entire construction schedule including the completion date, as well as what your office will do now to modify hours to comply with a more humane schedule.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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From: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:53 AM
To: k goodman <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

Yes, I can address the metal plates, thank you for letting me know.

As of now, I do not have any approvals to provide hotel accommodations. The County/District has not done this in the past and we would need to discuss this with the Board of Supervisors. My suggestion in the meantime would be to do what you feel is best for your wellbeing- you can submit hotel accommodations as a claim, but there would be no guarantee that the

County Risk department would approve the claim.

Either way, I will request discuss the topic of hotel vouchers/accommodations up with the District Engineer to see if this is something that he can discuss with the District board members.

Thank you,



Katie Beach

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From: k goodman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 6, 2025 9:32 PM
To: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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I am back home and when cars simply drive over the metal plates in the road on Soquel Dr. it

creates a loud pounding noise that is jarring.

I would greatly appreciate if you could speak with the roadwork crew about mitigating the noise from the plates somehow.

I have nowhere to stay this week so will be unable to get away from the construction noise, so I would like to revisit the request for hotel accommodations.

Please get back to me as soon as you are able.

Thank you,

Karen

[REDACTED]

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From: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 12:37 PM

To: k goodman [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

For next week, there is a slight shift from what I told you at the beginning of the week. Work will resume Monday night and will continue through Wednesday night near Robertson. Night shifts will continue into Thursday and the following week, however that will be concentrated near the east and west limits of the project (Cotton Lane & Porter

Street).

Thanks you,

Katie

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From: k goodman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 2:06:24 PM
To: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Hi Katie,

Please do let me know on Friday what the status is so I have time to find somewhere to stay.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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From: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 1:54 PM

To: k goodman [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

Construction will continue tonight, Wednesday night, and Thursday night (and occurred last night). If work in the section between Daubenbiss and Robertson still remains at the end of these shifts, next week's schedule would be Sunday night, Monday night, Tuesday night. I can update you on Friday morning, 4/4, with the progress and a better idea of how many more nights will be needed.

For small claims such as what you are requesting below, you must submit a claim form (link below to the form). If you would like to email the form to me, I can submit it to our County Clerk & Risk Departments.

<https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Portals/0/County/COB/PER5003%20-%20English%20Fillable.pdf>

Thank you,



Katie Beach

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From: k goodman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 1:20 PM
To: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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HiKatie,

Fortunately, I will be able to stay with friends for the next few days. However, I would like to know exactly what days construction will be going on. I assume this week it's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, is it the same for next week?

In lieu of a hotel, I would like to be compensated for my loss of wages this past Friday.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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From: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 4:48:49 PM

To: k goodman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

I apologize, when we spoke Friday I did not remember that today is a County holiday, so I was not able to discuss hotel vouchers with staff.

I can confirm that construction is scheduled to resume tonight. I can check in again tomorrow after the rest of the county staff is back in The office and I see how much progress is made during tonight's shift.

I understand how disruptive this work is, I apologize that the situation is not ideal and I truly appreciate the continued communication as I work with our group on alternative options.

Thank you,

Katie

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From: k goodman <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 1:39 PM

To: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Subject: Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Would you please get back with me as soon as possible regarding the below and if we can expect construction tonight?

I may be able to stay with friends, but prefer not to pack up until it's absolutely necessary.

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From: k goodman [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2025 11:18 AM
To: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Katie,

I woke up with anxiety at the potential of five (or potentially more) all-nighters of industrial construction noise. I cannot stay here while this is going on. I lost a day of work Friday, because I did not sleep all night. I do contract work so when I miss work, I do not get paid. Continuing all night construction is unreasonable and inhumane. There must be another time, perhaps 7pm-12am, shorter more efficient shifts that also show respect for residents.

Please let me know what you have all come up with to mitigate the impact to residents. And again, I would like to receive funds for a hotel and ideally would like to be compensated for missed work.

I appreciate your thoughtful and timely response.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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From: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 3:43 PM

To: k goodman [REDACTED] >

Subject: RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Karen,

We estimate that the work between Daubenbiss and Robertson will take 7 additional shifts. Work is scheduled to resume Monday night, however, will be weather dependent. There will be additional night work further east of Robertson between Porter and Daubenbiss later, once utilities have all been located.

This afternoon, the Contractor's Project Manager and I discussed speaking with the crew about being more mindful of yelling/loud talking during the shift as well as attempting to limit equipment/vehicle movements which trigger backup alarms to the extent feasible.

I am not aware of County/District offering hotel vouchers in the past, but I will inquire about this possibility with the Assistant Directors. I will follow up with you on Monday.

Thank you,

Katie Beach

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From: k goodman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 2:57 PM
To: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Katie,

Please get back to me with exactly how much longer this work is expected to take and if your office will supply hotel vouchers for the remaining time. I have lost a day of work and cannot continue to stay here with this construction nextdoor.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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From: k goodman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 12:06 PM
To: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Re: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Katie,

Thanks for getting back with me. Per our conversation this morning, again, I would appreciate it if you and your team could come up with a creative compromise that would end construction at a reasonable hour. It is too much to ask residents here to endure night after night of loud industrial construction noise all night long. Attached are two videos from my bedroom, taken after 1:00 AM. Despite using ear plugs and an ambient air filter, I am totally sleep deprived and am missing work today because of this overnight construction.

Thank you,

Karen D. Goodman

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From: Katie Beach <Katie.Beach@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 11:17 AM
To: [REDACTED] >
Cc: DPWWeb <dpwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: RE: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Good Afternoon Ms. Goodman,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the ongoing construction work on Soquel Drive near Robertson Street. We understand your concerns about nighttime noise and its impact on nearby residents.

This work is part of an **emergency sewer replacement project**, which is necessary due to failing sewer lines on Soquel Drive between Porter and Cotton Lane. Given the urgency and the need to prevent further infrastructure damage or health risks, the work had to proceed

outside of standard construction hours to minimize disruptions to essential services and traffic.

Regarding noise regulations, the **Santa Cruz County Noise Ordinance (Section 8.30)** allows for necessary street and infrastructure repairs at the County's discretion. While we strive to limit night work in residential areas, certain high-traffic corridors, such as Soquel Drive, require nighttime operations to ensure public safety and minimize congestion. We do, however, work closely with our Contractors, County staff, and district supervisor's to limit these disruptions as much as possible.

We acknowledge that extended night work can be disruptive, and we are actively working to complete the project as efficiently as possible. Work between Porter and Robertson will be done during the night, however, once work progresses west past Robertson, day shifts will resume.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete this essential infrastructure repair. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

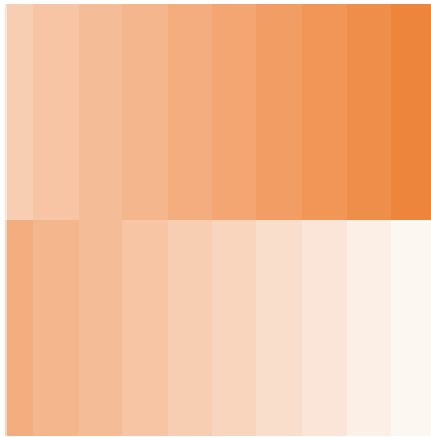


Katie Beach

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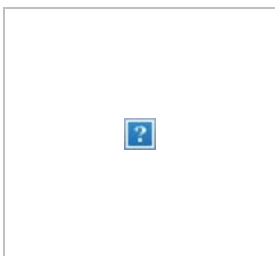


From: DPWWeb <dpwwweb@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 8:44 AM
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Subject: FW: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

Hi Katie,

Please see below.

Thank you,



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From: k goodman [REDACTED]
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Subject: Construction noise on Soquel Dr. @ Robertson St.

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Department of Public Works:

The road work on Soquel Drive @ Robertson St. has been going on for many consecutive nights, starting late in the evening and continuing well past midnight. This is a residential area compacted with dozens of dwellings within a block (some homes are only 20 ft away) of this work who are being impacted by loud generator and work noise for hours during a time of evening when most people are trying to sleep. How is this ok? Santa Cruz County has a noise ordinance, and the city is not honoring its own regulation. Work of this nature needs to be done within a reasonable time frame that is not a burden on residents.

Please immediately stop (non-emergency) late night work on Soquel Drive or any other residential neighborhood. **Section 9.36. 10 states that offensive noise shall not be permitted between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM. Section 9.36.**

In Soquel, construction noise regulations generally restrict activities to weekdays between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, and Saturdays between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, with Sunday construction generally prohibited.

Here's a more detailed breakdown of the construction noise regulations in Soquel, CA:

Permitted Hours:

- **Weekdays (Monday-Friday):** Construction activities, including the delivery of materials and equipment, are permitted between **8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**
- **Saturdays:** Construction is permitted between **9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.**

- **Sundays:** Construction activities are generally prohibited.

Offensive Noise:

- No person shall make, cause, suffer or permit to be made any offensive noises which disturb or annoy people of ordinary sensitiveness.
- No person shall, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., make, cause, suffer or permit to be made any offensive noise within the vicinity of any building or place regularly used for sleeping purposes.

Karen D. Goodman



Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WHEREAS, as of 2023, 26.6% of Santa Cruz County's population, approximately 69,563 of residents, were aged 60 or older, and by 2030 it is estimated that 30 percent of the county population will be over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, older adults of every race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, ability, and economic background contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our community, and fulfill many roles including caregivers, community leaders, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, our entire county benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz recognizes our need to create a community that provides the services that support older Americans' ability to stay involved in their communities-reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

WHEREAS, today there is a system of collaboration among the County of Santa Cruz (County) Human Services Department's Adult & Long-Term Care Division, Seniors Council (Area Agency on Aging), local municipalities, and many community services partners that serve and advocate for the needs of older adults, and the County is committed to building an even better community for our older residents by creating and promoting a livable community for all residents, creating equitable and inclusive systems and programs, and increasing access to services that support healthy aging in place; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for Older Americans Month 2025 is "Flip the Script on Aging" with a focus on transforming how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging, so as to encourage individuals and communities to challenge stereotypes, dispel misconceptions and positively impact meaningful interactions and social connection of older adults in our community; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the County successfully earned its first "Age-Friendly Community" designation by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) as part of our ongoing county-wide Network of Age-Friendly Communities initiative, leveraging our commitment to engaging older adults in developing a blueprint for strategies and partnerships that promote healthy aging for all as part of the County's current and ongoing efforts to develop a local Master Plan for Aging, in partnership with the Seniors Council and local cities within the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 to be Older Americans Month in the County of Santa Cruz, and, call upon all residents to join me in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and in promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.



Felipe Hernandez
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

April 29, 2025

Date

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

PROCLAIMING MAY 6-12, 2025 AS NATIONAL NURSES WEEK
IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

WHEREAS, nurses in Santa Cruz County play a critical role in ensuring the health and wellbeing of the community; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of National Nurses Week 2025, the theme established by the American Nurses Association (ANA) is "The Power of Nurses" with appreciation for nurses' unparalleled impact and their contributions to health care; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the unique and emerging health care needs of Santa Cruz County in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, nurses provide care to individuals, families, neighborhoods, communities, and systems, and are drivers of prevention and self-efficacy; and promote well-being by addressing social determinants of health for the entire continuum of life, from birth to end of life; and

WHEREAS, the demand for nursing services continues to grow because of aging populations, new health challenges, and emerging public health threats; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by nurses are an increasingly important component of the health care delivery system in all settings; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "The Power of Nurses" acknowledges nurses' unwavering commitment to patients, communities, and better healthcare outcomes for all; and

WHEREAS, the Health Services Agency extends its sincere gratitude to all Public Health Nurses, Clinic Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, and volunteer nurses working in the agency for their dedication and service to the Santa Cruz County community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2025, as National Nurses Week in Santa Cruz County.





Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

May 1, 2025

Date