

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

**02/24/2020**

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**Martinez, Ruben**

---

**Subject:** FW: Conditional Use Permit: Fowler Gardens

---

**From:** TERRY PERUCCA

**Sent:** Saturday, February 22, 2020 1:15:38 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Madison, Steve

**Cc:** cityclerk

**Subject:** Re: Conditional Use Permit: Fowler Gardens

**CAUTION:** This email was delivered from the Internet. Do not click links or open attachments unless you know the content is safe.

I understand that this Conditional Use Permit No 5535 will again be on the agenda for this Monday's City Council meeting and I would encourage you to review my previous email outlining why this permit should not be renewed.

I hope you and your fellow members of the City Council will put the interests of the residents ahead of City Venture's  
Terry Perucca

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 29, 2020, at 11:30 AM, Terry Perucca <[tperucca@aol.com](mailto:tperucca@aol.com)> wrote:

Dear Councilman Madison:

I understand that at the City Council meeting on February 10th it will be addressing a very important issue for the Community, City Ventures appeal of the previous decision not to renew the Conditional Use Permit No. 5535 which addresses how Fowler Gardens can be used for events.

As I am sure you know the nature of the area around Fowler Gardens has changed substantially over the last several years from what was essentially a school and buildings related to the school to a fabulous residential community. It is obvious that the City of Pasadena did an excellent job working with developers on the master plan for the area and it has resulted in approximately 140 additional residential housing units that fit within the character and charm that makes Pasadena one of the most unique cities in Southern California.

City Ventures, the major developer of the area has retained ownership of Fowler Garden even after the residential construction has been completed and has been using the Conditional Use Permit that was previously issued to allow large group events in Fowler Garden. While this may have been a reasonable thing to do while the area was being developed it is not today. The area surrounding Fowler Garden is now very much residential and the large group events that City Ventures has been holding create a significant nuisance to the families that are now living adjacent to the Garden. In addition to the noise and parking issues related to these events there also security concerns when a large number of people are in the space just adjacent to the residential units.

Because of the changing nature of the area around Fowler Gardens and the negative issues it creates for the neighborhood I urge you and your fellow members of the City Council to reject City Ventures appeal to overturn the recommendation of the Pasadena Planning Commission and confirm the decision to not renew Conditional Use Permit No. 5535.

Thank you very much for taking this matter seriously and listening to the residents of Pasadena who's interests should come before those of City Ventures.

Terry Perucca

## Martinez, Ruben

---

**Subject:** RE: CUP#5535

**From:** Jon Sexton <[hawkeyesfan21@yahoo.com](mailto:hawkeyesfan21@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2020 8:17 AM  
**To:** Rocha, Luis <[lrocha@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:lrocha@cityofpasadena.net)>  
**Subject:** CUP#5535

**CAUTION:** This email was delivered from the Internet. Do not click links or open attachments unless you know the content is safe.

Dear Luis:

I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Pasadena Orange Grove Homeowners Association. We are located at the corner of South Orange Grove and Delmar and are comprised of 18 individually owned units.

I was prepared to speak at the City Council meeting on February 10th in support of the Board of Zoning Appeal's decision to revoke CUP#5535 ( that item was deferred at the February 10th Council Meeting ).

I will be traveling in the near future and I wanted to get something on record in support of the Board of Zoning Appeal's decision. I am not sure that my travel requirements will allow me to appear at a rescheduled meeting.

The members of the Pasadena Orange Grove Association do not believe that a commercial activity should be allowed in the midst of a residential neighborhood. We support the activity of the Tournament of Roses ( our neighbors to the South ) as they benefit the city of Pasadena at large and are a nonprofit organization.

We are wholly opposed to wedding activities on the former Ambassador College campus which creates noise, congestion, and parking issues associated with a purely commercial activity.

If there is anything else I can do to lend my support to the recommendation of the Board of Zoning Appeal,

please let me know.

All the best,

Jon Sexton  
33 South Orange Grove Boulevard