



Let's Stand Together to
KEEP NIPOMO RURAL!



Standing for Real Affordable Housing, Critical Infrastructure, and Environmental Preservation

April 2024 Newsletter

NAC PUBLIC MEETING Sunday April 7, 5pm
Blacklake Community Room, 498 Colonial Place

Call for Volunteers We need an hour or two of your time!

This is our last **BIG push** before the Board of Supervisors hearing on the Dana Reserve, and we need volunteers to hand out flyers and put up banners.

If you haven't written your letter supporting the [community generated map](#),
THE TIME IS NOW! Please contact Sue at suequilting@gmail.com

On March 19, The Lucia Mar School District Board addressed the school facilities and mitigation agreement between the Dana Reserve developer and the LMSD.



The [Central Coast Student Coalition](#) (CCSC) youth were there and spoke opposing approval of the insufficient mitigations proposed for the significant influx of new students anticipated by the development as it is currently proposed. Following are some comments made at the meeting:

"To mitigate means to lessen the gravity of a mistake, to make it less severe, which is why we are here in the first place, because rather than collaborate with the District to build a development which meets all of our needs, the developer has essentially forced the District to make the best of a bad situation..."

...Because no matter how much money is exchanged, there is no justice in this deal...and the truth is: the Dana Reserve is funded by deforestation. There is no way around it. If this project goes through, we will have destroyed 98% of the Oak woodlands in Nipomo and there is no going back..."

...That is why we are advocating for the [Community Map](#), an alternative plan that prioritizes the forest and prioritizes the health and well-being of the very students this Board is committed to support..."

Thank you to Leila Zavala, Cesar Vasquez, Ara Costello and others who showed up and spoke their truth. The members of the Board voted to approve the negotiated mitigations, **although four of the board members included in their vote that their vote did NOT signify support of the project.** "I support this agreement because my job is a fiduciary one. My vote is in no way an endorsement of this project, and nothing about this agreement should be construed as approval of the project as proposed." That was Donna Kandel, Trustee are 7 which is the district in which the DR is proposed. Listen to Mrs. Kandel's powerful remarks [here](#) at 1:59:44 minutes.

The CCSC is working to protect the last 5% of Nipomo's oak woodlands.

Here's how you can help: Show up! Speak up!

CCSC is holding a March + Rally on April 23rd @ 9am in SLO

Show up to express your support for the forest, the students, and for democratic, environmentally responsible development. **Let us know if you need a ride!**

The [CCSC Students' Message for the Developer, Mr. Nick Tompkins:](#)

We recognize you as a member of our beloved community and we want to work with you in a meaningful and substantive way. That just means that our concerns are taken seriously and tangibly integrated into the plan rather than passed over or dismissed as infeasible without providing insight into the actual finances of the project as planned.

We want this to work for everyone. We appreciate and share your stated concern for affordable housing and we want to do everything in our power to make sure that we build truly affordable housing that also honors the land and the health of the community.

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The Nipomo Action Committee's (NAC) mission is to collaborate with all interested Nipomo and central coast stakeholders to maintain and enhance Nipomo's rural character and ensure appropriate and compatible growth consistent with the unique biodiversity and cultural heritage of this area now and for generations to come.