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TO:

Mayor Jane Bender  
Vice Mayor Bob Blanchard  
Councilmember Janet Condron  
Councilmember Mike Martini  
Councilmember Lee Pierce  
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh  
Councilmember John Sawyer

Re: Item on August 15, 2006 agenda: Consent – Approving Appeal of the Planning Commission  
Decision – 3421 Bonita Vista Lane

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers:

Concerned Citizens for Santa Rosa recognizes the need for quality and available child care facilities. After a 5-1 Planning Commission vote to approve the facility at 3421 Bonita Vista Lane (Faber against/Poulsen absent), we were dismayed that you upheld the appeal to deny this project.

We believe that there is new information that requires your reconsideration:

1. Clarification of the security issue
2. Parking requirements are potentially only 4 - not 5 spaces – therefore, the request for the reduction may be unnecessary due to the planner's error
3. Proposed traffic pattern changes at Hidden Valley Elementary School which could mitigate concerns of Bonita Vista Lane residents
4. Staggered arrival/departure times for clients, which are rarely the same time as Hidden Valley School's beginning and closing times.

Furthermore, the applicant received minimum guidance from staff on appeals procedures, such as the necessity to meet with each councilmember and the neighbors.

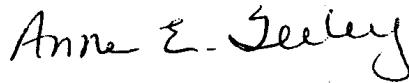
The purpose of the Youth and Family Element in our General Plan is to affirm that the health, safety, welfare and development of youth and families are a high priority for the City of Santa Rosa. Youth and family issues are included in the City's policy framework so that these factors are considered

when important decisions are made, including commitment of City resources. This element provides direction for youth-oriented programs, child care and senior services. From 9.6, Goals and Policies, YF-B-1, we quote:

*“Endorse the development of new child care facilities in all areas of the City, including residential neighborhoods, employment centers, and school sites.”*

Concerned Citizens for Santa Rosa asks that you reconsider this item.

Sincerely,



Anne Hudgins and Anne Seeley, Co-Chairs  
Concerned Citizens for Santa Rosa