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Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 11:58 AM
To: Liao, Thomas
Cc: Penaranda, Elmer
Subject: Re: Planning Commission Letter

Dear Tom and Mr. Penaranda,

Thank you for your assistance thus far. If it all possible, could you please share my letter with each member of the Planning Commission because I will not be able to attend the meeting on Thursday?

With appreciation,

Mrs. Stephanie Smith

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 17, 2014, at 9:57 AM, <TLiao@sanleandro.org> wrote:

Hello Stephanie,

Thank you for your written comments. I am forwarding it to Elmer Penaranda, who is the project manager for the Heron Bay gate case this Thursday so he can put it in the public record. We will also make sure the Planning Commission is made aware of your email.

Thank you, Tom

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From: Stephanie L'Archuleta [<mailto:estefanita@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 9:47 AM
To: Liao, Thomas
Subject: Planning Commission Letter

Good Morning Mr. Liao,

It was a pleasure speaking with you yesterday afternoon. Thank you for offering to forward my Marsh Trail and Heron Bay safety concerns letter to each member of the Planning Commission before their meeting on Thursday night. My letter to them is included below.

With gratitude,
Mrs. Stephanie Smith

Dear San Leandro Planning Commission Member,

**I am writing you today to plea for the safety of women like me in Heron Bay ,
for the safety of all marsh trail visitors, and for the safety of all Heron Bay
residents.**

Within the last month, 2 women have been mugged and badly injured after nightfall in Heron Bay. Also, just last year, the son-in-law of one of my neighbors was killed in an effort to protect his mother in law from being robbed. Because of our lovely Heron Bay community and marshlands that the City of San Leandro wonderfully developed for the enjoyment of Heron Bay residents and visitors alike, it is now attracting violent robbers who are harming women and their family members who come to their defense, then they speed off in getaway cars. At the rate we're going, it's just a matter of time before another robbery-gone-bad escalates to another murder. Per the [realtor.com](https://www.realtor.com) website, the Heron Bay community suffers from more than 30% more crime than the surrounding area. I beg you to protect me. I beg you to protect my neighbors. I beg you to protect all Heron Bay Marsh visitors.

Please support the Heron Bay HOA in doing everything possible to protect residents and visitors. Please support building a security gate with security cameras. The gate would allow free 24 hour pedestrian access for all to the marsh, prompt emergency vehicle access to the community (per my discussion with the San Leandro Fire Chief), and valuable photography surveillance. Many studies do not support the benefit of security gates alone. However, security gates in tandem with security cameras are entirely different.

As a resident of Heron Bay, I welcome visitors to the marsh and want to help to protect them too. For marsh trail visitors, a security gate with cameras would not obstruct their enjoyment of the trails, but enhance it with an increased level of safety and protection.

Concerns about decreasing Heron Bay community involvement by making it a gated community are groundless. A gate will not stop our involvement in our children's schools, in our church devotions, or in pursuit of civic justice. A physical gate cannot impede participation in matters that are close to our hearts.

As a woman, I beg your protection. Please support the Heron Bay HOA's proposal to build a security gate with cameras. Please do everything in your power to protect me, my neighbors, and all marsh area visitors. Please take a stand for safety.

**Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Stephanie Smith**