

93-Unit Apartment Complex at Alameda & Barstow

Developers with Consensus Planning intend to build a high-density Apartment Complex on the Southeast corner of Alameda and Barstow. This is only about a mile west of our boundary on Ventura and will have a very significant effect on our NAA neighborhood.

- The apartment complex will have 93 units on 2.9 acres. Such high-density housing is out of character with the neighborhood and surrounding homes.
- The developer has decided to forego earth tones and use yellow and red stucco accents, which are also out of character with the neighborhood.
- Three Development Review Board (DRB) hearings have been held: 7/17/19, 8/14/19, and 9/11/19. The project was deferred twice and approved on 9/11/19. The DRB's decision was appealed. On 1/8/20, the DRB had a remand hearing and it was approved again. Another appeal was filed on 1/22/20. Additional hearings were held on 3/24/20 and 4/16/20 to appeal the decisions of the Land Use Hearing Officer (LUHO). Neighbors allege multiple violations of the Open Meeting Act (OMA), especially during the coronavirus shutdown.
- The apartment complex will have about 150 parking spaces and will add to the already heavy traffic at the intersection of Alameda and Barstow. For some reason, a traffic study has not been required.
- Traffic from this complex will be immense and put extreme pressure on the City and County to extend Alameda north from Ventura to Eubank. Alameda will be widened to four lanes to line up with the west side of Barstow. Ventura north of Signal is a narrow, 2-lane road in very poor condition. As the border between the City to the west and the County to the east, both entities argue over maintenance of Ventura.

- Added population will put a strain on schools Dennis Chavez, North Star, Desert Ridge, & La Cueva.
- Apartment Complex will be 9-feet taller than sector plan height limits, and have far more dwelling units (DUs) per acre.
- Apartments will be looking into neighboring yards and homes.

