

May 17, 2022

Via E-Mail

Irene Borba, Director of Planning & Building City of Belvedere 450 San Rafael Avenue Belvedere, CA 94920

Re: Site #3A, Housing Element Update Site Inventory

Dear Ms. Borba:

On behalf of BRIG, this is to request that the City cease referring to Site # 3A on the Planning Department's inventory of sites that could accommodate future residential housing development as "Mallard Pointe" on printed and on-line materials relating to the City's 2031 Housing Element update, and instead refer to it as "Mallard Road," or "1, 9, & 17 Mallard Road," or something similarly generic.

"Mallard Pointe" is a name coined by the developer to market the residential development project proposed for this site. It does not reflect the address or location of the site in the way that other site names on the inventory do (e.g., "2A: St. Stephen's Church Parking Lot;" or "4A: 214 & 218 Bayview Ave.").

BRIG's concern is that by repeatedly referring to the site by the name of a controversial private project whose entitlement application has not yet even been deemed complete, the City will be creating a false impression in the public's and future decision-makers' minds that the Project is a "done deal," or otherwise a fait accompli. For the sake of both accuracy and the need to maintain a perception of objectivity, Site # 3A should therefore not be referred to as "Mallard Pointe."

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Most sincerely,

M. R. WOLFE & ASSOCIATES, P.C

Mark R. Wolfe On behalf of BRIG

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cc: Sally Wilkinson, Mayor

Patricia Carapiet, Planning Commission Chairperson

Craig Middleton, City Manager