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Meeting Date: July 13, 2011

TOWN OF MORAGA **STAFF REPORT**

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

From: Moraga Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

By: Jill A. Mercurio, Public Works Director/Town Engineer

Subject: Report from the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Regarding Neighborhood Request for Installation of a Four-Way Stop at the Intersection of Campolindo Drive and Calle la Montana

Request

Approve the conversion of a two-way stop to a four-way stop at the intersection of Campolindo Drive at Calle la Montana.

Background

In September 2010, Chris and Becky Maher expressed an interest in having the intersection of Campolindo Drive at Calle la Montana converted from a two-way stop to a four-way stop. Following the Traffic Calming Guide, they submitted a Transportation Action Request (TAR) on September 28, 2010 (Attachment A). The completed TAR was received by the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) at its October meeting. After submitting the TAR and per the guidelines set forth in the Traffic Calming Guide, they also requested that an officer of the Moraga Police Department provide their assessment of the situation at the intersection (Attachment B.)

The Mahers came to the November TSAC meeting to discuss the project. They indicated that they had brought the proposal to the HOA at a recent meeting. After a brief summary, the Committee discussed the “impacted area” and selected 300’ radius from the intersection to the north, east, and south, and to Paseo del Campo to the west. The Mahers asked that the required neighborhood meeting occur at a regularly scheduled TSAC meeting for convenience.

1 The meeting was held on December 1, 2010, and was properly noticed by A-
2 frames at the impacted intersection for 10 days prior to the meeting. A number of
3 residents from the neighborhood attended the meeting and several spoke about
4 the project – most of whom were either in favor or neutral about the proposed
5 stop signs.

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7 Police Chief, Robert Priebe, was asked to provide the historical accident
8 information from this intersection. His report, dated January 5, 2011, is
9 Attachment C to this report.

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11 Simultaneously, the Mahers began the petitioning process to determine if the
12 proposed project was favorable to the neighbors, as stated in the Traffic Calming
13 Guide. The Mahers presented their petition results at the April 2011 TSAC
14 meeting, where they showed that they had responses from 51 of the 61
15 properties within the “impacted area” as defined at the November 2010 TSAC
16 meeting. They received 100% approval of the adjacent properties – higher than
17 the 75% targeted in the Traffic Calming Guide. They showed that 41 of the 51
18 respondents were in favor of the project. This equates to an 80% approval of
19 those responding, but a 68% approval of the total number of residents in the
20 “impacted area” when including the properties that declined to sign the petition or
21 were not available to sign the petition. The Traffic Calming Guide shows a 70%
22 approval target.

23 24 **Discussion**

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26 Several members of the public spoke, who felt that the effort met the guidelines,
27 and the proposed request should be approved. TSAC discussed the results
28 further at the May 2011 meeting and believes that the project proponents met the
29 intent of the Traffic Calming Guide and therefore recommends approval of the
30 four-way stop to Council.

31 32 **Fiscal Impact**

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34 If approved, the cost of installation of two additional stop signs, related red
35 curbing and associated pavement markings would be installed by Town staff.
36 The costs of which (approximately \$750) would be borne by the project
37 proponents, with no net cost to the Town.

38 39 **Recommendation(s)**

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41 Approve the conversion of a two-way stop to a four-way stop at the intersection
42 of Campolindo Drive at Calle la Montana.

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44 **Report reviewed by: Jill Keimach, Town Manager**

45 46 **Attachments:**

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48 **A.** Transportation Action Request
49 **B.** Memo from the Moraga Police Department

1 **C. January 5, 2011 Campolindo Drive – Calle la Montana Stop Sign Request**
2 **report to TSAC from Chief Priebe**

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