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## Re: GATING PROPOSAL

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Fri, Jan 7, 2022 at 11:00 PM

To: Debra Tauger <dtauger@yahoo.com>

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Dear Ms. Tauger,

BABCNC is in receipt of your email. The Board will consider your input as it advises the City on this issue. If you wish to stay informed about our meetings and receive our updates, please click the "Join our mailing list" in my signature block.

Sincerely,  
Travis Longcore



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On Jan 5, 2022, at 4:19 PM, Debra Tauger <dtauger@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Gentlepersons,

I am a resident of the Bel Air Glen (BAG) community and live on Angelo Drive. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the gating proposal which is under your consideration.

The principal impetus for privatizing certain streets and installing a gating system in our community was a traffic backlog issue created by Waze directing drivers heading north on Beverly Glen at rush hour to take a short cut through our community via Nicada and Woodwardia to gain some miniscule distance ahead of drivers in front of them. Because a number of motorists used this short cut, they created their own backlog on Woodwardia and adjacent Angelo Drive, making it difficult for some BAG residents to exit their driveways on Woodwardia and other BAG residents to reach Beverly Glen via Angelo Drive.

The city's traffic study for the street privatization proposal was conducted pre-pandemic. Since the pandemic, traffic patterns have changed and the same traffic issue does not exist. Over the past few months, I have periodically stood at the end of Angelo and Beverly Glen during the week at rush hour (between 4pm and 7pm) and have not witnessed *any* cars lining up on Woodwardia or Angelo, let alone blocking access to those streets. It appears that drivers who have used this short cut finally realized that it provides little relief and have abandoned using it.

Additionally, even before Covid, the gating proposal was an overreaction. The cut-through traffic originated in only one location in the community (the eastern entrance at the intersection of Nicada and Beverly Glen) and occurred only one time of the day (afternoon rush hour). Yet, the gating project proposes to install gates at all three entrances to our community and the gates will be there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Two of the three sets of proposed gates - at the northern and southern ends of the BAG portion of Angelo Drive - are unnecessary. Equally bad, these gates would hinder residents of our sister HOA, Bel Air Ridge, from accessing their portion of Angelo Drive. Furthermore, a gate installed at the northern end of Angelo Drive would be unsafe. People turning left from Beverly Glen into our community would be immediately met by a gate and would have no room to turn around if they had to because there is so little space there.

The other instigating factor for gating the community was the presence of some minor crime. However, these few minor incidents do not warrant privatizing streets or an expensive gating system which will encumber not only the BAG residents and residents of Bel Air Ridge, but also vendors, guests and emergency vehicles trying to enter and exit both communities.

The BAG HOA does not know how much the gating proposal will ultimately cost and that places its residents in a precarious and uncomfortable state of the "unknown."

I urge you to disapprove the proposal.

Debra Tauger