

From: [kathy.moore](#)
To: [BOS](#)
Subject: County Zoning Ordinance
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:05:56 PM

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Dear Sonoma County Supervisors-

I am writing today to request a postponement of the vote regarding the County Zoning ordinance. This vote is being rushed through with insufficient public notice. These proposed revisions will have a huge impact for the citizens of Sonoma County! These changes will significantly reduce public participation, transparency, and due process.

As a citizen of Sonoma County, I ask that you respect the people you have been hired to represent and postpone the vote until the public has had the opportunity to be part of this decision.

Sincerely,
Kathy Moore

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From: [Robin Casadidio](#)
To: [BOS](#)
Subject: Elimination of the BZA
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 12:47:35 PM

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Good Afternoon Supervisors

I am writing because I am concerned about the proposed changes to the County's Zoning Ordinance. I feel that there has not been sufficient notice to the **Voting Public** about the changes that you are proposing. This elimination of the BZA and PRAC will not allow the citizens that **vote for you**, to have any say on what project may be occurring in a given area.

Who will decide what a minor or major project is. The use of the 25 ADT (Average Daily Traffic) criteria is ridiculous and not applicable to all projects. It is not useful in assessing the impact of ground water on a proposed project. It does not address the impact of a project on the environment that may affect the creeks or rivers that boarder a property. If the county wants to upgrade my road to a major thoroughfare do I not have the right to a hearing by the BZA or are you going to use the 25 ADT to decide to go ahead and approve the project. I feel that you are taking these decisions away from the people and making yourselves the judge of what can be put in and where with no thought to how it will affect people lives.

I ask you to delay this vote. Inform the public about the changes you are proposing through an article in the paper (Press Democrat) and on social media, hold a hearing with the public able to put in their opinion.

You are our elected officials and you have not given your voters a chance to voice their opinion on this change. You owe it to us, who pay your salary and put our trust in you, to do what is right for US not what makes thing easier for projects to be pushed through without public input.

Thank you,
Robin Casadidio
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From: [Steve Hogle](#)
To: [BOS](#)
Subject: file number: 2025-0142
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:26:45 PM

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Regarding file number: 2025-0142

Title: Code Updates for Land Use Public Hearings and Procedures- Creation of Zoning Administrator and Additional Changes.

It is my request and a Sonoma County resident and tax payer to have the Board of Supervisors postpone the vote.

This vote is being rushed through without sufficient public notification or input.

These proposed changes will significantly reduce public participation, transparency, and due process. They will remove critical deliberations on permit applications, especially ones that generate strong public interest.

Sincerely, Steve Hogle

District 4

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From: [tony casadidio](#)
To: [BOS](#)
Subject: Fwd: Removal of BZA
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 12:43:14 PM

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From: **tony casadidio** <t58dadeo@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 12:40 PM
Subject: Removal of BZA
To: <district5@sonoma-county.org>, David Rabbitt <David.Rabbitt@sonoma-county.org>, <district4@sonoma-county.org>, <district3@sonoma-county.org>, <rebecca.hermosillo@sonoma-county.org>

These proposed changes will significantly reduce public participation, transparency, and due process. They will remove critical deliberations on permit applications, especially ones that generate strong public interest or opposition. This will affect many land use decisions including proposed structures on business and private properties. This vote is being rushed through without sufficient public notification or input. We're asking for postponement on this critical vote. Here's why: These ordinance revisions will include: Elimination of the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) and the Project Review and Advisory Committee (PRAC); Establishing a Zoning Administrator to handle what would be considered "minor" vs. "major" projects; Establishing a criteria of 25 Average Daily Trips to determine how projects would be processed. Proposing to use 25 ADT (Average Daily Traffic) as a key criteria to determine project impacts and the process for Permit and Resource Management Dept. (PRMD) review is a dangerous oversimplification. There is no rational or empirical basis for using Average Daily Trips as the criteria for deciding how to process an application. Why is 25 ADT and not 50 or 100 ADT proposed? Furthermore, ADT is inapplicable to a wide variety of projects. For example, timber harvesting; projects that impact groundwater availability; or projects within sensitive areas of the Coastal Zone which have no functional or quantifiable relationship to ADT.

The BZA is a valuable and respected part of our County Government that is needed to provide guidance and clarity in addition to preventing large corporations and developers, many from other states, from having their projects approved without providing protection for the existing residents of Sonoma County.

Thanks For your consideration Tony Casadidio

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