

Saint Joseph's Catholic Community



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Planning Commission, City of Capitola
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Re: Monterey Avenue Skate Park, #15-068, APN: 036-151-01

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am the Pastor for St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 435 Monterey Avenue, Capitola. It is my understanding that the Planning Commission will be making a decision shortly concerning the construction of a 6,000 square-foot skate park at Monterey Park. As you know, this Park is in close proximity to our Church.

Over the past few years, skate boarding on our Church grounds has been problematic. Even though we have posted signs prohibiting such activity, it remains a problem. In addition to trespassing, we have experienced destruction of property, verbal abuse when requesting skate boarders to leave, and liability exposure should someone get injured. Skate boarding has created safety concerns for our elderly parishioners and has resulted in a poor use of tax payer's money due to calling the police who could otherwise be dealing with more serious issues.

It is obvious that such a park will attract more skate boarders to this area. I am very concerned that this will result in an increase of such activity on our Church grounds. Unless the Planning Commission can guarantee that those using such a park will not enter onto our property, I am opposed to this project.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Fr. Wayne Dawson
Pastor

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All for one and one for all*