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The Honorable Kevin Faulconer  
Mayor of San Diego  
202 C Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mayor Faulconer,

The Rancho Santa Fe Association would like to bring to your attention a matter in the City of San Diego that is having a very negative impact on your neighbors, the residents of Rancho Santa Fe. On behalf of the Rancho Santa Fe Association Board of Directors, I am communicating our concerns to you.

As you may be aware, usage of the Surf Cup Sports Park – formerly known as the Polo Fields – has increased in recent months and over the past year or two. The Sports Park is directly across the street (Via de la Valle) from the Covenant of Rancho Santa Fe. We have heard complaints from our residents that they cannot easily get to and from their homes during the ever-growing number of events. Last week, one of our residents sent me a photo of the congestion and what looked like nearly 1,000 vehicles on the property. Traffic was being stopped so that cars could exit the parking lot. We are aware of accidents that have occurred on Via de la Valle during events. Activities at the Sports Park present a serious safety issue. In addition to the impact of increased traffic, our community has suffered noise pollution from cars and crowds, light pollution from evening event lighting, and air pollution from dust and vehicle exhaust.

The State of California recognized Rancho Santa Fe Covenant's historical significance by designating the community as a State Historic Landmark, which was modified to include a Cultural Landscape Amendment, noting the unique character and beauty of the rural landscape. The traffic impact is a threat to our historic landscape, the community character and, as a result, our home values.

We urge you to consider the impact of the Surf Cup Sports Park on the residents who live nearby. We also request that you or your staff meet with the coalition of residents, including various homeowners associations, to hear first-hand of the concerns and hardships of your neighbors.

Sincerely,



Christy Whalen  
Manager  
Rancho Santa Fe Association