

Mr. David J. Shapiro  
Mayor of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

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CITY OF CALABASAS  
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Dear Mayor Shapiro,

Our family has lived and grown up in the Calabasas-Agoura area since 1987. As long-standing active members in the community, our family is very excited about the redevelopment and expansion of The Commons and Commons Lane.

I remember coming to The Commons when I was at Agoura High School and it was recently built in the 90's. I have so many great memories of going to breakfast at Corner Bakery and Marmalade Cafe with my grandparents when they would come here to visit from Pittsburgh. They really enjoyed The Commons and my grandfather loved watching the turtles. When our daughter, Sofia, was a baby we took her to all the music and magic shows in the courtyard by Marmalade - and now she's almost 17 years old. It's hard to believe that The Commons has been a big part of our family for 4 generations - our grandparents, our parents, Neal and I, and now our children ages 16 and 11.

We have seen The Commons progress over the years from our eyes as students ourselves, single and newly married adults, and now as parents. It's fit our lifestyle for many years along the path of life.

Caruso has been a long-standing community partner and we trust they will ensure the Commons Lane reaches the high standards we expect in our beautiful city of Calabasas. For 25 years, they have shown that they care about our community and proactively seek the community's feedback in an effort to ensure that they are meeting the ever-changing needs of the community.

We have expressed our feelings with the Carusso team about the need for more affordable, healthy and quick-service food options that are family-friendly for groups and people on the go who don't have time to sit down for long meal service.

As a parent in the community, I especially appreciate how family-friendly The Commons is for our young people and want to ensure that it continues to serve as a safe and affordable place for our young people and seniors like our parents.. The new green space will be a great way for everyone to connect, enjoy our beautiful SoCal weather outdoors and feel the beauty of community.

We look forward to joining you and the City Council in supporting the Commons Lane so we can enjoy it for many years to come.

Warm regards,

Season, Neal, Sofia and Carson Skuro



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**CITY OF CALABASAS  
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**Oct 17, 2023**

**City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way,  
Calabasas, CA 91302**

**Re: Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit for 4799 Commons Way**

**By email: [info@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:info@cityofcalabasas.com), [TBartlett@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:TBartlett@cityofcalabasas.com)**

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[jrackerby@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:jrackerby@cityofcalabasas.com); [cgroves@cityofcalabasas.com](mailto:cgroves@cityofcalabasas.com)**

Dear Calabasas Planning Commission:

The California Housing Defense Fund (“CalHDF”) submits this letter to remind the Commission of its obligation to abide by all relevant state housing laws when evaluating the proposed mixed-use development project with 119 total units, including 12 affordable units, at 4799 Commons Way. The Housing Accountability Act (Gov. Code § 65589.5; the “HAA”) requires approval of zoning and general plan compliant housing development projects unless findings can be made regarding specific, objective, written health and safety hazards. The HAA also bars cities from imposing conditions on the approval of such projects that would reduce the project’s density unless, again, such written findings are made.

The proposed development utilizes the California State Density Bonus Law (Gov. Code § 65915; the “DBL”). It seeks DBL concessions/waivers of development standards with respect to (1) parking stall dimensions and (2) building height. The City must grant these concessions/waivers unless it can make certain findings on which it bears the burden of proof. These concessions/waivers, moreover, do not render the project noncompliant with the local zoning code and general plan for HAA purposes. (Gov. Code § 65589.5(j)(3).) The HAA’s protections therefore apply, and the City must not reject the project, except based on health and safety standards, as outlined above.

As you are well aware, California remains in the throes of a statewide crisis-level housing shortage. New housing such as this is a public benefit; it will bring increased tax revenue and new customers to local businesses, and it will reduce displacement of existing residents. It will also help cut down on transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions by providing

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[www.calhdf.org](http://www.calhdf.org)**

housing in denser, more urban areas, as opposed to farther-flung regions in the state (and out of state). While no one project will solve the statewide housing crisis, the proposed development at 4799 Commons Way is a step in the right direction. CalHDF urges the Planning Commission to approve it, consistent with its obligations under state law.

CalHDF is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation whose mission includes advocating for increased access to housing for Californians at all income levels, including low-income households. You may learn more about CalHDF at [www.calhdf.org](http://www.calhdf.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dylan Casey', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dylan Casey  
CalHDF Executive Director

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

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Mr. Klein,

I am writing to support the re-development plan at The Commons.

I was very happy to see the plan once it was announced after attending one of Caruso's community meetings this past year. Clearly, the team really cared about the feedback we gave and have modified their plans accordingly.

Their plan will add housing that the City needs while preserving existing open space by implementing this project at The Commons. At the same time, they will bring new green space to The Commons to make it an even more pleasant experience. Their similar project at the Americana at Brand with a similar housing component, has been a huge success for the community there as well.

The team that I spoke with at their community meeting was incredibly responsive, really listening to what would improve our community. Caruso continues to be a great example of what it means to be a real partner to the Calabasas community.

Please approve this project with my support.

Sincerely,



Andy Mandell  
3916 Coral Place  
Calabasas, CA 91302

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Mr. David J. Shapiro  
Mayor of Calabasas  
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Dear Mayor Shapiro,

As you know, we all cherish The Commons here in Calabasas. It is an idyllic destination, and much of that is thanks to the meticulous way the Caruso planned and continues to maintain this property. Now, they plan to upgrade this property even more, adding increased variety for visitors alongside new public uses.

I think the fact that Caruso is completing these changes is incredibly exciting, and I appreciate how they came to the community to hear from US about what we'd like to see! They have continued to show that they care deeply about being a member of this community.

I hope you will approve Caruso's plan and help The Commons thrive!

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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**Lori Graf**

Calabasas Resident at  
24644 Calle Largo  
Calabasas, CA 91302

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**City of Calabasas,**

**May this letter serve as an endorsement for the planned changes to The Commons, called The Commons Lane.**

**I think this plan adds to The Commons – creating new green spaces and more options to eat at and shop – while also helping the city deliver on crucially needed housing.**

**I think the plan to add apartment homes to The Commons is wonderful as it allows for more diversity in housing options for people who do not wish to, or are not able to, maintain a stand-alone home.**

**I really appreciate that Caruso is continuing to think about the future of The Commons and their future in Calabasas – and is committing to our community with a large investment in this space.**

**Thank you,**

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**Rob Sourial**

**Calabasas Resident at  
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Calabasas, CA 91302**

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**CITY OF CALABASAS  
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July 24, 2023

Calabasas City Council  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City Council Members:

As a Calabasas resident for 16 years, I am writing to you to share my support for the Commons Lane Project.

I am excited by the addition of a new housing component that will provide a different option for Calabasas residents to remain in the city. It is fantastic that we can have beautiful new apartment homes designed by the Caruso organization to help meet the local housing goals.

The Caruso company is well known for its attention to quality design and construction while creating a product that addresses the needs of the community. I look forward to seeing this mixed-use project evolve and enhance The Commons and make it even more welcoming.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph DeTuno, AIA  
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Calabasas, CA 91302  
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9/11/2023

Mr. Michael Klein  
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I have lived in Calabasas for over thirty years. Although The Commons is still beautiful today, nothing can remain the same forever and I believe that Caruso is right to want to invest and make a great destination even better. I hope you will agree.

Sincerely,



Howard Stern

Calabasas Resident and President of Calabasas Park Estates Owners Association  
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Mr. Michael Klein  
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Mr. Klein,

I support The Commons Lane wholeheartedly.

I think it is an innovative way to add new options for everyone to enjoy while also creating new housing options for people here in Calabasas, which is something that we need.

I think the plans look beautiful. I love that this new design will make it more pleasant for pedestrians, adding more spacious sidewalks and creating a new open space for people to enjoy together – something which is increasingly important following our difficult pandemic.

This will be a “Big Plus” to an already wonderful shopping experience.

Caruso is very thoughtful with everything they do, and they have a long history here in Calabasas of delivering quality offerings. They continue to reach out to the community and ensure they are in constant dialogue with us, something I am grateful for.

Thank you for your time,

Bruce Sachs

Calabasas California Resident

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Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
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Dear Mr. Klein,

I am thrilled about the Commons Lane project. Particularly, the inclusion of additional restaurant options is great news for those of us looking for more choices for a night out, hopefully including more affordable options. The new retail area, with a widened paseo, will attract more visitors and help the Calabasas economy.

I appreciate Caruso's consistent community outreach and their dedication to listening to feedback from all residents. I hope this plan will be approved.

Best,

Maxine Bascue

5306 Cangas Drive

Calabasas, CA 91301

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**I trust Caruso's dedication to our Calabasas community, and I cannot wait to see how this helps bring the community together.**

**I hope the City will join me in supporting this project.**

**Warm regards,**

**Daniel N. Rastein**

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8-30-23

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Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Dept.  
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Calabasas, Ca 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

I am writing to share my support for  
the Commons Lane Project.

I have been a resident in beautiful Calabasas  
for 34 years and seen first hand how the  
Commons has transformed our community.  
I am excited to support Caruso's new plans.  
I am looking forward to new restaurants  
and different cuisines.

I trust Caruso to complete this project in  
a beautiful way. Caruso has been a  
member of our community for 25 years.  
I remember when this area was just a  
mountain!

Sincerely,  
Auntie & John Karchak  
24744 Hermosilla Ct.  
Calabasas, 91302  
Vista Pointe

## Glenn Michitsch

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**From:** Michael Klein  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2023 10:07 AM  
**To:** Jaclyn Rackerby; Elizabeth Parker; Glenn Michitsch; Tom Bartlett  
**Subject:** Fwd: I support local control

Michael Klein, AICP  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas, CA  
Tel: (818)224-1710  
mklein@cityofcalabasas.com

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Michael Russo <mrusso@cityofcalabasas.com>  
**Date:** June 19, 2023 at 7:59:39 AM PDT  
**To:** Kindon Meik <kmeik@cityofcalabasas.com>, Maricela Hernandez <mhernandez@cityofcalabasas.com>, Michael Klein <mklein@cityofcalabasas.com>, Matthew Summers <msummers@chwlaw.us>  
**Subject:** FW: I support local control

Bcc'd to Council

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President, National Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors (NATOA)



**From:** Anita McQuillan <antrim8@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2023 7:51 AM  
**To:** info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>  
**Subject:** I support local control

Dear Councilors,

I am concerned that the proposed Caruso development at the City Hall does not meet the requirements of local control.

I am fully in support of local control of all development in the City. Developers must be required to follow established rules and ordinances to build in our community.

I am a Calabasas resident and have lived in the city for 21 years.

Anita McQuillan



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## Glenn Michitsch

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**From:** Henry Tashman <henr1y@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 12:37 PM  
**To:** Glenn Michitsch  
**Subject:** Re: Commons Lane Project

Glenn:

I like mix-use housing and grew up in Parkchester, Bronx N.Y. which has stores (including Macy's) restaurants, bowling alleys and medical and dental offices throughout the development. (We didn't call it a "project".) We were a family of five with one car that we used only a few times a month.

<https://www.parkchesternyc.com/amenities/>

However, the development was built during WW II and didn't make provision for cars, so we parked in the surrounding neighborhood. I've seen mixed-use projects in D.C. and think they are great.

I'm not a NIMBY person. Converting the Common's into a mixed use project won't work. Most of Calabasas depends on automobiles to get to the Commons. I don't think the project was designed to take parking an increased traffic into account. (Over the 38 years I've live on Park Belmonte in Calabasas, the traffic has become a problem-- especially traffic jams caused by people using Calabasas Road -- the main entrance to the new apartment -- as an alternate to the jammed 101.) As you know we have lots of school in and near Calabasas. School traffic -- especially high school traffic, where many students have their own cars -- is a problem. (I try not to use city streets between 8 and 9 am and 2 to 4am.)

Regards

Henry

PS You need not respond to this email.

### **Parkchester Apartment Features & Community Amenities**

Parkchester's amenities include 24-hour onsite professional management, convenient garages as well as on-street

On Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 10:51:09 AM PDT, Glenn Michitsch <gmichitsch@cityofcalabasas.com> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Tashman. Below are our responses to your questions (in red font). Meanwhile, and with our apologies, we do not have all of the information you've requested readily available because some of the answers requested will be determined through the process of application and plan reviews & analyses. This information will then be available in staff reports prepared for public hearings by the Planning Commission and City Council (projected to be in late September at this point, but that could easily change to a later date). Furthermore, I have provided you links to other sources for your inquiries pertaining to general information such as demographics. In the future, please reach out to those entities to obtain that sort of general information.

Hope this information is helpful to you.

Regards,

Glenn

Glenn Michitsch

Senior Planner, LEED AP

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**From:** Henry Tashman <henr1y@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 12:34 PM  
**To:** Glenn Michitsch <gmichitsch@cityofcalabasas.com>  
**Subject:** Commons Lane Project



Glen:

Thank you again for taking the time to talk to me. My apologies for my near- endless monologue, but at the end of the telephone call and think we understood each other.

I have a some questions (which I would think are key to your review of the Commons Lane project):

1. When was the Commons project approved? **December 17, 1997**
  
2. When was the Commons project completed? **1998 per Assessor's Office**
  
3. When it was completed, how many parking spaces did it have? **The number of parking spaces on the project site currently is most relevant for project review purposes. We have not yet completed staff reviews of the site conditions, application materials, and project plans to accurately determine the appropriate number of spaces to serve the future demand of the proposed project. A specific analysis is in process, but has not yet been completed.**
  
4. Today, how may parking spaces does it have? **1,059 spaces per the submitted project plans on City's website (<https://www.cityofcalabasas.com/our-city/current-projects/the-commons-lane>)**
  
5. If approved, how many above-ground parking space will the Commons have? **See Sheet G001 on project plans (<https://www.cityofcalabasas.com/our-city/current-projects/the-commons-lane>), keeping in mind that the number may change as the project is revised in response to staff review comments.**
  
6. What was the population of Calabasas when the Commons was approved (and completed)? **Do not have that information readily available. Check with the California Department of Finance website for historical demographic information <https://dof.ca.gov/reports/demographic-reports/>**
  
7. What is the population today? **<https://www.cityofcalabasas.com/our-city/about-us/demographic-information>**

8. How many households did Calabasas have when the Commons was approved (and completed)? <https://dof.ca.gov/reports/demographic-reports/>

9. How many households does Calabasas have today? <https://www.cityofcalabasas.com/our-city/about-us/demographic-information>

10. What will the population of Calabasas be after the Commons Lane and Park apartments are both completed. Per the plans on file, proposed units are 119 for Commons Lane project and 107 units for Park Apartments project, for a total of 226 new housing units. At 2.71 persons per household (household size per U.S. census Bureau), approximately 613 persons would be added

11. How many households will Calabasas have when both projects are completed? See #9 and #10 above

11. How many above ground-parking spaces will be eliminated to build the Park Apartments? Their property currently has 125 spaces. As to your question, we're not sure yet because the project application is currently incomplete and subject to revision.

Also, I'd like to learn more regarding the requirements for affordable housing units and how the city plans to meet those requirements. CMC Chapter 17.22 (Affordable Housing): [https://library.municode.com/ca/city\\_of\\_calabasas/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17LAUSD E ARTIIISIPLRDEST CH17.22AFHO](https://library.municode.com/ca/city_of_calabasas/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17LAUSD_E_ARTIIISIPLRDEST_CH17.22AFHO)

Many thanks.

Henry

P.S. While you mentioned that I am "a lawyer", I am retired and not an active member of any attorney bars.

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**From:** Marla L. <marlalitne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 11:03 AM  
**To:** Rich Knick <richknick@yofbss.com>  
**Cc:** Blake Coddington <Coddington@carus.com>; hrsR be <Rb@cucm.com>  
**Subject:** My Family's preferences

City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City of Calabasas,

As a parent of children in Calabasas, I understand the importance of having a safe and healthy environment for my children. I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding the current state of the city's infrastructure and the impact it has on the quality of life for our residents. I believe that the city should take immediate action to address these issues and ensure the safety and well-being of our children and families.

Thank you,

Marla L.  
2347 P.D.  
Calabasas, CA 91302

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OCT 10 2023

CITY OF CALABASAS  
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TO: Mr. Michael Klein, Community Development Director  
FROM: The Commons at Calabasas  
DATE: 10/8/2023  
SUBJECT: Letters of Support for The Commons Lane

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Attached for the public record are letters of support for The Commons Lane. Letters are separated by Calabasas Residents and businesses that reside at The Commons.

Please kindly forward to members of Planning, Planning Commission, and City Council.

Thank you.

**Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
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**Warm regards,**

**Daniel  
Rastein**

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Rastein  
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**Daniel N. Rastein**

City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City of Calabasas,

Many young people in Calabasas enjoy going to Calabasas to shop, eat, and walk around with family and friends. It is very important to all of us here. It provides us with a place to spend time with people.

I am very supportive of The Commons Lane plan, which will help create even more of a welcoming environment at The Commons. The new green space looks very inviting to read a book or enjoy the Calabasas sunshine. It could also invite many other fun activities such as concerts.

I am confident this plan will help the Commons remain a Calabasas treasure for many years in the future. It's exactly the long-term investment our community needs.

Please support the plan before you.

All the best,

Eli Rubel

Mr. David J. Shapiro  
Mayor of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
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Dear Mayor Shapiro,

I am writing to express my excitement and support for the proposed renovations to the Commons. I recently attended a community meeting to learn more about Caruso's renovation proposal and genuinely was impressed by what I learned. While I appreciate the Commons in its current form, I agree that it is outdated and underused. The addition of green spaces and more shops and restaurants is exciting and long overdue. And while I know some in the community may have concerns about the addition of residences, I believe in the high standards that Caruso has set for its other properties. I trust that Caruso will equally apply these standards to the Commons Lane project, and our Calabasas residents will not be disappointed. I truly appreciate all of the time and effort Caruso has taken to gather feedback from the community, and believe they are a genuine community partner. I am in the unique position of having both a young child and two teenagers, and I believe the new green space will be a great way for kids of all ages to connect, play outdoors and enjoy our beautiful city.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my comments, and I hope we can see some exciting new changes to the Commons soon!

Sincerely,

Erin Witkow

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
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Dear Mr. Klein,

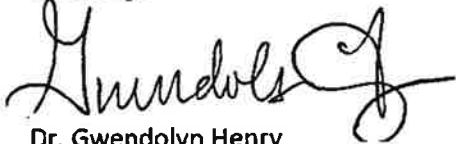
I hope this letter finds you well. I trust the Caruso team to deliver thoughtful new enhancements for The Commons.

I can't think of a downside to this project – it really is a great advancement for the city and the local community. This plan creates new spaces for people to live, eat, relax, and shop. It will also create small business growth by creating more jobs to drive and advance the economy.

I thank the Caruso team for continuing to think about the future as it considers ways to enhance The Commons and most importantly, our local community.

I urge you to support this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gwendolyn Henry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "G".

Dr. Gwendolyn Henry  
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Calabasas CA 91302  
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gwen\_henry@verizon.net



Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
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Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

The proposed addition of new restaurants with outdoor dining options will broaden our social scene, offering more places to gather and connect. The Caruso team's extensive outreach throughout this process reinforces their commitment to the community and I look forward to seeing these enhancements come to life.

I am very pleased that the Commons Lane proposal includes expanded housing options in Calabasas. I believe that more people deserve access to homes within our community, and granting that access would be commendable.

Thank you,

Houman Kouroshy

9/11/2023

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Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Calabasas City Council,

I think it is wonderful that Caruso is proposing new improvements to The Commons at Calabasas. The Commons Lane plan includes a new grassy area that can be used for community events, new shops and restaurants to enjoy, a new walkable village area with landscaping and wide sidewalks, and new apartments. I believe these apartments could be great for students like me who may want to remain in the community they grew up in after graduating from college. Not only will these apartments help bring us back to Calabasas after college, the new improvements in shops, restaurants, and activities will make us look forward to visiting our new and improved Commons when we come home.

This new investment shows that The Commons team is thinking about the best ways to ensure The Commons remains a great destination for all of Calabasas. I firmly believe that the new improvements to the Commons will attract and engage a broader audience, ushering in a wave of fresh participants in this new The Commons Lane plan.

Thank you,

Isabella Werbe

City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City of Calabasas,

I am excited about the new plans to add more shops, restaurants and apartments to the Commons. The Commons joined our community a quarter of a century ago, and many things have changed since then. I think it is very reassuring that Caruso has taken the time to connect with the community and develop a plan that is beautiful and will help keep the Commons vibrant.

The idea of creating a more walkable space would be fantastic. Wide sidewalks are perfect for outdoor dining, pleasant walks through the grounds and more.

The plan for The Commons Lane will bring new opportunities for us to enjoy The Commons. I would like to see it approved as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

  
Jeff Piraino

23035 Park Dulce  
Calabasas, CA 91302

9/27/23


To the City of Calabasas,

As a parent of school-aged children in Calabasas, I spend a great deal of time thinking about the future of our beautiful community. The continued strength of our public services – including our public schools -- depend on a strong financial foundation, and that is what The Commons Lane plan will help protect.

The Commons is an extremely important economic engine for Calabasas, generating many millions of dollars a year to support the excellent services that help set Calabasas apart. The Commons Lane will expand that funding through additional tax revenues and new jobs. This could result in more teachers, increased enrichment activities, newer classroom equipment, or other benefits for our schools to help them prepare students for the future.

On behalf of future generations, please support The Commons Lane!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Orkin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Orkin

July 24, 2023

Calabasas City Council  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City Council Members:

As a Calabasas resident for 16 years, I am writing to you to share my support for the Commons Lane Project.

I am excited by the addition of a new housing component that will provide a different option for Calabasas residents to remain in the city. It is fantastic that we can have beautiful new apartment homes designed by the Caruso organization to help meet the local housing goals.

The Caruso company is well known for its attention to quality design and construction while creating a product that addresses the needs of the community. I look forward to seeing this mixed-use project evolve and enhance The Commons and make it even more welcoming.

Sincerely,

Joseph DeTuno, AIA  
23500 Park Sorrento  
Unit D21  
Calabasas, CA 91302  
310.614.8750

City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City of Calabasas,

I am part of the Calabasas Mayor's Youth Council which is meant to make recommendations to the City Council based off the interest of younger people in the Calabasas community. I support The Commons Lane project put forth by Caruso.

This new plan will add additional businesses to our community. This plan will add new tax revenue that will help our schools, which is important to me as a student. I think it is fantastic that Caruso is so engaged in making Calabasas a more vibrant place for us all and continues to think about the future of The Commons with us.

I especially think it is great that they are creating new walking spaces and gathering places for Calabasas residents. The Commons is already a place where many young people like to gather, shop, and eat, and this plan will thoughtfully enhance it for us all by making it a more walkable place.

Please support this plan.

Best,

Jordan Matalon

Mobile: 917-716-5125

Email: [jordanmatalon@gmail.com](mailto:jordanmatalon@gmail.com)

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

I am writing to share my support for some of the changes planned for the Commons Lane. While I am excited about some of the proposed changes there are some items, I have some concerns. New dining options and shops with different price points, allow us to explore a diverse range of culinary options and will also accommodate our family's different tastes and dietary preferences. I am thrilled that these plans include an increase of safety and security measures. Additional "green space" is a great addition for outdoor programming and events and will for sure bring our community together.

I have had the privilege of meeting with the Caruso team and while I am excited about the proposal of the Commons Lane, I do have some concerns that I hope can be addressed. For example, parking. Adding additional stores and restaurants opposite of where the movie theater is located decreases parking spaces. I love how I can always drive to the commons and find a place to park any time of the day. I am also concerned with the additional apartment style housing above the center area with the entrance for the underground parking being placed in the front of Commons Lane. Not only will this increase traffic, but it also presents a safety concern. Would it be possible for residents to enter into the underground parking from the back of the building? Finally, I love the idea of more outdoor spaces but I am concerned if it is placed in the middle of a parking lot.

The Caruso team has been a wonderful partner to the Calabasas community. Supporting our city and schools for nearly 25 years! I have consistently enjoyed visiting the Commons and I trust that the Caruso team will create a plan that addresses our concerns and is held to the Calabasas standard.

All the Best,

Julee Gould  
Calabasas Resident



Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

The Commons Lane will be great for the Calabasas community.

I believe the proposed enhancements to the Commons align with the kind of high quality, community-focused and family-friendly development that makes Calabasas such a great place to live! That's especially important to parents like me. The updated design and identifiable city center will keep our families shopping, dining and enjoying the Commons.

I'm looking forward to the potential of new favorite spots for family dinners, and an updated area to walk around and meet neighbors and friends. The proposed variety of shops will also bring new shopping options, which will be a big help as well to our community.

I believe the Commons Lane plan will be a welcome addition to our community.

Thank you,

Julie Berkus

Calabasas Resident

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

I support the proposed enhancements to The Commons at Calabasas.

The plan developed by Caruso and the community looks superb. It is wonderful that we can expect to see more restaurants and shops at The Commons. I often go to The Commons, and I think it would benefit from even more variety in offerings. I really look forward to the increased walkability of The Commons with this new plan.

The apartments look gracious and inviting, and I trust that Caruso will make them a wonderful place to call home. I think it is great that they are set back so that it won't impact the Commons experience.

I hope the city will continue to move this process forward so the Commons Lane can be completed quickly.

Best regards,

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**Julie Hsieh**

Mr. David Shapiro  
Mayor  
City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Mayor Shapiro and other relevant parties,

As a parent in Calabasas, I am always looking to support improvements which I believe will have long term beneficial impact on my children and future for Calabasas residents.

The plans for Commons Lane include the creation of new green space. This is very important for families like mine. It presents an opportunity for family programs such as movies, concerts, picnics and most importantly, quality time together. This sounds amazing!

This new plan is a significant investment in our city, which should be great news for all residents alike. Please help us bring this plan to life and approve Commons Lane.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lauren Klapova', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lauren Klapova  
Calabasas Resident

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

I am writing to share my support for the Commons Lane. The Commons has been in the community for 25 years, and it is truly a landmark. I believe the enhancements to this commercial hub will ensure a thriving future for Calabasas.

The proposed green space will be a great addition. I can see families, young people and seniors alike enjoying this shared public space. It will be a great place for all different types of people to spend an afternoon.

I look forward to seeing these enhancements realized.

Best regards,

Nicolle Sapo  
26303 W Plata Lane  
Calabasas, CA 91302

August 16, 2023

Dear Council members and interested parties,

I am writing you as an individual in support of the proposed Commons Lane project. I am a longtime resident of Calabasas and an active volunteer in our community (current President of the Calabasas Park Homeowners Association; Communications and Technology Commission Chair; and member of the Senior Center Steering Committee).

The Commons over the years has essentially become the Center of our City. So many residents of all ages enjoy the many restaurants and stores that The Commons has to offer. The Commons is always well maintained with an ambience that is inviting to both residents and visitors alike. I often hear people say, "I'll meet you at The Commons". Of course, the revenue that is brought in at The Commons provides additional financial benefit to our City which is certainly a plus.

As Council member James Bozajian said at a recent City Council meeting and I am paraphrasing, The Commons is a good partner for the City. I totally agree with his sentiments. I have seen first-hand Caruso's commitment to our city. In some ways as the City has matured so too has The Commons as it celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I have had opportunity to dine at one of the restaurants at Caruso's Palisades Village property. I understand that some of the elements from that center will be included here with the added advantage that there is more available space at The Commons for these additions. I also like the proposed apartments-mixed use development aspect since I know that more and more people are looking to live in an area where they can conveniently walk to restaurants and stores.

I appreciate how much the Caruso team has reached out to residents of Calabasas to carefully listen to our views on their new Commons Lane project. I believe that the changes will truly enhance The Commons and keep this area fresh for well into the future.

Sincerely,

*Richard Sherman*

Richard Sherman  
Calabasas Resident

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Mr. Klein,

I am writing to share my support for the proposed project at The Commons at Calabasas.

I know that shopping and dining areas have changed quite a bit over the last 25 years, and the Commons needs to keep up with the times. As a parent in the community, I am very excited by the family-friendly green space.

The new updates will ensure that The Commons continues to be a thriving hub for our community. I am excited to bring my kids to this green space to play with other children and listen to local musicians.

Caruso was very engaged with our community throughout the entire process of developing the plan. They continued to consider our needs and listened to our priorities for the future. I believe this project will bring amazing additions to our community and I cannot wait to utilize the space.

I am excited to see this beautiful project brought to life.

Yours truly,

Mike Attar

Calabasas Resident

**City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302**

**Dear City of Calabasas,**

**As a parent of children in Calabasas and current resident, I am constantly thinking about the future of this city.**

**The Commons is a very important place for our family. It's a place for us to eat dinner together, shop, and enjoy the beautiful atmosphere here in Calabasas. There's nowhere else quite like it.**

**Caruso has developed a plan that is tailored to what people in Calabasas are looking for: even more restaurants to choose from, more boutiques to browse at, beautiful new places to live, and an even greater sense of community and belonging.**

**I think these plans look wonderful and will be a huge benefit for our future. I hope you will consider approving this proposal.**

**Thank you,**

**Marla and Jason Litner  
23473 Palm Drive  
Calabasas, CA. 91302**

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

I am thrilled about the Commons Lane project. Particularly, the inclusion of additional restaurant options is great news for those of us looking for more choices for a night out, hopefully including more affordable options. The new retail area, with a widened paseo, will attract more visitors and help the Calabasas economy.

I appreciate Caruso's consistent community outreach and their dedication to listening to feedback from all residents. I hope this plan will be approved.

Best,

Maxine Bascue  
5306 Cangas Drive  
Calabasas, CA 91301



David Shapiro  
Mayor of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mayor Shapiro,

I support the Commons Lane. This project will strengthen the Commons place as a gathering spot for all.

Caruso has a longstanding history of creating a wonderful place for our community to shop and eat. The Commons Lane is bringing in new restaurants and shops, which is a welcome development for the Calabasas community. This will bring new variety for us to enjoy. I know that the updated retail space will ensure the Commons remains vibrant for the long-term future.

The Commons Lane is a project that meets the Calabasas standard. Please join me in supporting this forward-thinking plan.

All the best,

**Michael Belfiore**

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**Belfiore.michael@gmail.com**

July 21, 2023

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

As you know, the Commons at Calabasas has been in the community for 25 years. From what I've read, the Caruso team seems committed to ensuring that the Commons stays healthy and vibrant for the future.

The Commons is planning on adding more restaurants and boutiques. This new addition will provide a wide range of new options for shopping and dining. I also support the opportunity to live at The Commons for the first time, in beautiful new apartment homes.

The Caruso company always delivers a beautiful product and manages it very carefully. I have no doubt the same will be true of The Commons Lane.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

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Bennett Kaufman  
4175 Prado De Los Zorror  
Calabasas, CA. 91302

Dear Planning Commission,

I believe Caruso Management's plans for The Commons will be good for our City. The Commons Lane plan will bring many improvements to this beautiful center and help it retain its charm and character.

As part of the Mayor's Youth Council of Calabasas, I represent the many students who live and love to enjoy the amenities the Commons provides. I know that they will appreciate any further additions to the already great cafes and restaurants available.

The plan will provide new green space which is so important to the beauty of our city. It will be a place to gather with friends and enjoy some live music and entertainment in the heart of Calabasas.

Caruso created a special place for Calabasas at The Commons, I think it is great that they want to improve this property as time goes on to ensure it remains a forefront destination for our community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Navin Parmar

Student Environmental Commissioner

City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City of Calabasas,

I am often at The Commons. It is one of Calabasas' iconic places to go, whether we are grabbing a meal with friends and family or enjoying the beautiful shops. Caruso's plan for The Commons will help it remain an exciting place to go for many years moving forward. It is important that we continue to think about the future. I think the plan is very innovative, creating new spaces for us to eat outdoors, window shop, and also live at The Commons if we wanted to.

As part of the Mayor's Youth Council, I think it is important to express that I believe this will be very beneficial for young people in Calabasas, too. The Commons Lane plan will bring in more tax revenue for Calabasas, which will help keep our local schools strong. As a student, that's important to me.

I also think it is great that they were so proactive with the community to find out what the community's needs were before developing this plan. Community outreach is very important, and I appreciate their commitment to this.

I am happy to support this plan, and I hope you will, too.

Sincerely,

Noah Weintraub

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

I am writing to share my support for the Commons Lane.

The Commons has been in the community for 25 years, and it is truly a landmark. I believe the enhancements to this commercial hub will ensure a thriving future for Calabasas.

The proposed green space will be a great addition. I can see families, young people and seniors like us enjoying this shared public space. I look forward to bringing my grandkids there once it opens. It will be a great place for all different types of people to spend an afternoon.

We so appreciated Blake's presentation, we mentioned our only concerns which was parking and look forward to seeing the plans as they progress.

I look forward to seeing these enhancements realized.

Best regards,

Roger & Robin Davidson

Calabasas Residents since 1984

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Mr. Klein,

I support the Commons Lane plan that is proposed for The Commons at Calabasas. I think that the plan looks beautiful, and I appreciate the time and consideration that went into this plan. I think the new apartment units look great, and I think it is wonderful that this will be a new housing option for young professionals who might want to come back to the community they grew up in, without needing the financial commitment to purchase a home. People like myself can consider remaining in Calabasas after college because of this new option.

As a member of the Calabasas Mayor's Youth Council, ensuring that this plan is good for younger members of the community is very important. I think this plan helps give more opportunity and options to our younger residents, and this is one reason why I support this plan. I am excited for all of the new experiences at The Commons that will come from this proposal!

Sincerely,  
Ryan Trachuk

Dear Mr. Klein:

As a parent, I have always appreciated how the Commons has created a safe place for our kids to spend time after school and on weekends. Kids spend time together at Starbucks, or reading at Barnes & Noble, or getting ice cream at Jenni's in a protected environment with a great deal of visibility. While no place is totally free of danger, we can feel confident that no harm will come to our children while they are at The Commons.

This is a wonderful feature of this commercial center, and is a major reason why I support them and their plans to improve for the future. I understand that the new plans will include even more green space for kids to get together, safely, and I fully expect the new shops and restaurants will include some options that are good for young people. Speaking on behalf of Calabasas parents, the Commons gives us peace of mind. I hope this plan will be approved quickly.

Sincerely,

Sarit Aryeh

Calabasas Resident

Mr. David J. Shapiro  
Mayor of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mayor Shapiro,

Our family has lived and grown up in the Calabasas-Agoura area since 1987. As long-standing active members in the community, our family is very excited about the redevelopment and expansion of The Commons and Commons Lane.

I remember coming to The Commons when I was at Agoura High School and it was recently built in the 90's. I have so many great memories of going to breakfast at Corner Bakery and Marmalade Cafe with my grandparents when they would come here to visit from Pittsburgh. They really enjoyed The Commons and my grandfather loved watching the turtles. When our daughter, Sofia, was a baby we took her to all the music and magic shows in the courtyard by Marmalade - and now she's almost 17 years old. It's hard to believe that The Commons has been a big part of our family for 4 generations - our grandparents, our parents, Neal and I, and now our children ages 16 and 11.

We have seen The Commons progress over the years from our eyes as students ourselves, single and newly married adults, and now as parents. It's fit our lifestyle for many years along the path of life.

Caruso has been a long-standing community partner and we trust they will ensure the Commons Lane reaches the high standards we expect in our beautiful city of Calabasas. For 25 years, they have shown that they care about our community and proactively seek the community's feedback in an effort to ensure that they are meeting the ever-changing needs of the community.

We have expressed our feelings with the Carusso team about the need for more affordable, healthy and quick-service food options that are family-friendly for groups and people on the go who don't have time to sit down for long meal service.

As a parent in the community, I especially appreciate how family-friendly The Commons is for our young people and want to ensure that it continues to serve as a safe and affordable place for our young people and seniors like our parents.. The new green space will be a great way for everyone to connect, enjoy our beautiful SoCal weather outdoors and feel the beauty of community.

We look forward to joining you and the City Council in supporting the Commons Lane so we can enjoy it for many years to come.

Warm regards,

Season, Neal, Sofia and Carson Skuro



Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

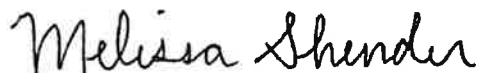
Dear Mr. Klein,

I am writing in support of the plans at the Commons Lane.

As a relatively new resident of Calabasas, I have been delighted to discover just how convenient and enjoyable the Commons is as a place to enjoy a meal, meet up with a friend, or so do some grocery shopping. The proposed improvements will provide even more opportunities to enjoy time together and create memories, or just run some necessary errands. My husband has worked on this project, and I have seen first-hand the hard work and dedication of the team working to make this plan a reality.

The Commons Lane is a well-designed, carefully considered plan to improve our community for the future. I hope you will join me in supporting this proposal.

Sincerely,

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3730 Avenida Callada  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Calabasas City Council  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City Council,

As supporters of our wonderful little city and residents for over a decade we are thrilled to see all the plans for the betterment of our community.

The Commons of Calabasas was one of the landmarks that helped us choose to live in this part of the Valley and we always enjoy the amenities as a family of this beautiful center.

We appreciate that Caruso Management sees the need to update the plaza to suit the needs of our everchanging demographic and we support their desire to make it even more attractive to local families.

New restaurants and cafes would be a welcome addition along with more small businesses to shop and enjoy. We are an evergrowing community and the need for housing for our new, younger families can also be addressed through this redevelopment.

The beauty of this heart of our city is so important to all of us and we feel confident that Caruso Management will take the utmost care in making sure this is preserved at the Commons of Calabasas. They have taken the time to listen to the community and embrace our concerns and needs. We are excited for the future and hope you agree to vote to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Sunny and Monica Parmar  
25550 Prado De Oro, Calabasas

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

August 15, 2023

Dear Mr. Klein,

I understand that your department has been tasked with reviewing the Commons Lane Plan. My wife Kristine & I have had the opportunity to see the plans that have been posted online by the Caruso Organization. We find them to be very impressive and well-thought out. I write to share my support for the Commons Lane Plan. We enjoy dining at The Commons restaurants and expect that the wide variety of new dining options and shops proposed as part of the Commons Lane will be truly exciting. Our community should have more dining options that serve to promote the diversity of our residents.

We have enjoyed attending concerts at the park near the Calabasas Swim & Tennis Center. We look forward to the "green space" that has been planned for the Commons Lane project. It's our understanding that this space may serve as the venue for concerts and outdoor events. Certainly, this will be a nice addition for families in Calabasas who have kids!

Putting it simply, my wife, children & I have had a lot of fun at The Commons. We look forward to enjoying the Commons Lane portion of the Commons once built. The Commons Lane Plan demonstrates a desire to be forward thinking about the needs of our community. Progress is always a good thing when it brings happiness and fosters community interaction.

We know that the Caruso team will act in the best interests of our community as it endeavors to bring this worthwhile development project to fruition. I close by letting you know that we also support the addition of residences at The Commons. Being able to walk from one's front door to such an awesome place as The Commons is a fantastic opportunity for those who choose to locate there.

Sincerely,



Frank Isaac

3551 Lido Ct  
Calabasas, CA 91302  
310-95-5065 mobile

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

I am a Calabasas resident, and I am in favor of The Commons Lane proposal. I have lived in Calabasas almost my entire life (since 1978), and having experienced Calabasas both with and without The Commons, I can personally attest to the fact that The Commons is a vital part of Calabasas. I enjoy eating and spending time there with family and friends. The plans to add more shops, restaurants as well as new space for outdoor activities and programming will help give Calabasas residents more options and overall make The Commons more enjoyable. I am also in favor of adding more affordable housing and not so concerned about parking.

Having spoken with the team working on this project, I know that they understand the role The Commons plays in the lives of families in Calabasas. I hope the City will continue to support establishments such as Barnes & Noble and other safe spaces for young teens to gather. We will miss the movie theater but we hope are confident that the new additions will also cater to the needs of Calabasas families like mine.

I hope you will move this proposal forward.

Sincerely,

Erin Mayer  
22262 Cairnloch Street, Calabasas

City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City of Calabasas,

I am writing to share my support for The Commons Lane. This plan has many features that I think will improve our city. The plan to add apartments to The Commons will create new local housing options, which we certainly need. I would welcome the chance to live in one of these units once I finish school and start my career.

It's very important to me to remain in Calabasas, and living at The Commons would give me so much of what I need right at my doorstep. I hope this proposal will be approved as quickly as possible.

Best regards,

Sammi Condro  
CHS Student & Calabasas Resident

Sandra Hamilton  
3772 Calle Jazmin  
Calabasas, CA 91302  
818-481-3511

August 17, 2023

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

Recently, I attended a community activity where the Caruso Team made a presentation of the Commons Lane and all that's planned for the Calabasas Commons. Being a long time resident of 25 years, I was pleased with the new development as well as what Caruso has done with the Commons to date.

The new proposal from Caruso showcases the mixed use -- retail, residential, and restaurants in an exciting way with every detail being given full attention. I trust the Caruso Team in their ability in keeping Calabasas one of the superior communities in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Hamilton" with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Sandra Hamilton, President  
Hamilton Private Security  
Woodland Hills, California

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

I am writing to support the planned improvements to The Commons at Calabasas. I believe that these upgrades will be a great addition to our community.

The Commons Lane plan protects all of Calabasas' existing open space, while adding new green space at The Commons. This space will be perfect for bringing the community together, and I know it's something that my kids especially will appreciate.

I also appreciate that Caruso is looking towards the future with a plan that will continue to keep The Commons vibrant for many years ahead. My family and I have enjoyed The Commons, and we want to ensure that others have that same opportunity, too.

I hope the city will join me in supporting this plan for The Commons

Sincerely,



Tami Hathaway

Mr. Michael Klein

Community Development Director

City of Calabasas Planning Department

100 Civic Center Way

Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

I am writing to support The Commons Lane plan. The Commons is a community destination in Calabasas, and I go there very often. This beautiful gathering place achieves the high standards that Calabasas upholds. We enjoy attending the special events that the Commons offer our City.

We look at the Commons as a enjoyable and focal community for the **our** City.

I believe that adding even more variety to the shops and restaurants there will be wonderful, and will appeal to everyone.

Many seniors in Calabasas that we know are considering downsizing to smaller homes, and **living in The Commons new apartments** would be wonderful. It would be great to enjoy The Commons' many shops and restaurants without having to get in my car. I am very glad that Caruso is providing this high-quality housing option at The Commons.

Teri and I also think about what that expansion of The Commons would do for the City, such increase revenue from sales tax and property taxes. It will also raise the value of the homes in our community and bring in more revenue to the City from the sale of our homes to the City.

I hope the city joins us supporting this project.

Best Regards,

Teri and Rick Young

23106 Park Contessa

Calabasas

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July 10, 2023

Michael Klein, Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas  
Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, California 91302

Dear Michael, and, the City of Calabasas, Planning Department:

We are residents of the City of Calabasas, and are writing in support of The Commons Lane project, at The Commons at Calabasas.

We believe that The Commons Lane will be exactly what our Community needs to ensure a thriving future. It would be wonderful to take a stroll through the new paseo, which will allow us to connect with all of our friends and family while gathering, dining and shopping.

We are also very excited about the new green space. We think it will be a great opportunity to host different events to bring our Calabasas Community together. Movies in the park will be a fun event for us, couples, friends, and families.

We are confident in the Caruso Group's experience, competency, financial strength, and ability to execute to completion this beautiful new plan, and we trust Caruso's dedication to our Calabasas Community. All of their projects are First Class, and we cannot wait to experience all the new features.

Please join us in supporting The Commons Lane.

Sincerely,

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Robert Klass & Amy Klass

CHAMIL HETTIARACHCHI  
23651 Summit Dr  
Calabasas, CA 91302

August 8, 2023

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Mr. Klein,

I am writing to share my support for the enhancements of the Commons.

When I learned about Caruso's plan to add housing to the Commons, I was very excited. I cannot wait to see the new apartment homes, which are badly needed. Caruso's team specifically designed them for Calabasas – and I trust Caruso's ability to meet Calabasas' housing needs while maintaining the charm and character of our community.

I am impressed with Caruso's commitment to our community. I believe the new housing will add vibrancy to our community.

I cannot wait to also enjoy the wide selection of new shops and restaurants. I know the Commons will continue to be a great place to hang out with friends and connect with the community. Caruso is an asset to the Calabasas community, and I'm sure will remain so for many more years to come.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my perspective.

Sincerely,



Chamil Hettiarachchi  
[chamil@consciouscommunity.global](mailto:chamil@consciouscommunity.global)  
818-852-5200

To: The City of Calabasas

Subject: Commons Lane Development

We have been made aware of the improvements and refresh Caruso is proposing. The Commons is due for an upgrade, as times change, it is important for our infrastructure to be updated.

We have all seen what Caruso can do to make their projects unique and a place that people want to visit and shop.

I am sure our Planning Commission, City Council, and Caruso will mitigate any resident concerns and give the City of Calabasas a fantastic product.

Thank you for your consideration.

John and Gloria Tredent  
24352 Dino Ct  
Calabasas, CA 91302

**City of Calabasas**

**100 Civic Center Way**

**Calabasas, CA 91302**

**Dear City of Calabasas,**

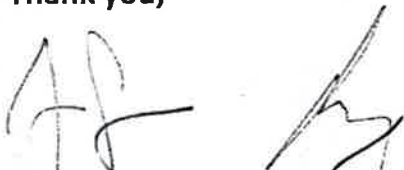
**As parents of children in Calabasas and current residents, we are constantly thinking about the future of this city.**

**The Commons is a very important place for our family. It's a place for us to eat dinner together, shop, and enjoy the beautiful atmosphere here in our community. There's nowhere else quite like it.**

**Caruso has developed a plan that is tailored to what people in Calabasas are looking for: even more restaurants options, more boutiques to browse, beautiful new places to live, more events for our children and an even greater sense of community and belonging.**

**I think these plans look wonderful and will be a huge benefit for our future. I hope you will consider approving this proposal.**

**Thank you,**

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is on the left and the second is on the right, both appearing to be cursive and somewhat stylized.

**Traci and Daniel Schwarz**

City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City of Calabasas,

I am in favor of The Commons Lane plan that the Caruso team is proposing for The Commons at Calabasas. Their plan reflects their extensive community engagement and will add very welcome new shops and restaurants to our community, along with more tax revenue to support our schools. As a student, this is very important to me.

I also support adding housing to The Commons, which will allow people to reduce their dependence on cars and add even more energy to the area.

I hope the City approves this project so The Commons can continue to be a vibrant place for everyone in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Aliya Stern

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein:

I am writing to share my support for the proposed updates to The Commons. I believe that the updates Caruso is planning for The Commons at Calabasas are beautiful. The new retail and dining possibilities are very exciting, and the addition of green space in the center is something I know will be very beneficial for the community. I think this space will be fantastic for hosting different events to bring everyone together. Caruso was very engaged with the community throughout this entire process, asking for our feedback during the brainstorming process and continuing to take our suggestions to heart today. As an active parent in our community, I am happy to see that Caruso is continuing to plan for the future of The Commons. I think this project will help ensure The Commons continues to be a thriving center of Calabasas that our children can enjoy in the future. I hope the City will join me in supporting this project.

Best,

  
Amanda Weiss

Mr. David J. Shapiro  
Mayor of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mayor Shapiro,

As a parent in the community, I am genuinely excited about the Commons Lane.

Caruso is a community partner and I trust they will ensure the Commons Lane reaches the high standards we expect in this city. For 25 years, they have demonstrated that they care about our community and listen closely to our feedback.

As a parent in the community, I especially appreciate how family-friendly The Commons is for our young people. The new green space will be a great way for kids to connect, play outdoors and enjoy this wonderful corner of California.

I hope you can join me in supporting the Commons Lane.

Sincerely,

Amy Grayson

Calabasas Resident

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Mr. Klein,

I am writing to support the re-development plan at The Commons.

I was very happy to see the plan once it was announced after attending one of Caruso's community meetings this past year. Clearly, the team really cared about the feedback we gave and have modified their plans accordingly.

Their plan will add housing that the City needs while preserving existing open space by implementing this project at The Commons. At the same time, they will bring new green space to The Commons to make it an even more pleasant experience. Their similar project at the Americana at Brand with a similar housing component, has been a huge success for the community there as well.

The team that I spoke with at their community meeting was incredibly responsive, really listening to what would improve our community. Caruso continues to be a great example of what it means to be a real partner to the Calabasas community.

Please approve this project with my support.

Sincerely,



Andy Mandell  
3916 Coral Place  
Calabasas, CA 91302



August 30, 2023

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein.

I am writing to you to share my support for the Commons Lane Project.

I have seen firsthand how the Commons has transformed our community throughout my time in Calabasas - 34 years. I remember when the area was just big hills. I am excited to support Caruso's new plan. I am excited about the new restaurant options since we love to eat.

I trust Caruso to complete this project in a beautiful way. I know the residents will benefit from the wide variety of shops and restaurants. Caruso has been a member of our community for 25 years, and I believe in their ability to complete a high-quality project.

I look forward to see this project brought to life.

Sincerely,

Annette and Jona Kardish  
24744 Hermosilla Court  
Calabasas (Vista Pointe)

**Brian Cameron**  
**25328 Prado de los Arboles**  
**Calabasas, CA 91302**

August 29, 2023

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

**RE: The Commons Development Plans**

Mr. Klein,

I am one of hundreds of Calabasas residents who - because of their positions on HOA boards or merely by being a Calabasas resident – have been shown renderings of the proposed Commons Lane development by the Caruso team.

They didn't need to.

Having been a Commons shopper for the 25 years it has existed, I have come to expect excellence in all aspects of this Calabasas gem, from the selection of the retailers to the maintenance of the facilities and Caruso's commitment to the community.

Consumer tastes are fickle and a development company that doesn't track and adapt to changing demands will suffer. Caruso gets it and thus has recognized the need to make some significant changes to how they utilize the Commons property. From what I have seen and read; the proposed changes are terrific. Frankly I won't miss the theater as my choice of entertainment options have changed due to Covid. I like the concept of adding sorely needed housing to a refresh and expansion of retail options.

In summary, please add my name to those who would like to see the Commons Lane project become a reality.

Sincerely,

*Brian Cameron*

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Mr. Klein,

I support The Commons Lane wholeheartedly.

I think it is an innovative way to add new options for everyone to enjoy while also creating new housing options for people here in Calabasas, which is something that we need.

I think the plans look beautiful. I love that this new design will make it more pleasant for pedestrians, adding more spacious sidewalks and creating a new open space for people to enjoy together – something which is increasingly important following our difficult pandemic.

This will be a “Big Plus” to an already wonderful shopping experience.

Caruso is very thoughtful with everything they do, and they have a long history here in Calabasas of delivering quality offerings. They continue to reach out to the community and ensure they are in constant dialogue with us, something I am grateful for.

Thank you for your time,

Bruce Sachs

Calabasas California Resident

Mr. David J. Shapiro

Mayor of Calabasas

100 Civic Center Way

Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mayor Shapiro,

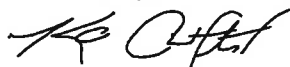
I hope all is well with you & that you are having a wonderful summer. I enjoyed catching up with you (in May?) following Julee & my PFC farewell meeting. My youngest just graduated CHS in June which brings to an end my 25 years of LVUSD service. As you know, my husband, Paul, has been the driving force behind the local recreational/club WVSL soccer program – aka Real So Cal - - now LAFC SoCal Youth for roughly the same 25 years... I have worn many different hats over our LVUSD years – most recently CHS PFC president.

Our connections to Calabasas run deep. I grew up in Woodland Hills in the 60s and 70s, and our family belonged to what was then the private Calabasas Tennis Club. I have long felt that Calabasas is a gem & a great place to work & raise a family. My oldest is now looking at homes in the area for his family (fingers crossed). I know that no development projects are perfect & there are 2 sides (at least) to everything, but wanted to reach out and let you know, from my perspective as a PFC parent, how much consideration and effort Caruso team has put into engaging with the community for input on their latest plans. They do seem to genuinely care how the project is received by the residents.

In my opinion, their proposed Commons Lane & green space would make Calabasas an even happier place and would encourage families to keep their dollars local. As it exists today, The Commons is on the “sleepy” side (or as a teenager would say “boring”) – waiting for a table at Sugarfish on a summer evening, it is hard to find other businesses of interest (or even open past 7 or 8) to pass the time. The new proposals promise to make the Commons more of a gathering spot for all ages – where you’d be inclined to spend time because that’s where you might see your friends and neighbors.

It is my hope that this plan receives the full support of the city of Calabasas. And if you can convince them to incorporate a soccer pitch (maybe they can swap a turf field in place of the planned rooftop swimming pool?), Paul would also be the biggest of fans.

Sincerely,



Karen Clifton

Calabasas City Council

100 Civic Center Way

Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City Council,

As a proud Calabasas resident, I wanted to express my support and enthusiasm for the enhancements to the Commons.

My family and I visit the Commons for dinner frequently and updated restaurants would be great to see. It would be fantastic to have some new places to grab a bite and enjoy good food with family and friends.

Creating new apartments is also a nice addition for the community. These homes will provide convenient living options for individuals and families, and also add more energy and excitement to the Commons. It's a good idea and the time is right! I hope you agree and will vote to approve it.

Sincerely yours,

Casey Napolitano

City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City of Calabasas,

I am excited about Caruso's new plan to add enhancements to the Commons. I believe this project will bring substantial benefits to the city. I look forward to the numerous exciting ways we will be able to enjoy the new spaces that will be created by this plan – especially the new community green space. This area will be a wonderful way to bring the community together, something that is especially important these days.

Caruso's properties are always well-designed, well-built, and well-maintained. I'm sure this proposal will be no different! I hope you will support this very promising plan.

Sincerely,

Carli Bender  
Calabasas High School Student  
Calabasas Resident

City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City of Calabasas,

As a member of the Calabasas Mayor's Youth Council, I am writing to support The Commons Lane. This plan will feature new restaurants and shops, which will bring new tax revenue to our city and our schools! Creating new options for residents and investing in our community is a great objective, and I think it is fantastic that Caruso is committed to making the experience at The Commons even better for residents and visitors.

The plan provides a lot of enhancements that will make a lasting improvement in our community.

Please join me in supporting The Commons Lane.

Thank you,  
Delaney Grayson

City of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear City of Calabasas,

I am writing to share my support for The Commons Lane.

This plan has many features that I think will improve our city. The plan to add apartments to The Commons will create new local housing options, which we certainly need. I would welcome the chance to live in one of these units once I finish school and start my career. It's very important to me to remain in Calabasas, and living at The Commons would give me so much of what I need right at my doorstep.

I hope this proposal will be approved as quickly as possible.

Best regards,

Daniel Oroszlan  
Calabasas High School Senior & Calabasas Resident



**Dear Calabasas Planning Commission and City Council:**

Please accept this letter of endorsement for the Commons Lane proposal at The Commons at Calabasas.

The Commons Lane is a thoughtful and well-designed plan that was introduced following very extensive engagement with the community over a very lengthy period of time. Adding new stores, new restaurants, green space and housing opportunities in a beautiful new environment of The Commons will be great for Calabasas, and speaking for myself I can't wait to visit once it's open.

The Commons is beautiful today as well, but nothing can remain the same forever. Caruso is absolutely right to want to invest and make a great destination even better. I hope you will agree.

Sincerely,

*Carol Keri*

Mr. David J. Shapiro  
Mayor of Calabasas  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mayor Shapiro,

As you know, we all cherish The Commons here in Calabasas. It is an idyllic destination, and much of that is thanks to the meticulous way the Caruso planned and continues to maintain this property. Now, they plan to upgrade this property even more, adding increased variety for visitors alongside new public uses.

I think the fact that Caruso is completing these changes is incredibly exciting, and I appreciate how they came to the community to hear from US about what we'd like to see! They have continued to show that they care deeply about being a member of this community.

I hope you will approve Caruso's plan and help The Commons thrive!

Sincerely,

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**Lori Graf**

Calabasas Resident at  
24644 Calle Largo  
Calabasas, CA 91302

**City of Calabasas,**

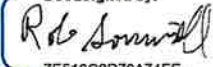
**May this letter serve as an endorsement for the planned changes to The Commons, called The Commons Lane.**

**I think this plan adds to The Commons – creating new green spaces and more options to eat at and shop – while also helping the city deliver on crucially needed housing.**

**I think the plan to add apartment homes to The Commons is wonderful as it allows for more diversity in housing options for people who do not wish to, or are not able to, maintain a stand-alone home.**

**I really appreciate that Caruso is continuing to think about the future of The Commons and their future in Calabasas – and is committing to our community with a large investment in this space.**

**Thank you,**

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**Rob Sourial**

**Calabasas Resident at  
24644 Calle Largo  
Calabasas, CA 91302**

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
City of Calabasas Planning Department  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

I am writing to you in support of The Commons Lane at The Commons at Calabasas.

I believe that The Commons Lane will be a great addition to The Commons. The addition of new shops and restaurants alongside an open area will allow the community to enjoy the center more. I also believe that creating a green space for Commons shoppers is what The Commons needs. I like the fact they do not intend to cut into our mountain so that they preserve our open space, wildlife habitat and local ecosystem. I also look forward to the housing options they will be offering the community.

Caruso was very engaged with the public throughout the entire process of developing their plan. My husband and I were part of the outreach process, and they were eager to hear from all of us to understand our concerns and priorities for the project and future. I appreciate their continued engagement with us throughout this entire process.

Caruso's properties are always regarded as being completed with the highest standards and I have no doubt that The Commons Lane will be a wonderful new addition to The Commons and Calabasas.

I look forward to seeing the finished project.

Sincerely,

Randi Feilich  
Westridge Estates Resident  
Calabasas

October 6, 2023

To the City of Calabasas:

The Commons is one of the most important destinations in our city, in terms of economic development as well as community bonding. Like any property, it needs to be updated and refreshed over time, and as you may know the Commons is now 25 years old. It's time for new investment! Caruso has an excellent plan to improve the Commons, and I am quite sure it will be a long-term benefit for residents and for everyone who visits The Commons. We are especially in need of higher quality restaurants. I hope you will give this proposal your full support. Thank you for listening to this perspective.

Sincerely,

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Elise Backus  
4063 Schuylkill Dr.  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Michael Klein:

I am writing on behalf of Polacheck's Jewelers, an original Commons tenant, to support The Commons Lane project.

Polacheck's Jewelers has been at The Commons since its founding, and we have seen the city grow. Residents value The Commons as a high-quality center and spend a lot of time here. The Commons Lane plan will continue to ensure The Commons remains a thriving center in Calabasas by adding new retail and dining options, green space, and residential units. Residents of the new housing are likely to patronize businesses on the premises, and new amenities encourage more visitors to shop, eat, and spend time at The Commons. It is a great investment in Calabasas and as tenants we embrace it.

After working with Caruso for nearly 25 years, we are confident this project will be a genuine enhancement for the future.

Sincerely,

  
Brent Polacheck

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

Calabasas City Council:

David J. Shapiro, Mayor  
Alicia Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem  
Ed Albrecht, Councilmember  
James R. Bozajian, Councilmember  
Peter Kraut, Councilmember

Calabasas Planning Commission:

Michael Harrison, Chair  
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Dennis Washburn, Member  
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# BARNES & NOBLE

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

*August 30, 2023*

Mr. Klein,

I am writing in favor of the proposed project at The Commons at Calabasas. We have been very pleased that Barnes & Noble – and The Commons at-large – has become a favored destination for the Calabasas community. Barnes & Noble is the world's largest retail bookseller, and we aspire to be a credit to the communities we serve, including here in Calabasas.


Caruso has maintained The Commons to the highest standard. They have been very engaged with tenants throughout our 25 years here, and their recent proposal has been no exception. They have been very communicative with our team, and we greatly appreciate this.

The Commons Lane plan includes many substantial investments in The Commons property, which will encourage guests to visit and spend time at the property. We believe this will have a positive impact on the businesses that operate here, as well as the community.

We support this additional investment in The Commons and hope to see it approved swiftly.

Sincerely,

**BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS, INC.**

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James Daunt  
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

Calabasas City Council:

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SUSHI NOZAWA, LLC

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

The Commons at Calabasas has been an excellent location for Sugarfish, reliably attracting guests throughout the year due to its wide variety of high-quality stores, restaurants, and gathering places. We understand that The Commons is proposing to enlarge their current commercial offerings, add usable green space to the premises, and introduce housing for the first time. We believe these improvements will help The Commons remain a favorite local destination for visitors, which is good news for restaurants like ours.

We appreciate that The Commons plans to implement numerous measures to plan for the future, and we know we can reach out directly to a representative from Caruso at any time with any questions or concerns. For all of these reasons, Sugarfish supports The Commons Lane plan at The Commons.

Sincerely,



Cameron Broumnad, Owner

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

Calabasas City Council:

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# La La Land

## KIND CAFE

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

La La Land Kind Café is pleased to write in support of the planned improvements at The Commons at Calabasas. La La Land is a coffee shop that brings together the community with the purpose of having a positive impact on every individual who walks through our doors. We were proud to celebrate our grand opening at The Commons in April, and we have been delighted by the warm welcome this community has given us.

The planned enhancements at The Commons will be a substantial improvement to the center for businesses and residents alike. New amenities for the community including additional green space and wide sidewalks will make the space even more enjoyable, in turn increasing the number of guests visiting the property.

We believe Caruso's continued investment in this community and property will be very beneficial. We hope you will join us in supporting this proposal.

Sincerely,



Francois Reihani

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

Calabasas City Council:

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July 12, 2023

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein:

I am writing on behalf of Porta Via Restaurants to support The Commons Lane project.

Porta Via has been operating at The Commons for three years, offering a place for Commons visitors to gather, eat, and enjoy each other's company.

The Commons Lane project will benefit restaurants and other commercial locations on the property by drawing new visitors to The Commons and encouraging people to spend more time here.

We also appreciate the open communication to tenants from the Caruso team throughout this process, and we hope to see The Commons Lane proceed.

Sincerely,

Peter Garland



**Peter A. Garland**  
CEO, Porta Via Restaurants  
Mobile 310-279-6900  
Web [www.portaviarestaurants.com](http://www.portaviarestaurants.com)  
email [peter@portaviarestaurants.com](mailto:peter@portaviarestaurants.com)  
424 N Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

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Mr. Michael Klein

Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein:

On behalf of elysewalker, I am writing to express our support for The Commons Lane and the many improvements this plan will bring to The Commons at Calabasas.

elysewalker caters to a sophisticated fashion clientele and performs best in an environment of high standards and attention to detail, alongside other high-quality retailers. The Commons at Calabasas has proven to be a superb home for our third boutique, and we have every confidence that revitalizing The Commons with a new retail village, housing, green space and other amenities will add vibrancy and energy that will strengthen our business for the long-term.

Sincerely,  
Summer Holl, President elysewalker

*Summer Holl*

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

Calabasas City Council:

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Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein:

On behalf of Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams, I'd like to share my support for The Commons Lane.

Jeni's is a community-spirited company on a mission to make better ice cream and bring people together. We see a similar mission in Caruso's commitment to bringing people together at The Commons, a quality central gathering place in Calabasas. The Commons Lane will help keep this destination vibrant for the future, and as a tenant we fully support it. It is a great investment in Calabasas and will support all of the tenants at The Commons.

At Jeni's, we also recognize that Caruso is a great community partner. We work with the Caruso team to host popular ice cream socials to support local schools. We look forward to hosting more of these events in the future, including potentially at the new green space Caruso has proposed.

We appreciate Caruso for keeping us updated on their plans, and we encourage the project to be approved so we can all benefit from it.

Sincerely,

*Jordan Mork*

Jordan Mork

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

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# PICK UP STIX

FRESH ASIAN FLAVORS

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

To Mr. Michael Klein:

Pick Up Stix is a leading collection of Asian restaurants in Southern California, with more than 50 locations opening in the state since our first location began in Santa Margarita, back in 1989.

The Commons at Calabasas has been an excellent location for our business, and we support their proposed improvement plan, The Commons Lane. This is an attractive vision, and we believe even more people will visit The Commons for shopping or dining once the “new and improved” plan is developed and its doors are opened.

Jake, Chris and the team from Caruso have been very considerate and comprehensive with their outreach to the community and with tenants. We understand that significant measures will be in place to reduce disruption during construction for shoppers, neighbors and other tenants. We look forward to remaining closely engaged as this process advances.

Sincerely,

Ben Azra, Vice President of Operations

*Ben Azra*

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

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Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Community Development Director Michael Klein:

Fazio Cleaners supports The Commons Lane plan by Caruso. The plan will bring more guests to The Commons and uplift many businesses, including our own. It is a smart idea to locate housing near the amenities that The Commons delivers.

We trust Caruso to deliver a quality project. We have been a tenant here since the beginning. They have kept The Commons well-maintained for the past 25 years, and we believe this is the right plan for the next 25 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nicole Fazio

Sincerely,

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August 31, 2023

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Mr. Klein,

We are pleased to share our support for The Commons Lane proposal. As a new business in Calabasas, Poppy Bank is proud to help meet the banking needs of residents and make a positive difference in the local economy. We are eager to extend our commitment to providing the best products and services to those who visit our Calabasas branch.

The Caruso team has shared their plans for The Commons Lane with us, and we believe it will be a beneficial addition to Calabasas. This proposal signifies a meaningful investment and will contribute to the economic vitality of this community, as The Commons continues to be a gathering place for so many people here.

We believe The Commons Lane reflects the needs of both businesses and residents – we hope to see the City approve this plan promptly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Finn".

Michael Finn, CPA  
EVP Chief Banking Officer

CC:

Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

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# **BARNEY'S**

GOURMET HAMBURGERS

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein:

At Barney's Gourmet Burgers, we were excited when the Caruso team approached us about an update to The Commons at Calabasas. While the property already has great reach, we believe this new concept could help drive our businesses success by drawing in visitors from even further reaches of the valley. We also believe that this could create a more walkable center which we believe could be very beneficial. We believe the new updates will only improve business for us and our neighboring shops and restaurants. This will also deliver more tax revenue to the city and support the greater community.

The Caruso team has been very open about their plans for the future. They walked us through renderings of The Commons Lane and asked for our feedback, which was positive. New housing will enable residents to access our restaurant with ease. The plan will also improve safety at The Commons by increasing activity and monitoring of the property around the clock. We hope the city will join us in supporting this proposal.

Sincerely,

Sam Sarshar

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

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Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

To Mr. Michael Klein:

Fresh Brothers Pizza is happy to write in support of The Commons Lane Project.

We have been serving the Calabasas community for over a decade, opening our doors in 2010 at The Commons. As a longtime tenant, we appreciate The Commons and its family-friendly atmosphere.

At Fresh Brothers, we believe in going beyond the kitchen, becoming an active member of the communities we serve, and we're proud to have done that in Calabasas. Over the years, we have partnered with Caruso on restaurant nights and other fundraisers in support of local schools. We believe in giving back to the communities we reside in, and we know that Caruso does too. We are eager to welcome the new amenities from The Commons Lane—including green space that will be well-suited for events and gatherings. We also believe it will support businesses at The Commons.

The Commons Lane will help keep The Commons strong for businesses and visitors, and we wish to see it advance as rapidly as possible.

Sincerely,

Scott Goldberg

Co-Founder

VP supply chain and development

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# FEATURE

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

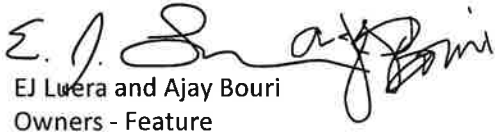
Dear Community Development Director Michael Klein,

The Commons at Calabasas is the sole California location for FEATURE, a home for iconic footwear, high-end apparel and accessories for over a decade.

We are in support of The Commons Lane plan, as we believe it will be great for the center and our business. Not only will the plan generate more business for Commons tenants, the housing that is incorporated in the plan will improve safety.

We recognize that successful commercial centers must refresh themselves to keep pace in a fast-changing competitive environment, and Caruso has earned our trust that they will carry out this improvement thoughtfully, carefully and to a high standard of quality. We also appreciate the personalized outreach by Caruso to our business and other tenants at The Commons.

Sincerely,

  
EJ Luera and Ajay Bouri  
Owners - Feature

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# *Wink* OPTOMETRY inc.

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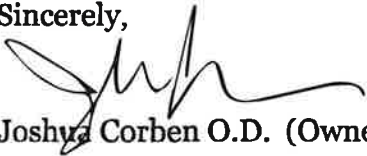
DR. MATTHEW R. ALPERT • DR. JOSHUA CORBEN • DR. Catherine Barker  
July 21, 2023

**Mr. Michael Klein**  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Community Development Director Mr. Klein:

I am writing to express Wink Optometry's support for The Commons Lane plan. Wink Optometry has served the Calabasas community for 13 years. The Commons has been a successful home for us, and we support Mr. Caruso's efforts to make The Commons even more attractive and dynamic for the future. The Care Mr. Caruso takes in his centers has always shown through with his attention to detail. We trust Mr. Caruso to deliver these enhancements with care, skill, and their customary high standards of quality.

Sincerely,



Joshua Corben O.D. (Owner Wink Optometry)

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

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**MARMALADE**  
Breakfast · Brunch · Lunch · Dinner · CAFE

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302


Dear Mr. Klein,

We are proud that Marmalade Cafe at The Commons is considered to be a landmark in the City of Calabasas. Each day, we welcome guests of all ages to enjoy our fresh, eclectic, California-inspired food within our restaurant and on our beautiful outdoor terrace. It is our privilege to host so many wonderful visitors and play such an important role in this beautiful community.

We believe Caruso's plans for The Commons Lane will make a great location even better, and we are pleased to support this proposal. This will be a significant investment that will keep The Commons a premier dining destination and maintain the level of excellence that both guests and tenants have come to expect from Caruso.

The Caruso team has made a concerted effort to keep us informed about the plans and to listen to our feedback. We look forward to an ongoing partnership as The Commons continues to improve for the future.

Sincerely,

  
Selwyn Yossowitz  
Marmalade Cafe  
Founder

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

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July 7, 2023

Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein,

On behalf of See's Candies – Calabasas, I am pleased to write in support of The Commons Lane project. A proud tenant of The Commons at Calabasas, See's Candies has been providing Calabasas residents with delicious treats for nearly six years and has been a tenant with Caruso for decades.

Caruso shared The Commons Lane plan with us, and we think it looks excellent. The green space, in particular, will encourage visitors to spend more time at The Commons—which will ultimately support businesses like ours. Caruso has been closely engaged with See's and other tenants throughout this development process, and we have full confidence this improvement will be a benefit for retailers and community members alike.

Sincerely,

Pat Egan  
President & CEO

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

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**See's**  
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August 8, 2023



Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Michael Klein,

King's Fish House supports The Commons Lane plan and asks that it be approved for the benefit of Commons tenants and guests, as well as the City of Calabasas and its residents. At King's Fish House, we have seen first-hand Caruso's significant community outreach surrounding this plan. Caruso hosted multiple community events at King's over the past year, including two series of Visioning Sessions in June and December. The events were very well attended.

In addition to working with the community, Caruso has been very communicative with King's Fish House, keeping us informed of their plan to update The Commons for the future and key milestones in the process. Caruso has informed us that they will keep construction impacts to a minimum so we can continue to serve the community while the updates are taking place.

We have a great partnership with Caruso and believe they value their tenants as well as the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael King".

Michael King  
King's Seafood Company  
Director of Real Estate & Development

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

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**Mr. Michael Klein**

**Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302**

**Dear Mr. Klein:**

**As a tenant and franchise owner in The Commons at Calabasas, I am writing to share my support for the proposed Commons Lane improvement plan. Crumbl Cookies is the fastest-growing cookie company in the U.S. with a mission of bringing friends and family together over a box of the best cookies in the world. We are pleased to be opening a franchise location shortly at The Commons, a first-rate commercial center with a proven track record of success for both merchants and guests.**

**The proposed improvements at The Commons will upgrade the property and provide an improved guest experience, adding vitality to the site and creating meaningful benefits for businesses like Crumbl. In the competitive commercial marketplace, it is vital for property owners to invest to keep their locations fresh, attractive, and welcoming. We believe the improved center will be a net plus for the City, for businesses, and for the public at large. Thank you for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,  
Richard Chu**

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**CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager**

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**September 12, 2023**


Mr. Michael Klein  
Community Development Director  
Calabasas City Hall  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Klein:

Drybar has been a tenant of The Commons at Calabasas since 2018. Our mission is to provide happiness, confidence, and empowerment for all people.

The plan to improve The Commons represents a significant financial investment and commitment by the Caruso team to the long-term health of this flagship property. Adding housing to The Commons will provide a new base of consumers for the businesses that operate here, benefitting both residents and merchants alike. As you know, Caruso has maintained The Commons to a very high standard and has been an exemplary member of the local community. We welcome this proposed improvement and could not think of a better group than Caruso to bring this project to life.

Thank you,

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Debbie Webster  
President

CC: Kindon Meik, Calabasas City Manager

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