Attachment A
The project does not propose to significantly alter the current topographic features of the site. The site would still mainly slope from the northwest corner to the east. The proposed conceptual design of the homes would be a mix of one and two story structures, similar to surrounding residences. The placement of the homes on the site would generally follow the existing topography of the site. While the project does propose to remove almost all of the trees at the site, the conceptual landscape plan shows replacement of trees throughout the site with heavier landscaping at the perimeter of the site and the inclusion of multiple trees on the front yard areas of each residence.
As noted above, staff is also recommending preservation of additional existing trees, if feasible.

(2) The design of the structures enhances the natural attributes of the particular site.

The proposed Concept Plan includes architecture that is similar to styles found in the neighborhood, including a mix of farmhouse, modern ranch, prairie and contemporary craftsman styles with prominent front porch elements. In addition, proposed residences would have a mix of materials including board and batten, stone and brick veneer. Building colors are expected to be a mix of earth-tone beiges and grays. While the site has an easterly slope, without any prominent natural features, development with single family homes with designs that complement surrounding development would enhance the attributes of the site.

(3) The scale and bulk of the structures are appropriate to the particular site.

The proposed project would provide a mix of one and two story detached single family residences. The surrounding neighborhood includes a mix of one and two story residences, thus, the project from a model type will be similar to the surrounding area. The site proposes to have lots smaller than 10,000 square feet, however, the density would be similar to the surrounding neighborhood. Lastly, the project proposes to have lot coverage that exceeds the R-10 zoning district by 5% (30% to 35%), however, similar lot coverage of up to 35% is allowed in the same General Plan designated area within the R-10A zone district.

(4) The landscape plan is appropriate to the particular site.

The proposed conceptual landscape plan would provide improved landscaping throughout the project site, particularly, along the frontage of Pleasant Hill Road. The surrounding area does not have a particular landscape theme, however, the mix of oak trees, redbuds and crape myrtle can often be found in recently approved projects and in the surrounding area. The proposed conceptual front yard landscaping would be similar to other single family residences in the area with a logical tiered layout from the private street. Thus, the proposed conceptual landscaping would be appropriate for the site, within an existing single family residential neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Architectural Review Commission (ARC) recommends the City Council certify and approve the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for this project, based on the following findings:

1. On the basis of the whole record before it (including the Initial Study and any comments received) that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City.

2. The Final Mitigated Negative Declaration is complete and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the
City's local CEQA Guidelines, and adequately addresses the expected environmental impacts of the proposed project.

3. The Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and all related records of proceedings upon which the decision is based shall be maintained and kept on file by the Zoning Administrator in the City of Pleasant Hill Public Works and Community Development Department in the City of Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, California.

4. Through implementation of mitigation measures and through compliance with applicable laws, ordinances and regulations, there is no substantial evidence supporting a fair argument that the project will have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

5. Pursuant to Title XIV, California Code of Regulations ("CCR"), after considering the record as a whole, including the proposed mitigation measures, the proposed project will not have the potential for any adverse effects on wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends as defined in Fish and Game Code § 711.2.

ADOPTED by the Architectural Review Commission of the City of Pleasant Hill, on the 19th day of April, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

GREG FUZ, Zoning Administrator
Purpose: Planned Unit Developments are meant to encourage and provide a means for carrying out desirable development in the City by allowing variations in siting, land use and dwelling types. This PUD will allow for the development of a large parcel of land by reducing the rigidity, delays, and conflicts that otherwise would result from the application of zoning standards and procedures designed primarily for small parcels. The result will yield a better, more thoughtful and organized land use, and higher quality development that complies with the General Plan densities and Land Use guidelines. It also allows for the inclusion of common open space to the benefit of the community and for the development and a more organized storm water management plan for the site as a whole. Lots are laid out in a logical site plan with a limited number of access points onto Pleasant Hill Road.

I. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

A. Location: The property is a consolidation of five contiguous parcels, 149-051-002,003,004,009,011, located at the corner of Boyd Rd and Pleasant Hill Rd. Prior address of 2150 and 2198 Pleasant Hill Rd. The parcels encompass 4.42 acres.

B. Topography and Drainage: The site generally slopes from West to East and South to North. Elevations range from a high of approximately 118 ft. at the existing southern entrance from Pleasant Hill Rd to a low along the northeastern boundary, along Boyd Rd of approximately 94 ft.

C. Access and Circulation: Access to the site will be from Pleasant Hill Rd via a 29' foot private street that will serve all lots except one. Lot 1 will be served from Boyd Rd.

D. Content: Reliez Terrace is a 17 lot single family residential project on a 4.42 acre property. The property is bounded by Pleasant Hill Rd to the West, Boyd Rd to the North, Contra Costa Flood Control Canal to the East and four existing lots which front on Kelsey Court to the South. Two PUD developments and single family homes are on the West side of Pleasant Hill Rd.

II. DESIGN CONCEPT

The homes developed on this site shall be single family residential units consisting of single story and two story plans. The plan 3 and the plan 6 will have ADU units integrated into the design. The attached site plan is the basis for this Concept Plan. The project will NOT be built in phases.

A. Development Standards.

1. Units: The units shall be single family detached dwellings consisting of one unit per lot. A total of 17 single family detached dwellings in the project.
2. Setbacks: 20' front yard, 15' rear yard, 5' minimum side yard, 15' side yard aggregate. PUD setback standards will apply.
3. Height: The maximum building height shall be 35'.
4. Lot Size: Lots will range in size from 8055 s.f. to 13,638 s.f. The average lot size is 9,414 s.f.
B. Architecture

1. Each home shall be sited based on its design relationship to the lot. There will be 8 single story and 9 two story homes consisting of six plans. Plans 1, 2 and 6 are single story homes. Plans 3, 4 and 5 are two story homes. Plans 3 and 6 will have ADU units incorporated into the design. A total of 4 ADU units will be built. The single story homes will be intermixed with the two story homes to present a cohesive streetscape. Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12 will be single story homes to preclude two story homes from backing up to Kelsey Ct.

2. The architectural intent with the project is to take hints from the surrounding neighborhood and offer refined and current styles that nod toward Pleasant Hill and the past agrarian nature of the site. The neighborhood is largely comprised of ranch style and traditional style homes with clean and simple detailing. A mix of horizontal lap siding, vertical seam siding, stucco and board and batten trim over smooth panel siding is also used. Present roof styles are a mix of gables, hips and sheds with some forward facing architectural elements at steeper pitches for accents. There is a mix of one and two story homes. There will be a mix of styles that correspond with this traditional framework while providing a fresh look at current architectural stylings. There will be a mix of one and two story homes with strong porch fronts which diversify the streetscape and create pedestrian and neighbor friendly environments. The styles that are strong for the site are Farmhouse, Modern Ranch, Prairie and Contemporary Craftsman. The Farmhouse style strongly eludes to the immediate natural surroundings and offers splashes of stone and brick veneer for accent. Often this style is characterized by a front to back lower sloping roof used as a backdrop for a steeper pitched accent roof in the front. Wood posts and board and batten siding are also highlights. Modern Ranch utilizes low pitched roofs with simplified massing which is similar to other homes in the neighborhood. The Prairie style takes some hints from adjacent Kelsey Court with its hipped roofs and longer roof overhangs. Simplified massing is also a positive trait of this style along with brick veneer. Contemporary Craftsman is characterized with low slope roofs and often a mixture of siding materials such as horizontal lap siding and vertical batts over smooth panel siding. Strong colonnaded porch fronts, stone and brick veneer are also positive characteristics of the style. The proposed layout and architectural style of the project makes for a contiguous and robust pedestrian friendly neighborhood that positively completes the neighborhood. The colors will be muted beiges and greys to blend with the landscaping.

3. There will be four ADU units built. They will be incorporated in the plan 3 and 6. Plan 3, located on lots 2, 17, and 13, is a two story and the ADU unit will be on the second story in the back of the home. It will have a three car garage and a separate entrance for the ADU unit. Plan 6, located on lot 1, is a single story and will have the ADU unit attached and located at the back of the home with a separate entrance.

4. The lot coverage ranges from 22% to 34% and shall not exceed the maximum of 35%.

5. The proposed roof heights range from 26 to 29 feet and shall not exceed 35 feet.

C. Massing along Pleasant Hill Rd.

1. The project's relationship to Pleasant Hill Rd will consist of two story homes with the front of the home facing Pleasant Hill Rd. There will be three homes that face Pleasant Hill Rd on lots 2, 17, and 13 with large spacing between the homes with a maximum height of 29 feet to present a low profile and massing fronting the road. The homes on lots 17 and 13 will be
A landscape plan for the front yard areas and area adjacent to Pleasant Hill Road shall be prepared by a licensed Landscape Architect and approved by the Architectural Review Commission. The front yards of the homes will be landscaped by the applicant in accordance with the Preliminary Landscaping Plan. Backyard and side yard areas that are fenced need not be landscaped by the developer and will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

1. Side yard and rear yard fencing shall be developed and installed by the developer as a part of the landscape plan and approved by the Architectural Review Commission.

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4. A unifying streetscape for Pleasant Hill Rd along the westerly edge of the subdivision will be developed which will conform to the objectives established with the Pleasant Hill Road Corridor Study.

5. A passive seating area will be located within the community centralized open space area.

6. The existing heritage valley oak tree located along south property line designated as tree number 49 on the arborist report will be preserved.

7. The landscape plant palette will be crafted with a majority of low water use plant species while integrating a limited selection of moderate water use accent plantings.

8. Appropriate plant cultivars will be incorporated for use within the C3 storm water management areas on site.

9. The select landscape plant material and designed automatic irrigation systems will promote water conservation and meet City of Pleasant Hill’s Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

10. The plant palette will be vibrant with seasonal flowering, autumn foliage color, with form and textural interest year-round.

11. Sustainable Green Building Outdoor Principles will be used with a whole natural system approach to support the integrity of the San Francisco Bay Area’s ecosystem.
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3. Four ADU units
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5. 18 guest parking space for visitors within the community.
6. High quality architecture and land planning for a cohesive design throughout the project site.
7. New sidewalks and traffic calming within the project site for pedestrian safety.
8. Provides a private street at no cost to the City and taxpayers.
9. Purposeful and organize storm water management system that treats the entire site.
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11. Siting of homes to front on Pleasant Hill Rd to improve the visual quality and connectivity to the surrounding neighborhood.
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iii. Land Planning

A. The primary government constraint on housing production is the limitation on the number of units in a given area imposed by the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. This could be a constraint to meeting Pleasant Hill's share of the regional housing need. Pleasant Hill is a mature city with a limited supply of land for the construction of new housing. Pleasant Hill's share of regional housing needs is 448 units from 2014 to 2022. This PUD will allow for the development of a large parcel of land by reducing the rigidity, delays, and conflicts that otherwise would result from the application of zoning standards and procedures designed primarily for small parcels. This achieves the Housing Element Goal 1.4 which is to continue to utilize PUD zoning which will allow for flexible development of large and or contiguous parcels that may include housing. The result will yield a better more thoughtful and organized land use, and higher quality development that complies with the General Plan densities and Land Use Guidelines. It also allows for the inclusion of common open space to the benefit of the community and for the development and a more organized storm water management plan for the site as a whole. This PUD project will help in achieving this goal thru the policy of allowing the rezone to a PUD and the implementation of the policy thru the approval process.

B. The current zoning is R-10 single family residential district which allows for residential land use at densities from 3.1 to 4.5 units per net acre. The Project is proposed to be rezoned to a PUD which allows for smaller lots and results in 4.5 units per net acre and therefore is consistent with the General Plan. It allows for the efficient maximization of the land to increase the housing supply in Pleasant Hill. It helps to satisfy the Housing Element goal 1.3 to continue to provide zoning categories that allow a range of housing densities sufficient to meet the City's share of Regional Housing Needs and encourage residential densities when compatible with the neighborhood.

C. Pleasant Hill Rd is a designated arterial through the city. The Circulation Element has a goal and policy of development of complete streets, reducing speeding in neighborhoods and walkability. Reliez terrace will improve its Pleasant Hill Rd frontage with a sidewalk, landscaping, bike lane and median strips in the middle of the road to slow traffic. The interior street will have a sidewalk and an access to the sidewalk on Pleasant Hill Rd to achieve easy access to the canal trail to promote walkability. The implementation of these improvements will achieve these goals.

D. The General Plan has a community development goal of preserving and enhancing residential neighborhoods by aesthetic enhancement of residential areas while retaining the charm and character of individual neighborhoods. This project has removed old building and will remove old and dead trees and transform an eye sore and underused acreage into a viable and aesthetic neighborhood that blends with the existing environs through the architecture of the new homes.

E. Therefore, Reliez Terrace is consistent with the General Plan's goals, policies and programs to provide an aesthetically pleasing new neighborhood to Pleasant Hill which will help to increase the housing supply, and provide street improvement, bike lanes and sidewalks along the frontage of Pleasant Hill Rd.
IV. ADMINISTRATION

A. Approval: The approval of the Concept Plan and the rezoning designates principles of land uses and land use relationships which are generally acceptable. This approval adopts the principles contained herein as part of the General Plan, Housing Element and Municipal Code for the district.

B. Tentative Tract Map: A tentative map which is compatible with these principles must be submitted within two years of the date of approval. If the map has not been submitted, the plan will become void and the parcel will revert to its previous zoning designations of R-10. Extension of the two year period for up to one additional year may be obtained by review of the Planning Commission prior to the elapse period of the Concept Plan, upon showing of just cause.

Submitted by:
Mt. Diablo View Associates LLC
Peter Baldacci

Attachments:
Site Plan
Conceptual Elevations
Conceptual Landscape Plan
RELIEZ TERRACE
SITE PLAN
MT. DIABLO VIEW ASSOCIATION, L.L.C.

RELIEZ TERRACE PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

LOT NUMBER BUILDING PLAN建築平面圖 BUILDING STYLE

BED / BATH % LOT COVERAGE

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APPROXIMATE HEIGHTS:

- PLAN 1 = 26'-0" (ADU) 4BD/3.5BA 35%
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- PLAN 3 = 29'-0" 4BD/3.5BA 30%
- PLAN 4 = 26'-0" 3BD/2BA 33%
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- PLAN 6 = 28'-0" 4BD/3.5BA 35%

FLOOR PLANS MAY BE SIZED TO LOT COVERAGE AFFORDED BY ZONING.
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CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN
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CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE DETAILS

LOT 14
PLAN 4
ELEV. B

LOT FENCING
RHUB & GROUND COVER AREA
TYPICAL STREET TREE PLANTING
LAWN AREA
FRONT PORCH
ENTRY WALK
ACCENT TREE
DRIVEWAY

ELEV. B

TYPICAL FRONT YARD LANDSCAPE TREATMENT

1 X 8 W. 1" OVERLAP
1 X 8 KICKBOARD
2 X 4 RAIL
2 X 4 TOP RAIL

OPEN WOOD LATTICE
2 X 4 RAIL
1 X 8 KICKBOARD
1 X 8 W. 1" OVERLAP
2 X 4 TOP RAIL
4 X 4 POST

SOLID WOOD FENCE
90° LOT LINE LOCATIONS

WOOD FENCE WITH LATTICE TOP
90° LOCATIONS FACING STREET

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