Supplemental Information Packet

CITY OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE
City Council Chambers
31200 Oak Crest Drive

Meeting of January 25, 2023

Supplemental Information:

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AGENDA ITEM –

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Reports on City Council Committee meetings held.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Direct staff to draft an ordinance to regulate drone use in the City of Westlake Village for Council consideration.
Hi Antoinette,

We would like to share our experience on drone usage within the Westlake Canyon Oaks neighborhood as this will be discussed on Wednesday 1/25’s council meeting. We regret that we will not be able to attend, but we feel that below is an accurate summary:

As residents of the Canyon Oaks neighborhood living only a few doors down from the Canyon Oaks Park, we have witnessed firsthand on multiple occasions - and for a couple of months, daily - where the use of drones at our park proved to be intrusive and a concern for both safety and privacy.

We have experienced almost daily occurrences of drones flying around the neighborhood for the majority of the past year. At times we did not even need to leave our home to hear the drones which seemed to be within very close proximity to our house and backyard.

Last Spring, we also experienced a drone user fly directly over us while my family and I were walking in the middle of the park’s field. This user then piloted the drone within our eye level, hovering as close as 5 feet away with their drone. We did not feel comfortable as it lingered close by so we promptly left.

The type of drones we have seen used are equipped with a camera, allowing the user to pilot without direct line of sight and instead operate the drone with a VR headset. Even if not equipped with a recording device or a microphone, the camera itself feels enough to invade privacy.

The high frequency of drone use this past year only further emphasizes how much of a safety and privacy concern this has become. We ask the Council to consider strong regulations on drone use within residential neighborhoods and parks.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Michael and Genevieve Casalenuovo