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Chula Vista City Council.

I am writing to you today to express my opinion concerning the blighted shopping center in our community that is located on Bonita Road, boarded by the Old Bonita Store and the Wells Fargo Bank.

For several years, the condition of the buildings is horrible. Several years ago, the owner of that property appeared before the Sweetwater Valley Civic Association at the board's request. He stated that he was applying for funds to renovate the property as his intention was to 'leave' it for his relatives at some future date as a legacy . Nothing ever happened.

The condition of the buildings and parking lot is a serious hazard to the renters and their customers. For many years, I have been a customer of Lydia's Mexican Restaurant, barbecue restaurant, the Liquor store and the Japanese restaurant.

Although I am not a resident of Chula Vista: I am a Bonita resident. That part of Chula Vista along Bonita Road is to all concerned 'considered' Bonita. Many times, we at the Civic Association and The Planning Group, (I am a member of both), hear from residents of Chula Vista and Bonita questioning "who is in charge of the shopping center?" We always have to say, "It's not us", it belongs to Chula Vista. Isn't it time for Chula Vista to do something?

We at the Civic Association have addressed this problem with John McCann and his aide, but the response of, "We're working on it." really isn't a good enough one. Please address this problem at your Council meeting this Tuesday.

Thank you, Stephen Stonehouse 3550 Frisbie St. Bonita, CA 91902 619-267-1805