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Piedmont Oak Estates proposal: 26 acres of dense housing in rural Diamond Springs woodlands -- NO !

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Supervisors,

I am contacting you in writing, since a medical injury will prevent me from addressing you in person on Tuesday, Mar. 20 at the 3:00 **public hearing** to consider **Piedmont Oak Estates**.

This proposed project consists of 26 acres of high-density housing, 103 lots, located in a natural oak woodland, which would be wiped out.

That woodland is a sensitive watershed for Weber Creek. The site is historic with evidence of earlier occupation by Native Americans.

This ill-advised leap-frog development would be situated at the corner of Hwy 49/Diamond Road and Black Rice Road, north of rural Diamond Springs and its historic district.

The County has held two public meetings in Diamond Springs regarding residents' wishes. Repeatedly citizens have overwhelmingly expressed that we want to preserve Diamond Springs' rural character and do not want to become a high-density development zone.

Diamond Springs has repeatedly said that we are pleased instead to host a regional county park, (which this site would be a good location for.)

Deny this proposed rezone and subdivision. Save the oak woodland. Create a regional park, long denied for south county. Acquire the site from these out-of-county developers and provide a rural park for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you.

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