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Re: Proposed Reduction in Traffic Impact Mitigation (TIM) Fees for Age Restricted Projects

At the January 2012 Commission on Aging meeting, Claudia Wade, Senior Civil Engineer, from the El Dorado Department of Transportation presented an overview of the DOT proposal regarding a reduction in the TIM fees for age restricted single and multi-family housing of 35 units or more as defined in California Civil Code 51.3. The EDC Commission on Aging always has "housing" as one of top three concerns for the aging population of El Dorado County. Senior housing is among the greatest needs currently identified in our communities and is basically limited in this region.

After Ms. Wade gave her presentation, the Commissioners asked many questions and expressed their ideas on the TIM fee reduction. Under New Business, the Commissioners voted to support the DOT proposal with this letter to the EDC Supervisors. It is admirable that developers want to begin housing developments in the current economic environment.

The Commission also had several thoughts, more discussion, and identified some concerns regarding future projects related to age restricted housing projects.

1. Appropriate older adult housing is necessary for individuals to remain autonomous and living independently in their community, but the housing needs to be located near services and not miles away! The housing projects should also be located near or on public transportation routes to allow seniors, who no longer drive, to access the services.
2. EDC should support affordable housing at all income levels for older adults in this county and should support rentals as well as ownership units.
3. All housing needs to be ADA compliant and built with lifestyles and features that seniors have identified as useful to "age in place."
4. We request the pre-development activities for any projects research the trends, innovations and changes in age restricted housing before developing and building in our communities.

We appreciate your work.

Sincerely,

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Past Chair and Current Vice Chair

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