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**Fwd: Regarding BOS Agenda Item 12-0267 on May 15**

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**Who Is Protecting My Property Rights?**

Open Letter to El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, El Dorado Planning Commissioners, and Planning Services Director:

Please protect the rural characteristics of El Dorado County as your citizens have asked you to. Yes, we understand that economic development is important to sustaining a tax base. But instead of rezoning properties and disrupting quiet neighborhoods under the guise of economic development, how about supporting the current businesses we already have and improving the roadways that already exist? Use the undeveloped properties that are already zoned commercial instead of rezoning residential properties into commercial properties, or medium density land into high density land. Also, redevelop and improve existing commercial properties instead of rezoning property in a residential neighborhood. Don't the residents of El Dorado County have the right to expect you to protect our rights to enjoy our property in the rural setting that attracted us to El Dorado County in the first place?

I'm writing in regard to Agenda Item 12-0267 that is set for the May 15 Board of Supervisors meeting. Our local Chambers of Commerce are encouraging business owners to pack the meeting with businesspeople to give the appearance that county residents fully support rezoning our properties to spur on economic development. From a Chamber newsletter, "The zoning process will give property owners more flexibility pertaining to the usage of their land. This flexibility will make the County a more business friendly environment and encourage business, rather than discourage it." I would like to say, no, do not give property owners more flexibility with the usage of their land. Let them use it as it was intended when they bought it, and as surrounding property owners would expect it to be used when they bought their land. Why should newer property owners or undeveloped-land owners get priority over existing, established property owners and change our neighborhoods? I would like our Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors (BOS) to have the guts to tell anyone that wants to rezone a piece of residential or medium/low density property into commercial or high density property that El Dorado County residents like the spaciousness and rural feeling of our county and that we do not want another gas station, grocery store, hotel, or auto shop nearby. People that want more businesses next door to them should feel free to move to Folsom or Sacramento, not ask us to change our county to suit them.

Look at the comments made at the Land Use meeting held in El Dorado Hills back in March: <http://www.villagelife.com/news/land-use-policy-changes-under-way/>. Or read the article "What Residents Love About El Dorado!" in the Winter edition of Around Here Magazine. It is very clear that El Dorado County residents like its small town feel and open spaces. Please listen to us and respect our concerns. Do not repeat mistakes of the past and be awed by celebrity or money. Did you learn anything from the Bosio/Kniessel building? That is a prime example of rezoning gone wrong. Mr. Chris Bosio, a former Major League Baseball pitcher, wowed the BOS back in the 1990's to rezone his residential property to commercial property despite the concerns of the surrounding homeowners. After Bosio's popular Sports Central business closed, the county tried desperately for a decade to find a suitable business to purchase such a large building. When the Kniessel family bought the property, they downplayed the noises and smells that come from an auto collision center and were able to get a Special Permit from the BOS to put an auto collision business right alongside a residential neighborhood. Is this how our Planning Commission and BOS "protect property rights"? Don't the existing residents have property rights too? Please put a stop to the rezoning

Commission and BOG protect property rights. Don't let existing residents have property rights taken away put a stop to the rezoning of our county. Preserve and support what is already here.

Lori Parlin  
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