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Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 4:30 PM

Please see email.

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From: **Amy Morrison** <amymorrison.glow@gmail.com>  
Date: Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 3:53 PM  
Subject: Planned Development PD17-0002/Diamond Springs Village Apartments  
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Dear Planning Commission,


The Placerville Mobility Support Group Board of Directors has written the attached letter to El Dorado Community Development Agency voicing the needs of the mobility impaired in the county. As majority of our board are in wheelchairs we see and experience accessibility dilemmas first hand. Please read our attached letter which briefly states the health compromising situation paralyzed people are in at the moment. It is our wish that this issue be addressed at the public hearing on June 22nd.

I, Amy Morrison (Secretary of Placerville Mobility Support Group) will be attending the hearing, and look forward to speaking with you.

Thank you all for all you do!!

Amy Morrison, Secretary  
Placerville Mobility Support Group

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Amy Morrison, Secretary  
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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is written on behalf of the Placerville Mobility Support Group (PMSG) regarding the Planned Development PD17-0002/Diamond Springs Village Apartments. We have concerns about the accessibility of the 81 multifamily residential units being built on the south side of Black Rice Road, in the Diamond Springs area, Supervisorial District 3 with County Planner Evan Mattes.

According to a study released in 2009 by the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation "far more Americans than previously estimated are paralyzed to some degree: 5.6 million people, representing 1.9 percent of the population, or roughly 1 in 50 Americans." Housing for people with paralysis must meet specific stipulations as designated by the Americans With Disabilities Act. Bars around the bath tub, and wider doorways are two of many items needed by the over 3500 paralyzed persons living in El Dorado County. Currently, the County has very few low-income based apartments that are completely accessible (with, for example, a roll-in shower). Furthermore, there are zero regular-income based residences that are completely accessible! This means that handicapped persons who are not low income (They do exist!) have no place to live. They are left on the streets to perish. Or, they are forced into institutionalized living settings. This fact is in violation of the Federal Fair Housing Law, Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 which states that it is illegal to discriminate against any persons because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin in the sale or rental of housing or residential lots, in advertising the sale or rental of housing In the financing of housing, in the provision of real estate brokerage services, in the appraisal of housing, and blockbusting.

We are bringing this to your attention in hopes that El Dorado County Community Development Agency will remediate this problem. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help guarantee that these units be COMPLETELY ready for any El Dorado County resident. The PMSG Board of Directors would be happy to provide insight into what is needed for us to live a healthy lifestyle. We are very active members in the El Dorado County community and eager to be involved in this project.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Amy Morrison