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**Opposition to Proposed 4-Way Stop and Request for Safer Traffic Design - TM25-0003 / PD25-0005**

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Dear El Dorado County Planning Commission and Planner Cameron Welch,

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed 4-way stop configuration associated with the Serrano Village M5 project (TM25-0003 / PD25-0005) on Appian Way.

My primary concern is the significant traffic safety and emergency evacuation risk created by placing a mandatory 4-way stop at the intersection of Appian Way and Sangiovese Drive. This section of Appian Way is already a steep, winding roadway and serves as one of only two routes in and out of the Highland View neighborhood. Introducing a stop-controlled intersection tied directly to gated community access points is not an appropriate or safe traffic solution for this location.

The proposed design will only add to the congestion and vehicle stacking caused by residents, visitors, delivery vehicles, and service trucks waiting at private security gates that obstruct through-traffic and reduces visibility and maneuverability on a difficult roadway segment because there are no turn lanes to handle this.

This concern becomes even more serious during emergencies. Highland View residents rely heavily on Appian Way for evacuation access during wildfire events and other emergencies. Any design that increases traffic bottlenecks at one of the community's limited exit routes places residents at unnecessary risk. Delays caused by stop-controlled traffic and gate queues could significantly hinder evacuation efforts and impede emergency vehicle access when every second matters. Just last week numerous emergency vehicles were deployed to an incident that had they not been able to put out a house fire in time could have resulted in another devastating CA fire we are known for.

Rather than implementing a 4-way stop, the County and developer should require a safer traffic circulation design that prioritizes continuous movement on Appian Way. Dedicated turn lanes and improved roadway geometry would allow vehicles entering the gated communities to queue outside the main traffic flow while maintaining through-access for residents, emergency responders, and evacuation traffic. This approach would reduce unnecessary stopping, minimize congestion, and improve overall roadway safety.

I respectfully request that the Planning Commission:

- Reject the proposed 4-way stop configuration
- Require a comprehensive Traffic Impact Study evaluating wildfire evacuation impacts and emergency response access
- Require alternative intersection designs, including dedicated turn lanes and non-stop-controlled traffic flow options
- Require a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) due to the substantial public safety concerns associated with this project

The County should not approve a roadway design that compromises emergency access and creates avoidable congestion on one of the community's limited evacuation routes.

Thank you for your consideration and for ensuring that public safety remains the priority in evaluating this project.

Sincerely,

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