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Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us>
To: Charlene Tim <charlene.tim@edcgov.us>

Thu, Mar 16, 2017 at 8:29 AM

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From: **Madalyn Friedrich** <madalyngf@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2017 at 11:17 PM
Subject: Letter for Hearing 3/23/2017—Villa Florentina
To: planning@edcgov.us
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Hi,

I have attached a letter addressed to the El Dorado County Planning Commission for the hearing on March 23, 2017 for Villa Florentina, in support of Adam Anderson.

Please let me know if you need anything else in order for this letter to be considered.

Thank you,
Madalyn Baer

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March 15, 2017

Dear El Dorado County Planning Commission,

Regarding the hearing on March 23, 2017 for Villa Florentina.

My husband and I got married at Villa Florentina on October 24, 2015. We were one of the first weddings when Adam Anderson took over as owner of the property. Adam and his staff made us feel so welcomed and comfortable. They were very professional and were also very clear in our discussions with them, about the regulations regarding the sound ordinance and county policy. Adam expressed to us his tremendous respect for the Villa's surrounding community as well as his mission to support the local economy. It was clear he was doing everything possible to ensure all regulations were being properly adhered to.

The Villa is such a great asset to El Dorado County. It attracts people from all over Northern California and assists the local businesses as well. For example, our wedding was a great success and we had family visiting from all over the state. The local Coloma Resort housed many of my husband's family and the Argonaut Farm to Fork Café hosted our rehearsal dinner. That would not have been possible without Adam's recommendations. My mother-in-law has even stayed at the Villa for vacation, so our family knows full well what a unique place it is. Whether for beautiful outdoor weddings like ours, businesses retreats, or for family vacations, Villa Florentina is a hidden gem, not just for El Dorado County, but for the State of California. The Gold Country deserves a fine place like the Villa, to attract more people to share in its rich history.

We can only hope that this letter can be considered to demonstrate the great value that Adam Anderson brings to the surrounding community, and convince you of the law-abiding person that he is. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Madalyn and Clint Baer

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Edcgov.us Mail - Fwd: Special Use Permit S10-0009/Villa Florentina Bed & Breakfast



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2 attachments

-  **2017-03-15 letter to planning on villa florentina.pdf**
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-  **2014-08-05 El Dorado Campfire Moratorium - BOS.pdf**
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WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2017

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION-PLANNING SERVICES
COUNTY OF EL DORADO PLANNING COMMISSION
ROGER TROUT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
EL DORADO PLANNING COMMISSION
2850 FAIRLANE COURT
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667

**RE: HEARING SPECIAL USE PERMIT S10-0009/VILLA FLORENTINA
BED & BREAKFAST**

DEAR HONORABLE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

IT IS OUR INTENT TO OBJECT TO ANY EXPANSION OF THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT OF VILLA FLORENTINA. FURTHER, IT IS OUR INTENT THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD LIMIT VILLA FLORENTINA TO OPERATING ONLY AS A BED & BREAKFAST WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF NIGHTLY GUESTS, AS DETERMINED BY FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

WE ARE TAKING THIS POSITION BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FACTS.

LOUD MUSIC

WE CAN EASILY HEAR LOUD MUSIC EMANATING FROM VILLA FLORENTINA, ALTHOUGH BY ROAD WE ARE LOCATED SOME DISTANCE FROM THEM (WE ARE AT THE TOP OF THE RIDGE ABOVE COLOMA). WE HAVE VERIFIED THE SOURCE OF THE MUSIC BY CALLING SOMEONE LIVING NEAR VILLA FLORENTINA TO CONFIRM THE MUSIC SOURCE AS VILLA FLORENTINA.

PUBLIC SAFETY

VILLA FLORENTINA IS LOCATED VERY NEAR THE END OF CARVER'S ROAD WHICH IS NARROW AND ACCESSED VIA THE ONE LANE MT. MURPHY BRIDGE. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY (PRIMARILY FIRE), IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THOSE PERSONS AT VILLA FLORENTINA, THE COLOMA RESORT, AND PERSON LIVING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ALL EXIT THE MT. MURPHY BRIDGE, GIVEN THAT EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ALSO USE THE MT. MURPHY BRIDGE.

THIS PUBLIC SAFETY MATTER HAS BEEN ADDRESSED IN A PREVIOUS LETTER TO THE EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOTH PAST & PRESENT). A COPY OF MY LETTER IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR REVIEW.

WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT THE COLOMA COMMUNITY HAS "DODGED THE BULLET ONCE" WITH THE FIRE THAT OCCURRED NEARBY AT VERN BICKFORD'S ON RIVER ROAD. TOO OFTEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE "REACTIVE" AND NOT "PROACTIVE", BY TAKING ACTIONS TO MITIGATE OR ELIMINATE SOME POTENTIALLY HARMFUL SITUATION.

WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT THE COMMISSION REVOKE VILLA FLORENTINA'S SPECIAL USE PERMIT THAT ALLOWS FOR WEDDINGS AND SIMILAR RELATED EVENTS TO OCCUR UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE MT MURPHY BRIDGE HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH A TWO LANE BRIDGE AND AN EVACUATION PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE OUR COMMENTS AND TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A SAFER AND MORE PLEASANT PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

BEST REGARDS,

AMY & BOB DAY

CC: ENCLOSURE - 2014-08-05 EL DORADO CAMPFIRE MORATORIUM - BOS

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Tuesday, August 5, 2014

HAND DELIVERED

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:
Supervisor Ron Mikulaco, District 1
Open, District 2
Supervisor Brian Veerkamp, District 3
Supervisor Ron Briggs, District 4
Supervisor Norma Santiago, District 5
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: El Dorado County Campfire Moratorium

Dear Ms. Santiago & Messrs: Briggs, Mikulaco, Veerkamp,

As you may be aware, there was a fire at Camp Lotus (July 6, 2014) which required significant resources to extinguish it. It is my understanding that the ignition source of this fire was campfire material. As you may recall the recent Rim Fire and the Angora fires were caused by campfires. I'm reasonably certain that those who were responsible for starting those fires had no intention of doing so.

California is in the midst of an extreme drought and resulting high fire danger. We are simply courting disaster by allowing any campfires during this extremely dry period. Campfires are not necessary, as other alternatives are readily available for cooking and light (if needed).

While the campground owners and their operators may have the best of intentions with regard to fire safety, it not possible for them to present at all times and to monitor the operations of their campgrounds. Let's not forget that "the road to hell is paved with good intentions". Many, if not all, of the visitors to these campgrounds are from "city" or "suburban" environments where they have little if any exposure to campfires, wild land fires and the campground's close proximity to areas of dry brush and timber.

Simply considering this moratorium from a cost/benefit perspective, any benefits of allowing campfires during this extremely dry period are easily outweighed by the cost of fire fighting and the potential loss of life and property. Such a moratorium could be put into effect until we have our first rains at which time the ban could be lifted.

The most important consideration and often conveniently overlooked fact is the complete and total lack of any emergency evacuation plan for the Coloma-Lotus area. Both Camp Lotus and The Coloma Resort are accessed by one lane bridges. Let us not forget that a house on Carver Road has a Special Use Permit for weddings. Can you imagine for a moment the chaos that would occur with a fire on the East side of the Mount Murphy bridge with hundreds (yes hundreds!) of residents, wedding guests and "campers" attempting to all evacuate at one time? As you may recall, Carver Road is a "Dead End" road which only leaves the one lane Mt. Murphy Bridge, Bayne Road and Mt Murphy Road for everyone to use as exits and for fire and emergency personnel for access. Mt. Murphy Road is a single lane road much in need of grading, turn-outs, culverts and related repairs. Bayne Road is somewhat better but it has a single lane for most of its length with few turn-outs or places to pass. The access to and from Camp Lotus fares only slightly better from an access perspective with long "dead end" roads and only one other exit.

I respectfully request the Board immediately move to implement a campfire moratorium for the remainder of this camping season until such time sufficient rains have come to negate the fire danger. Further, the need for an Emergency Evacuation Plan for the Coloma-Lotus area is long overdue and efforts should be undertaken to complete such a plan as soon as possible.

The risk of wildfire is significant and your actions can make El Dorado County a safer place to live, without causing undue hardship to anyone and without expending any County resources.

Sincerely,

Bob Day

Bayne Road Neighborhood Group
Mountain Democrat Editorial Board
Cal-Fire