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**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor Jack Sweeney   
**Date:** 3/23/2009  
**Re:** BOS 3/17/09 Item 16

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Please see the actual agenda item and vote which follows.

I believe that once a vote has been taken the matter is concluded. I also believe we must learn from history and be certain that what we do is what we intend and is in conformance with what we want for our communities.

This item raised several larger issues for me that I hope to discuss as a Board before any similar item comes before us:

**Site Specific General Plan Amendments:** Should we discuss when/why we should make project/parcel specific amendments to the General Plan? When reviewing site specific GP Amendments, should staff recommend them as "consistent" without further discussion of which larger goals the proposed amendment is consistent with? If it required a General Plan amendment, was it "consistent"? It certainly isn't consistent with the approved maps, but may potentially be consistent with other goals/policies. I believe this should be discussed more thoroughly.

**Buffers:** We have been struggling with agricultural buffers, what about other types of buffers? For example, where will the line be drawn to stop the multi family invasion of the single family residential?

**Process/Board Relations:** When a Supervisor representing the District within which the project is located is opposed to the project, should not there at least be some discussion about why other members of the Board believe the District Supervisor should be overridden? The reason this county uses districts vs. large elections, is the recognition that the individual board members would have specialized knowledge about the districts they represent. As a Board, we must look collectively to the whole county, but we must consider AND discuss the information provided best by the District Supervisor.

Thank you for considering this memo and thank you for being my colleagues. I believe, together, we have the opportunity to be the best Board in a long time.

*Sweeney To/From  
3/24/09*

## **From March 17, 2009 Board of Supervisors agenda**

16. 09-0255 Hearing to consider recommendations regarding General Plan Amendment A08-0006 and Rezone Z08-0015 on property identified as APN 054-431-15, consisting of 0.5 acres, in the Diamond Springs area, Supervisorial District III, as follows:

1. Adopt the Negative Declaration based on the Initial Study prepared by staff;
2. Approve A08-0006 changing the land use designation for APN 054-431-15 from High Density Residential (HDR) to Multifamily Residential (MFR), based on the findings listed in Attachment 1;
3. Approve Z08-0015 rezoning APN 054-431-15 from One-Half Acre Residential District (R20K) to Multifamily Residential-Design Community (RM-DC), based on the findings listed in Attachment 1; and
4. Adopt Ordinance for said rezone.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Sweeney, seconded by Supervisor Briggs, to deny the application. The motion FAILED.**

**Yes: 2 - Sweeney and Briggs**

**Noes: 3 - Knight, Nutting and Santiago**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Santiago, seconded by Supervisor Knight, as follows:**

- 1. Adopt the Negative Declaration;**
- 2. Approve General Plan Amendment A08-0006;**
- 3. Approve Rezone Z08-0015; and**
- 4. Adopt Ordinance 4814.**

**Yes: 3 - Knight, Nutting and Santiago**

**Noes: 2 - Sweeney and Briggs**