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Antiquated El Dorado County Policy A-5

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

While I am a member of the Cameron Park Design Review Committee, I am not writing to you not as an agent of that committee but as a member of the community of Cameron Park. The Design Review Committee was recently prohibited from providing a letter of support for a planning grant that was being applied for by the El Dorado County Transportation Commission. The prohibition of the letter of support was based upon an antiquated County policy (A-5 dated 11/08/1988), which states that any county officer, commission or committee shall obtain formal board approval prior to offering verbal (really?) or written endorsement for non-county grant applications. This policy predates the General Plan and is clearly an unnecessary micromanagement of potential funding opportunities for communities as we begin to climb out of this recession. It is my opinion that this policy is inconsistent with the goals of the Reg-reform Sub-committee, (C)EDAC and the General Plan.

While I am hopeful in the inherent good in people, I am concerned about the enforcement of this policy at this time. The Cameron Park DRC has supported this very grant in previous years as well as authoring a grant application through SAQMD in years past with no mention/enforcement of this policy. Cameron Park DRC has been the leader of community I.D. for years and has been working towards positive community visioning goals, without burdening county staff or budget, in step with the (C)EDAC Reg-Reform Sub-Committee. This community has the opportunity to be a shining light in the county and setbacks such as this and other recent mis-steps by county staff (Billboards destroying the view of the Sierras), are a disappointment to all who devote so much of their time to the betterment of their communities. It is policies such as this that have indoctrinated an adversarial atmosphere between the Board of Supervisors and its communities instead of building positive relationships and empowering positive stewardship of each community.

I urge you to repeal this policy immediately for the good of, not just Cameron Park, but all communities who are now following the path laid by Cameron Park DRC and the Reg-Reform Sub-Committee.

P.S. To highlight the absurdity of this policy I would like to mention that, of the seven (7) board members on the Transportation Commission, four (4) are El Dorado County Supervisors. In both cases this represents a clear majority of the respective boards.

Sincerely,
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