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Re: S10-0009 Villa Florentina Bed & Breakfast_BOS - March 20, 2018

Esteemed Supervisors,

We have lived in Lotus for many years now, and know many of our neighbors in close proximity to Villa Florentina in Coloma. We have seen (really heard), first hand, the adverse impacts on their neighborhood from the noise of the large events being held there the past few years.

This did not used to be a problem.

This Bed and Breakfast is being operated on a 3.57 acre parcel in an area where a single family home would require 5 acre minimum for new construction. While the B&B usage has long been compatible with the area and does not cause disturbances for the neighbors, their large events have very large negative impacts for all in the vicinity of that property.

Given that the owners had the low rate of compliance at events in 2017 despite being well aware of the issue, it seemed to us to be high time for the Planning Commission to adopt the staff recommendation to modify the Special Use Permit which would have removed the use of special events and amplified music. Sadly, the action they took on Feb 8th fell far short of that.

As we wrote to the Planning Commission in advance of that February 8th hearing, it is simply not acceptable for Villa Florentina to consistently violate the terms of their permit. If there are no consequences in an egregious case such as this one, there is no point in having a planning department, planning commission, or code enforcement division in El Dorado County.

It is our opinion that the Planning Department did their job; their recommendation was quite reasonable and appropriate given the facts of this case. However, the Planning Commission bent over backwards to accommodate this business despite their repeated violation of the existing special use permit. Not only did the Commission ignore the recommendation of the Planning Department and impose only mild restrictions on the large amplified events, they also went so far as to specifically allow the use of an un-permitted lawn area that had previously been off-limits to those events.

We don't think an unbiased observer could view this as anything but an abdication of their responsibilities to the citizens of El Dorado County. Despite this outrageous outcome, this issue is now coming before you for an appeal...by Villa Florentine's owners.

We implore you to correct this situation by implementing the Planning Department staff recommendation. A review of the facts in this case will reveal that simply denying the appeal is not enough to do right by those impacted by the status quo or anything less than the staff recommendation.

Thank you,

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