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Dear Supervisor,

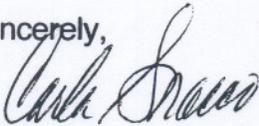
Although i make my permanent residence in Berkeley CA I own a small home in Rescue and another on Echo Summit, consequently I spend about half of each year in El Dorado county. I am the 5th generation of my family to be born in the Sierra foothills, a magnificent part of the world in which to live.

However in the early seventies on visits to my to my family and my other houses, I began to be concerned about the development both in the Tahoe basin and the western slope. It has been painful to watch the development as it has approached Bass Lake and Bass Lake Road over the last 10 years.

I believe it is critical to the health of our county and to its citizens as well as wild life to offer protection of oak woodlands and provide woodland corridors for wild life. It would be wonderful if humans could have access to those corridors, as well. I urge you to give the Planning Department Draft Oak Woodland plan renewed and serious consideration. Complete fragmentation of woodland corridors is bad for all of us. Such corridors could also act as a GREENBELT enhancing the communities around them.

I live 50% of my year in a community and a county that have made a huge committment to open space. I am referring to the Regional Parks of Alameda and contra Costa Counties. These parks plus State and local parks make open space available with in 15 minutes to all citizens. El Dorado has that chance to create such wonderful opportunities for it citizens. Proper care of our wonderful oak forests is one step toward such a goal.

Sincerely,



Carla Soracco

Mr. Dupray, Happy holidays!