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Fwd: Shingle Springs Shooting Range

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Dear Supervisors Mikulaco, Frentzen, Veerkamp, Ranalli and Novasel:

I am writing to express concern about the proposed shooting range.

I am sure that the project will be presented in glowing terms, but know this. An OUTDOOR shooting range is not quiet, no matter how many berms and baffles are proposed.

We are not talking about development gradually encroaching on an established shooting range. We are discussing here the potential placement of a for-profit business that is both a public and a private nuisance into a location that has at least SIX established, preexistent stake-holders (neighborhood, highway travellers, trail users, recreational sports leagues, a church, and two public elementary schools.)

1. Violates the understanding of how the Miwoks represented the way the land was to be used, at least judging from the transcript of Tom McClintock's proposal before the House of Representatives <https://www.congress.gov/congressional-record/2013/12/3/house-section/article/H7420-1>

2. Adjacent to an established neighborhood

a. many of us do not have air conditioning, so we can't simply close windows to get away from noise
b. it is not unreasonable to hope or expect to be able to go outside to work and play in peace, as we have done for many years

c. many of us have livestock which are bothered by loud noise https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_qYPyLzTnY

d. I haven't interviewed everybody, but we almost certainly have some guys who are veterans (who could have some lingering PTSD, and may well have chosen the neighborhood on the basis of how quiet it is. They really should not have to be subjected to the sound of barrages of gunfire).

e. this is not a remark about gun rights, just a practical observation: shooting a gun is always a fire hazard, and this entire county is a tinderbox. Why put 29 lanes of flint right here?

3. Possible security problems: location

a. If used by law enforcement for practice, makes it pretty easy to for "evildoers" to observe that they are there rather than out on patrol

b. little control over types/calibres of weapons, a transportation safety issue for both ground and air

c. a casino is already a bit of a locus for crime, both organized and individual. It might not be great to have a heavy emphasis on weapons in the area too.

4. Safety and enjoyment problems for the railroad trail, which dozens of volunteers have worked very hard for a long time to build up

5. Near two elementary schools and a church

a. all have outdoor sports/play facilities that are heavily used, especially and mainly by children, many days of the week and many times of the day and night

b. other activities (instruction, for example) occur outside as well

i. general floor of noise interferes with both learning and civility

ii. background of gunfire not healthy for children

iii. some children need to step outside of a busy classroom sometimes simply to calm themselves

c. If we wanted our children to be raised and educated within the sound of a war zone, we would have moved to northern Iraq.

Thank-you for taking the time to read this. I trust that you will employ common sense in considering this, and that a desire to be "innovative" or to be either kind or politically correct in your dealings with the tribe will not cause you to lose the courage or creativity you may need to be fair to all who have an interest in this matter.

Wendy Payton

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