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**Use of county rooms for meetings - item 19-1656 (12/17/19 agenda)**

2 messages

**Debra Ayres** <drayres@ucdavis.edu>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 5:18 PM

Dear Board Members,

I strongly object to the rescinding of County Resolution 83-95, which was approved in 1995 to allow use of County meeting rooms by non-governmental organizations, and the adoption of the new Board Policy A-10. This new proposed policy would overturn 24 years of use of County rooms by a variety of organizations forcing them to seek other venues; venues that are in short supply without County meeting rooms.

I am the Program Chair of the local Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS). We hold evening programs six times each year in the BOS/Planning Commission room, open and free of charge to the public. These are educational programs about the use of native plants in landscaping for the benefit of water conservation and fire resilience as well as programs about plant conservation, including programs that feature the Pine Hill plants. Our speakers are University professors, and local and regional natural history experts. Attendance ranges from 35 to 50 people depending on the topic, and our evening time permits attendance by people with day jobs. As an active community organization, our Chapter provides these meetings as well as many other services to the county through completely volunteer efforts. Last year 156 volunteers donated almost 3,000 hours of their time to reach 1,685 people – over 200 people attended our meetings in the BOS room. In our latest accomplishment, we refurbished the water-wise garden at the Placerville Library; an effort that would have cost the county \$12,000 but was achieved through in-kind contributions, money from our native plant sales, many, many volunteer hours, and a donation of irrigation from the County.

I hope that the BOS will recognize the contributions that groups like ours make to the community by allowing them to continue to use County rooms for public meetings.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Debra Ayres, PhD

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Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 8:42 AM

Thank you. Appropriate public comment provided for upcoming agenda items will be added to the corresponding file.

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**Board meeting date (12/17/19) agenda item number (19-1656)**

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**Barbara Brydon** <barbara.brydon@comcast.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 8:20 AM

Dear Supervisors, I urge you to reject the proposal to eliminate use of County public rooms by community NGO's. It is a wasteful and a shame to use public resources for buildings and then deny the public access to those rooms when not in use by the County. The Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County should do all you can to support strong connections among all members of our community.

Barbara Brydon  
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**EDC COB** <edc.cob@edcgov.us>  
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**Fwd: Vineyards at El Dorado Hills**

1 message

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**The BOSONE** <bosone@edcgov.us>  
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Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 12:54 PM

For item #19-1768.

Kind Regards,

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Board of Supervisors, County of El Dorado  
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From: **Michelle Turner** <mjcturner@comcast.net>

Date: Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 12:51 PM

Subject: Vineyards at El Dorado Hills

To: &lt;bosone@edcgov.us&gt;

Subdivisions conflict with El Dorado county's rural lifestyle. They bring increased traffic, light pollution and resource consumption. EDH has enough subdivisions to meet the needs of the suburbanites who want to play "country". Please, no more.



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**Susan Britting** <britting@earthlink.net>  
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Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 2:47 PM

Dear Supervisors:

I am deeply concerned about the draft policy on the use of meeting rooms by non-government organizations in county buildings that you will consider at your 12/17/19 meeting.

I am a volunteer with the El Dorado Chapter, California Native Plant Society. We have been holding evening programs at county meeting rooms since about 2000. First we met at the library and since outgrowing that location, we have been meeting in the planning commission room on (generally) the fourth Tuesday of alternate months. Our last meeting was in November, 2019. These are educational programs about the use of native plants and landscaping (for the benefit of water conservation and fire resilience) as well as programs about plant conservation, including programs that feature the Pine Hill plants. Attendance ranges from 30 to 70 people depending on the topic. We provide these programs as a service to county residents to inform them about the plant diversity that surrounds them.

The draft policy makes changes in two ways that harm us. First, it limits room use by non-government agencies to only the meeting rooms offered by the libraries. This change in policy would mean that we could no longer meet at the Planning Commission room. The second change is that use of meeting rooms at the libraries is limited to county business hours. This means that even if the room size at one of the libraries could accommodate our audience, the library hours only extend to 7 pm and there are only two days a week open until that time. Right now, after hour use is allowed on a case-by-case basis (<https://www.eldoradolibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Policy-for-Use-of-Meeting-Room-1.pdf>).

Both of these changes limit our ability to provide educational programs on native plants to El Dorado County residents since the meeting space opportunities are potentially non-existent or highly limited by the hours of operation.

I am also very disturbed that this change in policy is coming at the end of the year and with little notice. The only way we found out about the possibility that the county might be changing the room use policy was in an email exchange with the clerk of the Planning Commission on 12/3/19 as we attempted to reserve the room for our 2020 programs. Were the various non-government organizations that regularly use the meeting rooms under the current policy notified of this proposed change in use? Since we found out about this incidentally, I am guessing other groups have no knowledge of the proposed changes.

I ask that you: 1) continue to allow non-government organizations to use both the library meeting rooms and other county meeting rooms; and 2) not limit use to county office hours and allow use outside of office hours on a case by case basis as is stated on the current library room use policy.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sue Britting

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Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 8:34 AM

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Thnak you,

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