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Dear Supervisor Nutting,

Thank you for meeting with me and my Realtor Maryal Boumann regarding the situation with my home located at 3421 Rebel Ridge Lane in Placerville a few months ago.

I would like to summarize our conversation plus update you:

In 1982 my (now deceased) husband obtained a building permit for a garage and washroom for our five acre parcel. He had a septic system and well installed (county has records, they are permitted). Recently the leach field had to be replaced at the cost of \$4,079.00. I made sure my contractor filed that update with Environmental Health..

This week I celebrate my 74th birthday! Due to health issues including a previous heart attack, this 85 lb. body cannot handle the stress of living out on five acres, feeling isolated and overwhelmed with all that needs to be maintained. With that in mind, I decided the best thing for me was to move into town so I purchased a small duette at the new Eskaton Village in Placerville. Since the purchase of it is contingent upon the sale of my home, I listed it with my Realtor only to realize that my husband had definitely not pulled a building permit for the home. My husband had handled all the associated paperwork, the house design, dealing with contractors, and so forth.....I merely did what I was told and was kept in the dark.

Since my home was listed for sale, we have had a few offers on it but because it is non-permitted, potential buyers are either low-balling the home or walking away from it. My Realtor encouraged me to hire an architect to draw house plans (my husband sketched it out but not detailed). I hired Jody Bauer who hired an engineer to draw the plat map and another man to figure energy calculations. Since our meeting at your office, that work has all been completed. I am now ready to have Jody submit my house plans, etc. to the Building Department to go through plan check so I can sell my home without the stigma of being non- permitted. By the way, it is a VERY solid, well built home!

But here is the problem. Today's permit fees are completely out of my range. Please note, I have been paying property taxes based on the approximate 2100 square feet home that I have. The County Tax Assessor came out to my home, sketched it (full size) with bay windows and all, even made a comment that the downstairs is nicer than the upstairs. There is a hand written note from someone at the Assessor's Office that says we were living in the building (that appears to be written in 1989). My husband also had a copy of **the permit fees from 1983** in a file I came across recently. Since I am on a limited income and have very little savings, I am asking you and the Board of Supervisors to please allow me to pay the 1983 building permit fees and not today's. I **cannot** pay today's fees, I would have to stay here and basically die alone here. I am not being dramatic, I am simply stating the facts.

My husband was under hospice care before he died. He told me everything was taken care of and I was not to worry about anything. Well, that is not true! This has been a **very heavy burden** and at times I thought I may be having another heart attack. In fact, I went to ER since all this stress began, feeling as if I was having another heart attack. I **am trying** to do things in the proper order now that I am in charge but I need to ask you and the others in authority to **please** revert back to the fees when my husband first permitted the garage and wash room so I can sell this property and move into a safe place close to the hospital and to the grocery store.

I hope to hear from you soon. I thank you and the Board for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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