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Helen Baumann, Chair
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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Re: Measure HO-C-Staff Report Version II dated August 21, 2007
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There was insufficient time for the entire board of the Affordable Housing Coalition of El Dorado County (AHCEDC) to consider the above referenced report; however, as a member of the Affordable Housing Task Force and chair of AHCEDC, I would like to comment on the formation of the proposed advisory committee.

While the task force as a whole wanted to continue with an advisory committee with structure and defined goals, I would like to recommend that a collaborative process needs to be maintained. The committee should be led by a neutral facilitator who can get consensus if not a unanimous vote on issues. Committee members need to agree on Principles that can quickly be adopted from looking at other Affordable Housing Committees or processes.

The composition of the committee needs to be more balanced and fairly represent the stakeholders. The report adopts one model of composition (San Diego County), but Placer County's Affordable Housing Stakeholder Process recommends quite another. I would recommend the following composition to more fairly reflect the stakeholders in El Dorado County:

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| 1-SAGE Representative | 1-Landowner |
| 2-Developer Representatives | 3-Affordable Housing Advocates |
| 1-Building Industry Representative | 1-Affordable Housing Developer |
| 1-Real Estate Representative | 1-Community Member |

The Chief Planning official, Senior Planner, and Housing Authority Manager would serve as ex-officio members and speakers could be invited as needed.

In reference to a Land Trust, AHCEDC already has established an affordable housing trust fund which could administer in-lieu fees.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

Barbara Smiley, Chair
Affordable Housing Coalition of El Dorado County

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