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Thu, Aug 9, 2018 at 11:12 AM


From: Melissa Garske <fashiongirlmelissa@yahoo.com>
Subject: Saratoga Retail Phase 2 - DR-R18-0001
Date: August 9, 2018 at 11:08:03 AM PDT
To: charlene.tim@edcgov.us

Please see the attached letter in regards to Saratoga Retail Phase 2 - DR-R18-0001 and distribute to all prior to the August 23rd meeting.

Thank you,

Melissa Garske

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August 8th, 2018

County of El Dorado Planning Commission
Charlene Tim, Clerk of the Planning Commission
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RE: Saratoga Retail Phase 2 - DR-R18-0001

To Planning Commission and EDC Board of Supervisors,

As a current homeowner within feet of the proposed design project revision and a direct line of sight to the location, I wish to bring my concerns to your attention, most importantly; traffic, parking, noise, aesthetics, truck unloading, and transient traffic driving through our small neighborhood.

This location was approved in 2009 for several buildings containing retail space and one sit-down restaurant. This is an acceptable plan for the space and none of my neighbors or I disagree with it. Now the developer has requested to amend it and is proposing a popular drive-thru in a very small space. This changes every sound test, traffic study, etc. that was done back in 2009. The reports now are stating there will be minimal effect on the surrounding locations, which is frankly not true and not possible. They are stating the same amount of cars will be driving through as in 2009 study.

First, I would like to request that the Planning commission and the Board of Supervisors stand behind the well-planned decision they made in 2009, and in January 2018 when they denied the developer. Second, I would ask that you deny any amendment to this location. Third, if consideration is made to amend the plan, again; I ask that there are official noise, light and air pollution, and traffic studies done before any more progress is made.

As a mother of small children, I would also like to request the hours of operation for any business should be limited to 9 pm. I prefer an 8 pm limit because my children need to get adequate sleep in order to be alert in school. Currently, nothing would prevent these businesses from being open 24 hours a day. When my husband and I bought this home in 2012, we did so with the understanding that upscale retail shops and a sit-down restaurant

were being built in this location. This understanding helped us make the decision to buy our home in El Dorado County, instead of buying in Sacramento County, where we both work.

Parking remains na issue. As parking issues arise, cars will begin to park in Walgreens parking lot, side streets and Saratoga Way. This will be a major problem for homeowners and visitors, especially once the road is 4 lanes and has no street parking.

Other traffic concerns are the left turn lane onto Saratoga Way, Northbound on El Dorado Hills Blvd. This turn lane is already short, and it is not uncommon to wait through two or more light cycles in order to turn left. Currently, as traffic builds- often at non-busy times of day, this turn lane then blocks the left-hand lane that goes straight north on EDH Blvd, causing potential traffic backups and dangerous conditions.

Our county is a beautiful gem and El Dorado Hills is traveler's first impression of us. Please take that into consideration and don't label us "the town with the Chick-fil-A". The Master Plan that has been in place for years has protected our small town feel and kept our county protected. In addition, this design revision violates Measure E, General Plan policies and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

These are just a few of many issues that arise for my neighbors and me. I haven't even mentioned the noise, the lights, the truck unloading, or the fast-food smell.

I ask that you, once again, deny the approval of Saratoga Retail Phase 2 - DR-R18-0001.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Garske". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Garske