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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Jack Sweeney
Date: 7/28/2009
Re: Item #23 on 7/28/09 BOS Agenda – McCann Subdivision



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I am asking that the applicant agree to have this item continued for a few months. As you are all aware, the Diamond Springs area has a large number of applications that are currently working their way through the application process. These applications appear to be consistent with the land use designations for the area. However, the area is being put under significant stress of growth; from retail commercial, to residential, and by being designated as a location to absorb more "affordable housing". Some members of the community have expressed concern over the impacts of traffic on the community from these projects, how the various projects will fit with the community identity, and the adequacy of parks and recreation services to serve the anticipated growth.

The item before us, a request for a 72 unit subdivision, has raised some level of controversy, and various people have questioned how this project will fit in with all the other projects that are currently undergoing review. While I am not prepared to comment on the adequacy of the document or the merits of this application without a full hearing, after reviewing the agenda packet and the comments received, I believe that it would better serve the applicant, and the community, if this project was continued so that it could be discussed in the larger context of the issues facing the Diamond Springs area. Specifically, I would like staff to review how the project complies with General Plan Sections 2.4.1 Community Identity and 2.5.1 Physical and Visual Separation to assure that this project, and those currently proposed, fit with the existing community.

While not diminishing the merits of any single project or of staffs work in presenting these projects, as the District Supervisor I need to ensure that this project and all of the others that are planned for the area are coordinated with respect to their potential impacts. My goal is and always has been to assure well planned quality growth for the community.