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Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2023 10:01 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: 23-1773 Public Comment

As part of the Strategic Plan, can we add another goal?

Goal: To have El Dorado County, achieve the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (COA) Program from the Government Finance Officers Association.

In California, thirty-six (36) California Counties have received this award. With our excellent employees, if we applied, I'm sure we would be able to achieve this award.

I think this would be a worthwhile goal for our County.

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (COA) in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare annual comprehensive financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. The goal of the program is not to assess the financial health of participating governments, but rather to ensure that users of their

financial statements have the information they need to do so themselves

Large Counties

Alameda	Contra Costa	Fresno
Kern	Los Angeles	Mendocino
Monterey	Orange	Placer
Riverside	Sacramento	San Diego
San Mateo	Santa Barbara	Santa Clara
Solano	Stanislaus	Tulare
Ventura	San Bernadino	Sonoma

Small Counties

Butte	Calaveras	Kings
Lake	Madera	Marin
Mendocino	Napa	Nevada
San Benito	San Luis Obispo	Santa Cruz
Shasta	Trinity	Yolo

Thank you for your consideration

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Subject: Public Comment on Draft Strategic Plan (10/17 Item 21)

Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft 2024 strategic plan. Many hours of work from you, county staff, and the consultant went into getting the draft to this point of public review and I applaud that effort. Most of the activities called for in the plan will be very beneficial for the County's future. However, I have a few comments and observations. Please note that I am providing these thoughts in an individual capacity:

Vision Statement Lacks Values that make El Dorado County Special

The draft vision statement reads, "Exceptional quality of life with a strong sense of community and opportunity for all". While a strong sense of community and opportunity for all are of course valuable objectives, this vision statement could apply to any city or county. El Dorado County is a special place and deserves a unique vision statement.

As demonstrated by the results of your public survey, the most common answer to the question of "What do you like most about living in El Dorado County?" is the rural and semi-rural nature of our community. Additionally, later survey questions emphasized the public's focus on ensuring adequate infrastructure is in place and maintained. As someone who has spoken with many residents about why they choose to live in El Dorado County, the answers to these questions do not surprise me. El Dorado County is a special place because of our rural lifestyle and values. This is true even in relatively large communities such as El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park - residents still enjoy a less crowded, safer, slower paced, and friendlier community compared to more urbanized areas of Northern California.

I believe that the vision statement that was discussed at your August 28th workshop better captures the community's values. That statement read, "Exceptional quality of life with a strong sense of community, **rural character, managed growth**, and opportunity for all". The inclusion of the terms "rural character" and "managed growth" distinguishes us from other communities in the state and region and reflects the priorities of our community as established in your survey. I urge you to adopt this version of the vision statement.

Strategic Plan should Reference and Implement the General Plan

As you know, our General Plan is the County's basic planning document and is the vehicle through which the County addresses, balances, and fits together the competing interests and needs of its residents. It was endorsed by the voters in a March 2005 referendum. The General Plan should be the main tool that policymakers utilize in planning our community's future.

A strategic plan has value, but it should be viewed as subordinate to and a tool to implement the General Plan. Yet the draft strategic plan contains no reference to the General Plan. While most if not all of the activities detailed in the draft would be consistent with the General Plan, I recommend adding crosswalks in each section that reference how the proposed activities would further General Plan goals or policies. Doing so would not only reiterate your respect for the General Plan, but also emphasize to staff that when they are carrying out the strategic plan that they should take care to ensure that their proposals do not conflict with the General Plan.

Add Community Design Standards as an Action Item

Your Board has directed the creation of community-based, objective design standards for multi-family and commercial development in each community region and rural center on the West Slope (beginning with interim standards

that will apply to all regions and centers). I strongly support this project as I believe it will give certainty to both community members and project applicants regarding the expectations for new projects. When applications are filed following the adoption of design standards, they will proceed more smoothly while still reflecting the unique look and feel of the individual community. Further, with the state continuing to tighten local jurisdictions' land use authority especially in the area of housing, establishing objective and enforceable standards is an imperative.

While your Board has already committed to this effort, placing it in the strategic plan would reinforce it is a top priority. I would recommend placing it in the "Thriving Economy" section, but it could also fit under "Safe and Healthy Communities".

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments. I look forward to listening to your discussion on Tuesday.

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From: Rob Harris <robjh@att.net>
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To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Public Comment on Draft Strategic Plan (10/17 Item 21)

Supervisors,

Re Vision statement of draft Strategic Plan.

The public survey showed that the dominate character that residents liked was "rural"

The workshop included "rural character"

The working group excluded "rural character" from the vision statement.

As such it is concluded that the working group considered that the the survey and workshop were of no consequence, that is shams.

At the very least the working group should provide a justification for excluding "rural character"

The members of the working group and the record/minutes of their deliberations should be made public.

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