



PC meeting 5/22/25 Item 3 (File #25-0851)

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Madam clerk, please include my attached public comment for your Planning Commission meeting 5/22/25 Item 3 (File #25-0851).

Kind regards,
Michael Ranalli

El Dorado County Planning Commission
El Dorado County Planning Department
2850 Fairlane Court
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May 21, 2025

Re: Item 3 [File # 25-0851] – Abou El Kheir Private Family Cemetery (APN 105-100-023)

Dear Planning Commission:

I am the immediate neighbor of Mr. Hadi Abou El Kheir, living on the same rural road (Petersen Lane) just a short distance from his property. I have often observed the care and hard work that Hadi and his family devote to their 43-acre property. I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Mr. Abou El Kheir's application (CUP S18-0002) to establish a private family cemetery on his land.

Over the years, Mr. Abou El Kheir has shown a dedication to sustainable land management. His investment in agricultural infrastructure and fenced area for grazing is noteworthy. I have personally witnessed him working hard to keep this land healthy and well-maintained.

Establishing a modest family cemetery will further build on this ongoing stewardship. The proposed site is very small – and would accommodate burial plots exclusively for his family. Because it is private and for family use only, he will be responsible for its care. This means the site will be regularly cleared of excessive brush and ladder fuels. In effect, the cemetery will create a maintained open area on the property, complementing his existing land management efforts.

There are important community and character benefits to granting this request. Allowing this family to establish this cemetery helps preserve continuity of family ownership of the land. It ties the family's roots and future to this rural land and farm, making it much more likely that the property will remain in their hands for generations. The Abou El Kheir family's property is surrounded by other ranches and open space, and this small cemetery is fully consistent with that rural setting.

Furthermore, the Abou El Kheir family's use of the land is fully compatible with local agriculture and natural habitat. The small cemetery will sit among the trees and grasses, keeping that patch of land open and free of brush rather than allowing it to become overgrown. By maintaining this corner as a tended open space, the project actually encourages continued rural use of the surrounding land. This aligns with the environment which benefits our community.

Finally, I would note that approving this private cemetery will strengthen community ties by supporting a family that invests in our neighborhood's well-being and safety. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the El Dorado County Planning Commission to approve (CUP S18-0002).

Thank you for considering my letter of support for this responsible, community-minded proposal.

Sincerely,

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