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To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Public Comment for Special Meeting February 22, 2021 Agenda Item 20-0142: "56 Acre" Project

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am advising you that I have been contacted by a large number of in El Dorado County voters who are expressing concern regarding the planning of the Recreation/Aquatic Center which is to be erected within the 56 acres in South Lake Tahoe and is under discussion today. The square footage, design and placement of this multigenerational facility is integral in the execution of the master planning of the entire site.

The initial architectural plans for this building have been shared with the stakeholders of the project and the public. It is unfortunate that the planning team did not see fit to share them with you today, since the building constitutes a major portion of the project.

Of unique concern to me, and other older adults, is the lack of response of the design team to the provisions set forth in the agreement between you, the Board of Supervisors, and the City of South Lake Tahoe in Resolution No. 007-2020 dated 14 January 2020. This proposed agreement repeatedly calls out the building as the Recreation/Swim/Senior Center. That title represents all of the major services prevalent in the facility. It is significant that the name "Senior" has been removed from all subsequent materials and presentations. I believe that this is symptomatic of a current attitude of the designers which does not adequately address the unique needs of the Older Adult (Senior) constituency.

If you were privileged to see the plans that the public and stakeholders have been privy to, you would understand that there is a significant lack of unique space to support the needs, requirements and services that are currently offered in the existing South Lake Tahoe Senior Center.

Once seen and understood, it will evident that the proposed plans within the allotted square footage of the new building do not include the "ample space for required County senior services programs" as outlined in the above referenced Resolution. These spaces should incorporate the personal and private space for seniors that exists in the current senior center and be undisturbed by children, athletes, families, visiting tourists and other users. They are entitled to private and confidential consultations with senior services such as Senior Legal, HICAP, Public Authority, Peer counseling and HEAP. If the current Senior Center at SLT must be closed, the new facility should at least offer the same level of space and service as the old. It is also an ideal opportunity to substantially improve the senior services offered in that region, which was previously underserved.

Therefore, I respectfully request the support of the Board of Supervisors in upholding the interests of all the older adult stakeholders in the project to see that they are adequately represented in the ongoing discussions and planning.

Thank you for your courtesy and attention to these important issues. I will always be available for further conversations and consultations with you or your representatives.

Lisbeth L. Powell, an interested Citizen