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County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors

330 Fair Lane

Placerville, California 95667

Attn: Clerk of the Board

RE: File #24-0205

Proposed Native Directions / HomeCA Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers

Deer Valley Road and North Shingle Road, Rescue

Supervisors,

I recently became aware of a proposed project in Rescue referred to as the *Native Directions / HomeCA Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers* that calls for construction of a 10,000 square foot 30-bed treatment center on two non-contiguous parcels located on Deer Valley Road. The project is proposed within a residential neighborhood serviced by a winding and narrow road.

I am against construction of this commercial business on land zoned residential. There are several concerns with this project:

1. The narrow and winding road is not designed for commercial use.
2. The development will significantly impact the rural quality of life neighbors currently enjoy. Traffic, noise and lights will degrade the rural lifestyle of the neighbors.
3. The development will be in violation of the County's land use policies and the General Plan.
4. My understanding is that funding was obtained from a tribal grant that is to serve tribal members located in the San Joaquin delta area. The proposed treatment center is not located anywhere near the delta; the treatment center should be constructed near the population that will be using the facility.
5. The development would be located within a high fire zone. Should a fire threaten the facility the patients would have to flee the area in a hurry. Would that possible given the number of patients and winding and narrow road?

Please push back on this proposed development. There must be more appropriate locations to build this facility closer to the population that intends to use it. It should be constructed in an area zoned for commercial land use and not placed within an existing rural residential neighborhood.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: BOS-District IV
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 2:29 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Fw: New substance abuse center in Rescue

Public comment 24-0205.

Thank you!

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From: Britt Durbrow <bdurbrow@blinkenkits.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:19 AM
To: BOS-District IV <bosfour@edcgov.us>
Subject: New substance abuse center in Rescue

I have just recently learned of plans to site a substance abuse treatment facility in a rural residential area in Rescue, CA along Deer Valley Road. This is within walking distance of my home.

Addicts NEED treatment - I can speak to that from first hand experience, having watched several drive themselves into an early grave with it - BUT - placing these facilities, and the people they attempt to treat, in a location like this is a spectacularly BAD idea; not only for the families and children that live next to this site, but also for the people under treatment and for the larger state program.

Upon release (either treatment has come to an end, or they just got up and walked out) they will be in a rather wild area; with very little traffic, shelter, and nowhere to get basics like food or water. In the winter they will be exposed to hypothermia, and in the summer dangerous temperatures. We also have dangerous wild animals that live here - I've personally seen bobcats, and spoken with area residents who have seen evidence of mountain lions and bears.

Unfortunately, the reality about addiction is that it makes it's victims inherently prone to crime: the addict is desperately trying to get a fix and will do whatever it takes no matter who it hurts; and because certain drugs (like meth and PCP, but there are many others) directly cause violent behavior - why these drugs are illegal in the first place.

Placing facilities like this in close proximity to families, children, and schools inherently endangers them - and it will be only a matter of time before tragedy strikes. Not only will innocent community members suffer, but the whole program and its proponents will be endangered politically as being "soft on crime".

What needs to happen is that these facilities need to be in areas where they can actually function properly: in commercial/industrial zoned areas, with access to services (food, water, shelter, emergency medical, and police)

and away from areas where they will cause harm.

Can you help?

From: BOS-District IV
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 2:28 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Fw: Newport Academy Rescue

Public comment 24-0205.

Thank you!

From: David Mead <davidmead3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:26 PM
To: BOS-District IV <bosfour@edcgov.us>
Subject: Newport Academy Rescue

Hello Supervisor Parlin,

My name is David Mead and I reside in Rescue off Deer Valley Road less than a mile from the announced Newport Academy.

My concern is an environmental impact is needed and El Dorado County should strongly request one from the development due to the close proximity to the Pine Hill Ecological Reserve. This reserve contains one of a kind biological species that can only be found here, in quiet Rescue. The site will have sixty plus person full time which being on a well will impact the local aquifer connected to the Pine Hill Reserve.

I have additional concerns form the human waste that will be put back into the water in the septic system which may contain narcotics which are harmful to the local aquifer. Lastly the added traffic will impact the fragile ecosystem of Pine Hill.

Lastly the patients themselves are not forcefully imprisoned in the home, and therefore are free to by simply walking away. I on the slope of a blind hill and can personally attest to the dangers as a pedestrian on Deer Valley Road.

Thank you for hearing me and other neighbors concerns on the matter.

Regards,

David Mead

Deer Valley Road, Rescue CA