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April 4 Special Meeting of the Board, Agenda Item 3

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Re: April 4 Special Meeting of the Board, **Agenda Item 3**

Honorable members of the Board Of Supervisors,

I write to protest the proposed Resolution of Intention in **Item 3** "to amend the General Plan as recommended by EDAC to address findings from the General Plan Five-Year Monitoring and Review Report."

The proposal comes from EDAC, a committee stacked with Big Developer proxy agents, and real estate interests addicted to urban-sprawl high-volume sales commissions. Thus its findings are on their face suspect, and in fact unfair, self-serving, corrupt, and inimical to the public interest.

The overall effect of pursuing the proposed Amendments package is the continuation of the unjust, invidious, and special-interest direction of dumping the entire county's obligation of facilitating "affordable" (low-income) housing onto the communities which the Supervisors and their Big Developer patrons perceive as least likely to protest, and where it is cheapest for the Developers to build their instant suburbs. Everything else is verbal smoke-screen.

The proposed Amendments package would open up rural lands to industrial development!

The proposed Amendments package fatuously ignores the huge stock of existing low and moderate-priced housing due to the collapse of the housing market, and instead calls for building huge numbers of new houses for virtually non-existent buyers.

The proposed Amendments package utterly fails to take into account the desires of the vast majority of El Dorado citizens/voters, who want to keep El Dorado a rural environment, not a hotbed of suburban sprawl.

The proposed Amendments package's advocacy of design-first Form-Based Codes guts existing building code in favor of ticky-tacky instant subdivision-style punch-out houses. El Dorado County is not San Bruno, CA.

The proposed Amendments package is wrong on so many counts.

The proposal would target the communities of Diamond Springs and El Dorado to disproportionately take the brunt of low-income housing. And that would deviously be accomplished by packing these small, rural, historic communities with high-density giant subdivisions with a few token low-income housing units thrown in, so as to knuckle under to Big Developer-dominated SACOG's urban "master plan" for exploiting rural counties adjacent to Sacramento for the benefit of land speculators, Big Developers, and the Big Banksters.

The political corruptness of the proposed Amendments package is nowhere more evident than its allocation of only 436 lower-income houses to the largest-population affluent community of El Dorado Hills (which doesn't want "those people"), and a whopping 1230 lower-income units to tiny Diamond Springs-El Dorado. Who says money doesn't talk, Supervisors Knight, Sweeney, and Nutting?

The communities near Highway 50 are not a "corridor" for the convenience of multi-county speculators and Developers. They are our home!

The Board of Supervisors needs to open up the 5-year Review of the General Plan to the *entire public's* participation, **in a totally transparent and non-rigged manner**, with *no already-predecided outcomes*, like this EDAC farce.

The proposed Amendments package sets as its goal to pump 50,000 new people into our county within 15 years. Do we really want our county to grow by 1/3 in just 15 years? Do we really want to end up looking like

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Every one of you Supervisors, when you were campaigning for office, ran on a platform of keeping El Dorado County rural.

Now it's time to live up to those campaign promises. Or admit you were lying and resign.

sincerely,

Richard Boylan, Ph.D.
Diamond Springs

P.S.: Previous engagements prevent me from personally addressing the Board about the content of this rushed Special Meeting. Consider this letter my submitted testimony, to be entered into the record. Thank you.