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Regarding BOS Agenda Item 12-0267 on May 15

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Who Is Protecting My Property Rights?

Open Letter to El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, El Dorado Planning Commissioners, and Planning Services Director:

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TO: John Knight, Chairman,

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667

FROM: Ellen Day, President

DATE May 14, 2012

REGARDING: Board Agenda Item #24, Authorize staff to release Notice of Preparation for the EIR for the

TGPA and ZOU

FROM: Ellen Day, President

The Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County recommends that the Board of Supervisors proceed to release the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the EIR process on the Land Use Policy Programmatic Update (LUPPU). The Zoning Ordinance update is 7 years overdue, and the General Plan update is 3 years overdue. By law the Zoning Ordinance must conform to the land use policies of the General Plan, an update that is long overdue.

After release of the data, defined by the Targeted General Plan Amendments (TGPA) and Zoning Ordinance Update (ZOU), the public has 45 days for review, which should be adequate to assess and submit comments. Further, to facilitate the collection of public input, the Board is scheduling a series of workshops on the proposed changes. These changes have been in the process of development over several years already, and covered by wide variety of workshops by EDAC participants, including ag interests, contractors, engineers, builders, ranchers, traffic experts, and many private property owners.

The Taxpayer Association strongly supports the EDAC efforts which they believe are long overdue since they will significantly improve the county's overall economic conditions. We have always favored changes in economic policies for reduced regulations, restrictions and taxes. In its letter dated July 18, 2011, the Taxpayers Association asserted that "El Dorado County is at the "Bottom of the Economic Barrel" relative to surrounding counties based on data from the Sacramento Bee on home sales, and commercial and industrial development. Per that letter:

What has caused this significant difference? Obviously having similar topography, resources, access to venues, etc. doesn't explain this disparity. Although El Dorado County is 20% larger, in the past ten years we have grown 16% while Placer County has grown 40%. Data indicates that people in search of a new home or businesses find El Dorado County's negative business policies unacceptable and go elsewhere-like Placer County. Needless and excessive detailed regulations, inordinately high fees, slow and laborious processes for permits and approvals are encountered with the county's administration departments that are under the control and leadership of the Board of Supervisors.

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Please add these comments to supervisors notes re: May 15 board meeting on proposed revisions of the El Dorado County general plan.

To: all El Dorado County Supervisors -

We reside in El Dorado Hills and have read and re-read the TPGA on proposed changes to the general plan and I am very concerned. Even though the GP is required to be updated every 4/5 years it does not mean that there needs to be changes.

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Along with the county planners, who I am sure are being asked to comply with new state guidelines, and therefore pushing these proposed higher density developments, i.e. Wilson Estates and the Dixon Ranch Project, your probably thinking that the county has no choice as it is now state law to increase these densities and you would be incorrect. The whole point of the new law is to have homes closer to where people work.

In the case of El Dorado Hills, we already have a business park that meets that criteria. The fact is that no matter what development is being considered, many more than 50% of the working people in EDH are going to go into Sacramento county. The remainder of hundreds of retirees are essentially "off the grid" as far as commuting and therefore are not a factor. This proves that there is essentially no justification for increasing the density. And if so, why is it only in EDH that it is being affected by this proposed GP change? What about the rest of the county? Why are they exempt? Who is really benefiting here?

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Concern Over Proposed General Plan Changes

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We are residents of El Dorado Hills, and chose this community tolive due to the rural feel and a safe environment for our family. We are two of many concerned EDH residents over the proposed changes to the General Plan as it has the potential of eroding the very reason why we selected El Dorado Hills as a place to live.

Through these proposed changes to the General Plan, we believe that it will bring on much higher density which is not consistent with what the majority of residents have worked so hard to preserve. It will take away from the village and rural feel and significantly reduce the open space that has kept so much of the wildlife here as our neighbors. In addition, our current infrastructure has not kept pace with the current rate of development and based on current funding available, most likely, will not be expedited to support the proposed current land development projects.

A good example to site is the Dixon Ranch proposal whereby it encompasses 714 homes proposed of which is adjacent to Highland View and Sterlingshire, accessing Green Valley Road and Wilson Estates, which is also along Green Valley Road. It is unclear at best at this time what infastructure will be required to be in place prior to any development. Green Valley is already not up to safety standards for the current traffic let alone the traffic that will be generated by these two projects. In addition, both of these projects could also add to the traffic on Malcolm Dixon Road, a substandard road. Increased traffic on Green Valley road dumps onto Allegheny Road near the signal which then dumps into the lower portion of Malcolm Dixon across the narrow bridges. Wilson Estates would dump directly onto the upper portion of Malcom Dixon Road. We need to better understand how these projects could be approved without significant changes to current roads. If it is, this will put safety at increased risk for the current existing residents in this area.

These quality of issues include but are not limited to increased traffic and resulting public safety issues, added vehicle emissions, environmental impact and decreased open space for people and wildlife to habitate concurrently. It feels as if the county is currently trying to push this through in an expedited fashion without providing the general public with ample time to review the proposed changes, fully understand, and then share input with the County to enable the county to make the best decisions on behalf of their constituents.

Please understand that we are not against development and growth to assist with funding governmental services, but we need to make sure that it is not at the expense of the quality, safety and well being of our community.

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I concur 100% with the contents of Larry Keenan's letter.

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Very truly yours,

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