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Objection to Proposed high density housing in El Dorado Hills Town Center

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To Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:Re: Proposal to Build a High Density Apartment Complex in the middle of the El Dorado Hills Town Center

I would like to register my disapproval with the proposed construction of a high density apartment/housing complex in the middle of the El Dorado Hills Town Center.

The majority of people supporting this development are business owners who have the mistaken belief that this project will actually drive more customers to them. Many wrote boiler plate letters of support that were provided to them by the Chamber of Commerce. This is really not the panacea to their businesses they think it will be and I would like to mention just a few of the reasons why I believe this.

As currently proposed by the Spanos Company, this project will cause extreme traffic congestion and will turn what is now an upscale dining and shopping area into crowded complex that will actually discourage residents outside of Town Center from coming into the area. Having served over thirty years in law enforcement, I also see this high density complex as extremely demanding and troubling for law enforcement and other public safety services. Typically high density housing results in increased crime and this can also discourage residents outside of the area from frequenting Town Center. It is my understanding that a senior living complex may be built very close to Town Center and it would really be nice for the residents of this facility to be able to enjoy Town Center without the increased vehicular traffic that will be created by this high density complex. As the Blackstone development in the southern part of El Dorado Hills builds out there will be more demand for commercial development to support their everyday needs and Town Center should be developed around this need, instead of replacing commercially zoned property with high density housing.

As an alternative I **strongly** recommend the Board allow a mixed use development, placing residential units over smaller businesses and not allow high density housing there. I would also add that any project built there must conform to existing design elements in Town Center.

I appreciate you time when considering the long term impact of this high density housing.

Respectfully,
Donn Neher
El Dorado Hills Resident

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