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RE: Tentative Map Time Extension TM07-1141-E Shinn Ranch

#### Dear Supervisors,

Some neighbors that have appealed the Planning Commission decision to extend the time period on a tentative map we have in progress through Silverado Homes, Inc. Approved June 9, 2016.

We are certain that you know that this request is merely for a time extension and not re-visiting of an approved tentative map, however, the appeal may raise some questions. Allow us to clarify for you that their concerns are irrelevant to the time extension.

- 1. **Measure E:** Any concerns regarding the former Measure Y, (and passage of Measure E), were considered at the time of the original map approval in 2007.
- 2. Fire Safety: The proposed project provides for new water lines and hydrants. It also provides for a secondary access for the project, as well as residents along Kingvale, Shinn Ranch Road Fine Court, etc. There is also a secondary access out through Gold Country Estates. The lack of secondary access for residents beyond Gold Country Drive is a pre existing condition regardless of the Shinn Ranch Development. It should be noted that Mrs. Reay was one of the developers of the single access parcels at the southerly end of Kingvale Road. Perhaps she should have resolved that issue at that time. Along with the project, Kingvale Road will be widened and improved from Mother Lode Drive to Gold Country Drive and new turning lanes installed at Mother Lode. These will provide improved ingress/egress/safety for all residents in the area.
- 3. Indian Sites: This project was thoroughly studied several times during the course of development. Archeological reports are available. There are no burial sites. Grinding rocks have been identified and mitigation measures have been approved to protect those sites.
- 4. Notification: At the time that this project was underway and approved, we resided on Kingvale. Mrs. Reay was a friend and neighbor who frequently visited our home and knew what was occurring. All property owners on Shinn Ranch Road, Fine Court, and Kingvale Road from Mother Lode Drive to Old Timer Lane purchased their properties from me or the Shinn family and were notified in writing of the pending development at the time of their purchase.
- 5. Deed Restrictions: Deed Restrictions on adjacent properties remain unchanged.
- 6. Increased traffic: Traffic studies were done and approved for this project in 2007. Mitigation measures were made such as turn lanes at Mother Lode Drive and widening of Kingvale Road.
- 7. County Infrastructure?: 10acres purchased by El Dorado County has nothing to do with this project. The Shinn's own a separate 20acre parcel over which a secondary access to Pleasant Valley Road is located. The right-of-way is deeded and approved for access to this project, as well as access to the County site should they ever choose to utilize their property. Agreements between El Dorado County and the Shinn's are irrelevant to the time extension for this map.
- 8. **CEQA:** All environmental concerns were properly addressed and mitigated along with noise, light, air quality, trees, open space, etc. Again, these are irrelevant to the time extension.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thaleia Georgiades & Tom Shinn