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Subject Runnymeade rezoning issue

| Attn; Mrs. Helen Bauman |   |               |
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|                         | *************************************** | April 3, 2007 |

My wife and I live in the Beautiful and Secluded Cul-De-Sac of Runnymeade. We have great concerns of your Approval Status of the Changing of the General Plan/Rezone of AZ5-0002 for higher density to allow Mr. Kenny to build the Apartment Complex in our neighborhood. Many of the folks have lived here for over 20 years and have a vested interest in our community, Government, and welfare of El Dorado County.

# A reasonable Solution;

<u>There are several alternative sites</u> already designated and zoned for multi family or *high density*. Mercy Housing I am sure would be willing to go with one of those areas. Some of these, such as the one off Missouri Flat Rd. would be more suitable.

## Concerns are as follows;

Increased Traffic; a- This is a big concern of many residents and local workers for the added traffic on El Dorado Rd. b-The Additional parking spaces for 159 cars should speak for itself. El Dorado Rd. is not built to handle such an increase and the required walkway to the shopping center to the north would mean El Dorado Rd. would have to be expanded and widened causing a large cost to the county and taxpayers.

Scenic Values; This project would assuredly detract from the Natural Beauty and Views, and Scenic Values of this area. It is now and would be visible from the freeway, and will detract from the houses lying directly around the complex.

**Noise Pollution**; This additional traffic, Noise from younger people, loud music, and other distractions such as sirens from 911, Police sirens, parties, music and children would be obnoxious to those of this area.

**Night Lighting**; Complexes, such as those proposed have continuous night lights for parking and security as well as headlights, apartment lights etc. This is also taking from our natural environment and setting, as well as reducing the elimination of the stars and such.

**Emergency Evacuation**; There is now and as proposed only one way in and out of our neighborhood. We would then have possible 159 or even more vehicles in our way to escape if a fire or other emergency should take place.

**Depreciation of HOME VALUES**; The decrease in our home values is not a guess it is a proven fact. Will the County of El Dorado and board of Supervisors be prepared to re-embers for our losses? Loss of Market Value, Cost of Moving Due to Stress etc., and other related items are all viable reasons for compensation. \$\$\$\$\$

Thank you for now, taking the time to listen!.

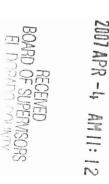
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April 3, 2007



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Sincerely, Concerned Runnymeade Drive Residents

cc: Supervisors (Ron Briggs, Helen Baumann, Rusty Dupray, Norma Santiago) Cathy Locke, Sacramento Bee Danielle Y Sather/PV/EDC

03/29/2007 11:17 AM

To Cynthia C Johnson/PV/EDC@TCP

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Subject Fw: Proposed Apartments on Runnymeade

CJ.

Please add this to the public record--thank you.

Danielle Sather
Administrative Secretary
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

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03/29/2007 10:42 AM

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Subject Proposed Apartments on Runnymeade

## Dear Supervisors,

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal to build a low income apartment complex off of Runnymeade in Placerville. Currently the issue at hand is whether or not to re-zone this area from single-family to multi-family residential. I would like to go on record that I oppose the re-zoning of this area based on the following concerns.

- 1. Fire dangers. This area is situated next to the highway 50 corridor. One careless smoker discarding a cigarette out the window can start a brush fire. This area has only one road in and out. How do you propose to evacuate this area while emergency personnel are trying to get in with only two lanes available?
- 2. Public services: There will obviously be an increase in the need for public services in that area. Example, public transportation and police. How do you propose to pay for the additional need of these services? Taxes of course. I do not believe that these apartments will be able to generate the revenue needed to pay for the services that will be required by it's renters.
- 3. Increase in traffic on El Dorado Rd. Once again we are increasing population and not addressing the impact on the roads in the area. This is a two lane road servicing the area. A road that has had many fatal accidents already. This road is already used as a "cut-off" to highway 50. I am afraid that the increase in traffic on this road will only make it more dangerous than it already is. Will the intersection of Motherlode and El Dorado be getting a traffic light. Let's not forget that there is a new church being built in that area as well which will be increasing the traffic. Who will pay for improvements to this area?
- 4. Fairness to the existing home owners. I do not live on Runnymeade. But I do sympathize with these homeowners. When they purchased their homes they thought they were told they were in a single family zone. This is an area of modest custom homes. People move to the foothills to escape the crowded congested city life. This was not disclosed to these people prior to buying or building their homes. They chose to move to this area in good faith that their community was single family. This will drastically lower their property values as well as make it extremely difficult for them to sell. You wouldn't go into Greenstone Country and change their re-zoning. Ask yourself, if this was my community how would I feel about this proposal? I don't

think that the county is in the position to buy out any of these homeowners if a lawsuit is brought about due to re-zoning changing. This was in the works for four years and the developer did not even notify the homeowners? Is that FAIR?

I am not opposed to low income housing. I think this county needs more low income housing to attract new families to the area. Developers need to purchase land in areas that are already zoned for multi-family residential. Areas that are ready to service the increase in population. There is a very nice apartment complex in the little town of El Dorado. It has a road in front of it that is serviced by rapid transit, there is room for emergency equipment to get into the grounds while tenants are trying to leave. Emergency personnel are only a few buildings away from them if they need assistance. School buses can pull over out of the flow of traffic to allow students to get on and off the buses. Students can even walk to school depending on the school they attend. It's a quiet little complex. They maintain it well. The location was ideal for this complex.

Let's not make this area another "Missouri Flat Rd. Nightmare". Let us master plan our community so that we maintain the lifestyle that we have all come to enjoy in El Dorado. Growth should make sense. We owe it to the tenants who will be renting from future developers as well as those who already live in the area.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration and Yes, I am a registered voter!

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Subject Runnymeade Drive proposal for re-zoning to build large low-income apartment complex

#### Mr. Sweeney,

My husband and I have been living on Strickland Mine Ct. (off El Dorado Road) for over 13 years now. We are not anti-growth people. Any community needs planned growth to remain healthy. We supported Walmart when they planned to build in the area, and also the shopping center Sundance properties wanted to build. We understand the need for low-income housing. However, the proposed apartment complex to be located off Runnymeade makes no sense at all. El Dorado Road cannot handle the increased traffic this project would bring. El Dorado Road is a windy 2-lane road that can bearly handle the current traffic. In the 13 years we've been here there have been numerous occasions when rounding a curve in the road (there are many) we were confronted by a vehicle coming at us partially across the double vellow line. We are dreading when Missouri Flat Road will be partially closed during construction of the new overpass, and many, many more vehicles will be using El Dorado Road as access to Highway 50. It is going to be a nightmare trying to get in and out of Strickland Mine, Aqua Dolce, Silverlode, and other Roads intersecting with El Dorado Road. It will be a good indicator of what impact this proposed large apartment complex will have on the road. In addition to traffic, we are concerned about the potential for crime in the area should it be built. During the 13 years we've been here, the Mountain Democrat has had numerous articles concerning various crimes that have taken place at "low-income" apartments in the county. I would guess that most of the county's crime problems involved residents of these apartments. For anyone to say otherwise, would not be accurate. It may not be "politically correct", but it's fact. The area around El Dorado Road between Highway 50 and Motherlode Drive is not a commercial area, contrary to what Supervisor Ron Briggs may think. It consists of single family homes in a rural setting. Please represent the current residents, and tax payers, of your district in your decisions concerning our futures. We do not want this project here. Thank you for your time,

Donna & Ray Pethel 4220 Strickland Mine Ct. Placerville

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Brenda J Bailey/PV/EDC 03/30/2007 10:05 AM

To Cindy L Keck/PV/EDC@TCP

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Subject Fw: Re-zoning El Dorado Road

Dear Mr. Deal:

Your email message to Supervisor Baumann has been printed for her review. Additionally, a copy has been provided to the clerks to include with the public record. The public hearing on this matter will continue on April 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room, located at 330 Fair Lane in Placerville.

Thank you, Brenda Bailey Assistant to Supervisor Baumann

---- Forwarded by Brenda J Bailey/PV/EDC on 03/30/2007 10:00 AM ----



"Alan Deal" <adeal@calweb.com> 03/29/2007 06:46 PM

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Subject Re-zoning El Dorado Road

The property near El Dorado Road and Runnymeade should remain zoned for single family dwellings. The area has many lovely homes, on both sides of Hwy 50, and would be severely impacted by apartment houses. Increased traffic, and noise are only two negatives to crowding many families in a small area. We as homeowners object to the idea a developer can come in and have the zoning changed to suit them. The affected community is the last to find out, then is insulted by board members stating this project has been in the works for several years. We abide by building codes, not adding more structures on our properties, keeping the area a lovely, not congested, scenic rural area, and expect the county and planning units to respect the existing zoning. Money should not always be the driving force of change.!!!!!

Respectfully,

Barbara Deal

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Danielle Y Sather/PV/EDC

04/02/2007 09:08 AM

To Cynthia C Johnson/PV/EDC@TCP

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Subject Fw: Runnymeade Low Income Proposal

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Subject Runnymeade Low Income Proposal

04/01/07

Attn: James Sweeney

Re: Runnymeade Low Income Proposal

I am writing this letter in strong opposition of the low income housing proposal for Runnymeade Drive. I have been fortunate enough to live on Runnymeade Drive for the last three years. My husband and I bought our home because we wanted to live in a rural area that is quiet with low traffic, and low crime. I am extremely upset and concerned about this proposal.

My husband and I are both in Law Enforcement. Both of us know all too well what low income housing would bring to our peaceful life. I read the article in the March 29th issue of the Sacramento Bee quoting Board Chairwoman Helen Baumann saying "Mercury Housing has a reputation for well-managed projects". That the Sheriff's Department response to these units has declined. Helen Baumann needs to look into the type of calls for service Deputies are responding to, and then maybe she will realize the seriousness of this proposal.

With the new Casino being built close by, these apartments would be a haven for crime. If this plan is approved the safety and security of the homeowners, and their children that live on Runnymeade WOULD be compromised. Almost every home on or around Runnymeade sits on an acre or more. Has the Planning Department even considered what kind of impact this proposal would have on our property values? Mercy Housing wants to put 70 apartments in the middle of a rural area?

The Planning Department needs to realize that Runnymeade is NOT an appropriate place for this proposal!! They need to realize the impact on the current residents ie: increased traffic, noise, safety, decreased land values, realignment costs, unflattering view of apartments from the freeway! This proposal is sickening to me, Runnymeade is NOT the right place for yet another criminal safe-haven.

Amy Greenwood 4120 Brent Court Placerville, Ca 95667

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Subject Fw: Board Letter

Dear Mr. Sweeney,

My husband and I are residents of Runnymeade Dr in your district. As you know, there is currently before you, a proposal to re-zone in our neighborhood to develop multiple family housing. We are adamantly opposed to the proposed development by Mercy Housing.

When we moved to Placerville, we searched for a neighborhood that would provide a quiet, rural setting, yet would be convenient to our work locations. The Runnymeade neighborhood provided that perfect setting for our family. The homes are all on one acre parcels and the area is quiet and secure. The proposal to build a multi-family complex would **drastically** change our neighborhood.

With this development comes increased traffic, lights and noise. Additionally, we are concerned about our safety and the potential for increased criminal activity in our area.

Why hasn't the developer met with the neighbors? Why were we not noticed and only found out about this by reading the newspaper?

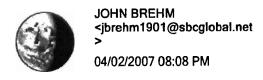
There are other parcels in the Placerville area that are already zoned for multiple family housing. Let Mercy go there.

We urge you and the other members of the Board to oppose the request to amend the general plan and rezone the parcel near Runnymeade.

# Art & Ginger Harms

6670 Runnymeade Dr,

Placerville, CA 95667



To bostwo@co.el-dorado.ca.us cc bcc

Subject Runnymeade apartment project

#### Dear Ms. Baumann:

I will not be able to make the April 10th meeting but I wish I could so that I could voice my opinion. I feel that it would be mistake to allow this development to occur. For one thing, situating low income housing in an area where exists little commerce will ensure that the residents will remain low income tenants, since it is not very convenient to get anywhere that they might be able to get employment. There are no sidewalks on El Dorado road. Secondly, my neighborhood is already being saddled with an enormous Indian casino closeby, which everyone I know here already opposes, and I am sure that we will experience plenty more crime, traffic, police sirens etc. than is our "fair share". Adding this development will amplify the degradation of this area.

People who live in my neighborhood do so because they don't want all the problems associated with higher density development and low income neighbors. Many of us, including myself, voted for you and some of the other current county supervisors expressly because we were led to believe that you were an opponent of this type of development, and I for one feel betrayed by your support of this project. If it goes in, I will be the first on my block to sell my house and move back to the Sacramento area where at least I can save money while putting up with the crime, noise and traffic.

John Brehm 3748 Sunshine Lane Placerville, CA 530 642 1901 jbrehm1901@sbcglobal.net



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Subject 4/10 meeting / rezoning & General Plan ammendment

Jack, I am a homeowner on Runnymeade Dr. in Placerville. The proposed change to the General Plan & the rezoning for the property at El Dorado Rd. & Runnymeade Dr. is not in the best interest for our community. First when I purchased my 4+ acre property I was expecting a semi rural area (1 acre minimum) single family homes with a few small businesses on the corner. I expected development at this level. Now developers want to "change" the General Plan that we & you supported just to make more money. There are better locations that are already zoned for multifamily/ higher density living.

Property values will lower

Property taxes will increase (for police substations)

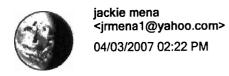
Increase in population- (70 unit apts. alone will add a min. of 150 people to 200+) This will add completely unmanageable traffic conditions on El Dorado Rd., Runnymeade Dr., Mother Lode Dr. & all the small streets between here & Wal Mart, & here and Safeway, Kmart.

Added noise from 70-140 more cars as well as all the visitors vehicles would be horrendous. Businesses would at least be less traffic & only during business hour & days.

Our neighborhood would change greatly. We have numerous animals, children & many residences take walks enjoying the beautiful creek, trees quiet streets. If the apartments are approved it would not be as safe to ride bikes, walk pets, take morning & evening walks.... Traffic-traffic-traffic! It would be almost impossible to cross the street walking or in your car.

Please think long and hard before amending the "GENERAL PLAN" (we approved) & changing the zoning, (which will change our "Quality of Life", forever!) Please try to find an appropriate location that isn't forcing neighbors to give up the life Placerville, CA. is know for. Phyllis Byers 6520 Runnymeade Dr.

Phyllis Byers, Placerville, CA.



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Subject Runnymeade Drive Re-Zone

April 3, 2007

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cc: Supervisors (Ron Briggs, Helen Baumann, Rusty Dupray, Norma Santiago) Cathy Locke, Sacramento Bee

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Danielle Y Sather/PV/EDC

To Cynthia C Johnson/PV/EDC@TCP

04/03/2007 12:52 PM

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Subject Fw: Re-zone of Runnymeade Drive parcel

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Maurice Anderson <mandpa@internet49.com> 04/03/2007 12:50 PM

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Subject Re-zone of Runnymeade Drive parcel

Dear Mr. Sweeney;

I had written to you previously concerning this subject requesting that you vote against this revision. I still believe that this amendment to the General Plan is a poor move. Because of the congestion at the Missouri Flat - Highway 50 intersection, much traffic is now diverted down to El Dorado road. As the result of this and the natural growth in the area, El Dorado road is carrying more and more traffic. Our neighborhood, with relatively few residents living on Runnymeade Drive and Court, use the one and only road to exit the area. The proposed use of the parcel will add probably 200 per cent to this road. Although the road is more than adequate for the current use at the present time, adding a significantly greater load to it coupled with increased flow of traffic on El Dorado Road will burden the entire area with a hazardous traffic situation. As I had previously stated, rerouting Runnymeade Drive to intersect El Dorado Road closer to the bottom of the hill will certainly exacerbate the traffic situation. Again, the increased traffic and lights and noise will turn our quiet neighborhood into something that we did not contemplate when we moved here. It does not need to be this way.

There are other tracts of land that could be developed that are already zoned for this type of high density housing that would better serve the residents that would buy there - closer to shopping, etc. Although I am not aware of current zoning of these lands, I have seen rather large tracts of land that look as if they would lend themselves to this type of high density housing. Please consider this alternative to a change in the present zoning - which is satisfactory. Please leave it as originally planned.

Again, please help deny this proposed change.

Maurice Anderson

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