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Subject Equestrian Village Rezone Request Today at 2:00 pm

Dear Board of Supervisors:

We are writing this email as actual residents of Equestrian Village. We feel this is all the credentials we need. (we will leave out our professional titles) Many of the people that have emailed you do not actually live in Equestrian Village. Our family has resided in EDH for over 20 years including the past five in this village.

We wish to underscore the fact that we represent Equestrian Village, not agricultural village. In past Board meetings, someone invariably quotes, "Horses are neither food nor fodder" as they make their bid to develop this unique setting within EDH. I want to make it perfectly clear at this time that our family has no intention of barbecuing our horses (unless there is a severe famine in which case our fat mare goes first). What is the point? Equestrian Village is a unique place, not because there are animals or crops to harvest, but because EDH has dozens of villages and developments that are virtually the same. This village is the only area that allows for large animals and open space. Why compromise this area?

A loss to this area has already occurred due to recent building developments in this area. Residents have now lost access to the Folsom Lake equestrian trail. This access had been permitted for over 25 years. We ask that this access be reinstated. One of the developers pointed out his recognition that this will increase the value of the land and stated that most are in favor of it because of the economic benefit. Whatever the motive, we are for it.

We hear over and over again the term 'land improvement'. Does it always improve the land to cut it up into smaller pieces? At the time this area was identified as MDR, there was not a subdivision of high density across the street. EDH was not nearly built out like it is today. We cannot simply look at what was decided decades ago. We must look at what is right in the context of today. Leaded gas may have been fine several years ago, but is not right for today. It may have been fine not to seatbelt your child 29 years ago but, again, what is right for this day

and age.

We are asking that the Board not look at what is in the best interest of those who wish to develop Equestrian Village or even those of use who live here. We trust that you will do what is in the best interest of this beautiful and very unique area within the entire context of EDH.

Very truly yours, Gary and Nancy Fletcher

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