



Fwd: Apartments in Town Center

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Wed, Aug 9, 2017 at 5:01 PM

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Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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From: Anne Sciocchetti <annscottage@att.net>

Date: Wed, Aug 9, 2017 at 3:38 PM Subject: Apartments in Town Center

To: bosone@edcgov.us

Please do not allow apartments in town center. White Rock Rd is blocked by cars already on way to Hwy 50, during hours of 4pm-7pm, wall to wall cars. No parking around town center now can be found. Theatre parking is packed. Parking in back of town center is packed now; apartments will be a nightmare; each apartment could have 2 cars each, going and coming, many times a day.

Target parking lot would be crowded; all eating areas would be full. The thought of apartments in that area is a nightmare happening. We have thousands of new homes going in, including apartments in outlying areas. **Enough Please!!**



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EDH APAC Review El Dorado Hills Apartments Project DEIR

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Thu, Aug 10, 2017 at 5:55 AM

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Thank you for your cooperation in allowing APAC the time to thoroughly review the project, and the DEIR.

John Davey APAC Subcommittee Chair

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4. NOISE

As with the previous 2014 Town Center Apartment Project, noise generated by the commercial and retail component will impact the residents of the apartments. Unbuffered noise from Highway 50, as well as from commercial and retail sources, retail center automobile traffic, and Town Center East Outdoor Events will impact apartment residents. By qualifying the Project as Urban Infill Residential, the project proponents seek to limit or reduce environmental noise as a measure of impacts for the residents of the Project in the DEIR – thereby creating a second, lower, environmental noise standard for residents of the El Dorado Hills Apartments at Town Center, while the balance of El Dorado Hills residents enjoy the benefits of the higher environmental noise standard.

5. COUNTY INCOME

As the APAC EDH APT Subcommittee believed in the previous 2014 Town Center Apartment Project, El Dorado County could lose a significant potential future income from sales taxes and Transient Occupancy Taxes if the parcel is converted from commercial to residential use.

6. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

As with the previous 2014 Town Center Apartment Project, the economy is experiencing a slow recovery and the loss of commercial and retail sites will further contribute to sales tax leakage out of El Dorado County. In the past several years, El Dorado County has already rezoned several properties from Commercial to Residential, in spite of the County's stated preference to build a jobs base over building more rooftops. Frequently the proponents of these commercial to residential rezone requests have fortified the reasoning for these rezones by insisting that less commercial/retail space is needed – but there are still several commercial/retail projects proposed in the immediate vicinity of Town Center East, many of which are scheduled for development well after the proposed construction period of the El Dorado Hills Apartments at Town Center, demonstrating that commercial demand still exists in proximity of Town Center East.

7. AESTHETICS

To better accommodate the commercial nature of Town Center East, this Project should require vertical Mixed Use applications, as done in most other commercial/residential mixed use communities, with the enclosed apartments above the first floor allowing retail at the street level.

Several APAC EDH APT Subcommittee members are concerned that even with the aesthetic changes from the previous 2014 El Dorado Hills Apartment Project that this project would not be consistent with the "Guidelines for the creation of: "A character appropriate and in keeping with -----its historic building type" and commercial use , as defined in the Town Center Design Guideline April 25 1995

Relative to the design, the proposed four story building towers over the boulevard negatively impacting the retail/dining experience of other Town Center East shops. The two buildings across the street on Town Center Blvd. are two and three story, with the three story building having a step back on the third floor. The proposed project also should be stepped back on the third and fourth floor levels to create a more pleasing street environment.

8. COMMUNITY EVENTS

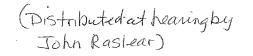
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Additionally, project proponents suggested at the Project Scoping Meeting in April 2017 to APAC Subcommittee members that project residents would be driving to jobs, as the closest job center would be the El Dorado Hills Business Park. An observation was made by the Project proponents at the Scoping Meeting that the majority of the jobs of the future residents of the Town Center Apartment Project would be located elsewhere, in Folsom, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, and Elk Grove, which eliminates a major component of the focus of the Project — a residential community that is centered around the concept of live-work-shop.

4. NOISE

As with the previous 2014 Town Center Apartment Project, noise generated by the commercial and retail component will impact the residents of the apartments. Unbuffered noise from Highway 50, as well as from commercial and retail sources, retail center automobile traffic, and Town Center East Outdoor Events will impact apartment residents. By qualifying the Project as Urban Infill Residential, the project proponents seek to limit or reduce environmental noise as a measure of impacts for the residents of the Project in the DEIR – thereby creating a second, lower, environmental noise standard for residents of the El Dorado Hills Apartments at Town Center, while the balance of El Dorado Hills residents enjoy the benefits of the higher environmental noise standard.

5. COUNTY INCOME

As the APAC EDH APT Subcommittee believed in the previous 2014 Town Center Apartment Project, El Dorado County could lose a significant potential future income from sales taxes and Transient Occupancy Taxes if the parcel is converted from commercial to residential use.

6. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

As with the previous 2014 Town Center Apartment Project, the economy is experiencing a slow recovery and the loss of commercial and retail sites will further contribute to sales tax leakage out of El Dorado County. In the past several years, El Dorado County has already rezoned several properties from Commercial to Residential, in spite of the County's stated preference to build a jobs base over building more rooftops. Frequently the proponents of these commercial to residential rezone requests have fortified the reasoning for these rezones by insisting that less commercial/retail space is needed – but there are still several commercial/retail projects proposed in the immediate vicinity of Town Center East, many of which are scheduled for development well after the proposed construction period of the El Dorado Hills Apartments at Town Center, demonstrating that commercial demand still exists in proximity of Town Center East.

7. AESTHETICS

To better accommodate the commercial nature of Town Center East, this Project should require vertical Mixed Use applications, as done in most other commercial/residential mixed use communities, with the enclosed apartments above the first floor allowing retail at the street level.

Several APAC EDH APT Subcommittee members are concerned that even with the aesthetic changes from the previous 2014 El Dorado Hills Apartment Project that this project would not be consistent with the "Guidelines for the creation of: "A character appropriate and in keeping with -----its historic building type" and commercial use , as defined in the Town Center Design Guideline April 25 1995

Relative to the design, the proposed four story building towers over the boulevard negatively impacting the retail/dining experience of other Town Center East shops. The two buildings across the street on Town Center Blvd. are two and three story, with the three story building having a step back on the third floor. The proposed project also should be stepped back on the third and fourth floor levels to create a more pleasing street environment.

8. COMMUNITY EVENTS

In a comment letter from the Mansour Company submitted on Oct 8 2014 about

this project, it stated they would not support any project that may "—Jeopardize any of our existing or newly planned outdoor events---" (SEE https://eldorado.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=3390403&GUID=5D0BD9B0-9E14-4367-9C87-CBBDC28FAD0C)

Events such as the 4th of July Fireworks Show, Outdoor Concerts, Farmer's Market, El Dorado Hills Fire Department Santa Run Parade, or other events, effectively force the closure of the major two lane Town Center Blvd and significantly impact all regional roads.

Sincerely,

Tim White EDH APAC Chair

John Raslear

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EDH APAC Sub Committee Chair

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Proposed development in EDH Town Center of a large Apartment Complex including over 200 units

1 message

MSHamerski <noworrys5@comcast.net>

Thu, Aug 10, 2017 at 1:52 PM

To: rommel.pabalinas@edcgov.us, Planning@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us

Dear Mel Pabalinas, Supervisor John Hidal, and Planning Dept

We wish to express our concerns about the consideration of a large apartment complex being constructed on the vacant lot across from Selland's and so many other wonderful small businesses. We moved here just over a year ago from the Bay Area to live in the beautiful hills and enjoy a quieter experience with less traffic and more community connection. We visit the weekly Farmer's Market, eat lunch and dinner in Town Center at least 3 times per week. We enjoy Target and also see a movie at the Theatre once or twice a month. We have tried just about every restaurant in El Dorado Hills and love them. The Book Store is so wonderful with such great service and Author visits. I buy books there for our Grandchildren and also gifts. I have my hair cut and styled at Adagio's and my husband goes to Mike's Barbershop. We enjoy every part of our lives here with all the great facilities and services. The Post Office gets pretty busy now; we can only imagine another 200+ families. The Town Center is a very unique and welcoming town hub. It won't look or feel the same with this monster project inserted. It is a very troublesome plan in our view. We live in Blackstone and we are not nearly built out. There will be plenty more shoppers and neighbors to keep all the shops full and prospering. We enjoy our new community and try to always shop local! We enjoy Zia's and stopped there Sunday eve, for gelato after dinner at Milestone with our kids. I also love to pick up Quiche from Zia's after getting my hair done. The only shop I don't appreciate in EDH is the cigar shop! We love both the Nugget and Raley's and shop at both for their fresh and quality product. We have favorite items at both and enjoy the meat department especially at Nugget,

We strongly urge you to deny the construction of this very large apartment complex at the Town Center location. It will drastically increase traffic and congestion and destroy the ambience of a well designed Town Center. This was a strong contributing factor in our choosing this location to relocate to. We love spending time there meeting new neighbors.

In our Bay Area community we had services including BART Bay Area Rapid Transit and Alameda Bus service as well as park and ride facilities. This community cannot handle this much traffic and congestion.

We thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

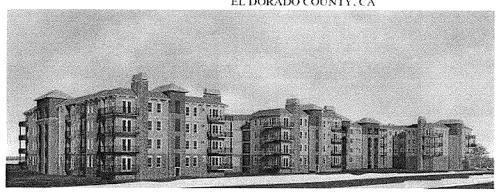
Sandra and Michael Hamerski 5553 Aspen Meadows Drive (Blackstone community) El Dorado Hills, CA. 95762

(916) 294-7037

If you are at all concerned with allowing our county to make these changes and allow this development then please write in to the Planner and make sure your comments are heard by the County and our District one Supervisor John Hidal

Mel Pabalinas - rommel.pabalinas@edcgov.us Planning-Planning@edcgov.us John Hidal - bosone@edcgov.us Regards

EL DORADO HILLS APARTMENTS TOWN CENTER EL DORADO COUNTY, CA







Please don't build apartments in towncenter

1 message

A. N. Allen <aallen926@gmail.com> To: Planning@edcgov.us

Thu, Aug 10, 2017 at 4:59 PM

Hello,

I am a ten year resident of El Dorado Hills. I love my community and the family feel of town center; it's one of the major reasons we bought a home here. I have always hoped that vacant land would be used to build something that would generate revenue by also provide a recreational resource such as a bowling alley or skating rink. These apartments would add more traffic that we don't need and become an eye sore. Please don't let this happen to our amazing community.

Sincerely, Nicole Allen



Fwd: Town center apartments

1 message

The BOSONE < To: Planning Department <planning@edcgov.us> Thu, Aug 10, 2017 at 5:23 PM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

Assistant to Supervisor John Hidahl, District 1 Board of Supervisors, County of El Dorado Phone: (530) 621-5650

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From: Steve Bristow <stevendbristow@aol.com>

Date: Thu, Aug 10, 2017 at 5:15 PM Subject: Town center apartments To: rommel.pabalinas@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us

To whom it may concern, Regarding the building of apartments in town center. I do not want that.

That's my opinion. Furthermore..... in the near future EDH might be a City. Rather you want to believe it or not!!! We already have enough apartments in EDH

Steve Bristow 925-708-5377