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Taira Mulliken <tmulliken18@gmail.com>
To: charlene.tim@edcgov.us

Thu, Apr 26, 2018 at 7:47 AM

Dear Charlene,

Attached and below, please find my letter of concern regarding the oak tree removal plans pertaining to Village J/Lot H in Serrano. I am unable to attend and have asked a neighbor to perhaps read it out loud for me.

Thank you for your service and time.

Sincerely,

~ Taira

April 25, 2018

Dear El Dorado County Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and Serrano LLC,

As a 14-year resident and home owner in Serrano, I am asking you to please consider retaining the vast majority of the oak trees, currently slated to be removed via the development of Serrano Village J/Lot H.

These trees not only house thousands of creatures great and small, but also offer a scenic gateway for residents and guests alike, who visit Serrano and enter the community from Bass Lake Rd. In addition to supporting our natural environment and being aesthetically pleasing, according to the Audubon Society:

"Oak trees and the environment around them are one of the state's most diverse and important habitats, hosting more than 160 species of birds and 2,000 varieties of plants. The rolling hills and colors of oaks woodlands also make up one of California's most beautiful and iconic landscapes.

The larger ecosystem around oak trees provides a number of benefits including water filtration, erosion prevention, and support for pollinating bees, among other things.

Birds rely on oaks and their surrounding environment because the trees offer abundant food (acorns and insects) and nesting (tree branches and cavities). The loss and fragmentation of oak woodlands is the central reason for significant declines in Lark Sparrow, Oak Titmouse, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Yellow-billed Magpie, White-tailed Kite, Ash-throated Flycatcher, and Western Bluebird."

However, if you deem numerous trees simply *must* be removed, then perhaps you can then consider the many alternatives to destroying them; modern technology offers numerous solutions to transplanting these trees, instead of being cut down and destroyed. Perhaps transplanting them into available public spaces, or along

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road sides that allows space, would reduce the negative environmental impact AND be a reasonable solution? Many such proactive, ingenious measures have been taken across both developing and established communities (especially in Southern California, where it is my understanding, the vast majority of communities have an oak tree preservation ordinance in place) and have proven to be very successful.


Given the above, I kindly request you consider measures to preserve and if necessary, enlist the expertise and insight from engineers and ecologists, and especially the residents of Serrano to join together to find better (and more humane as well) design and planning solutions, which incorporate retaining the oak trees, as essential components of the Serrano community, the environment and the ecosystem. **Their varied benefits to the environment and to the community as a whole are indisputable.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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