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Regarding Item #22. Reference #20-0233

"Planning and Building Department, Planning Services Division, Long Range Planning Unit, Housing, Community and Economic Development Program recommending the Board receive and file the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Offset Program annual update in accordance with Board Policy B-14, Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Offset Program for Developments with Affordable Housing Units."

Dear Supervisors,

I have reviewed the report for the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Offset Program and have a few questions. I know that the County has been allocating \$1,000,000 a year towards this program. I have asked several times, but it has not been made very clear, are these real funds that are set aside or are they hypothetical paper funds?

If they are real funds, since the program is growing faster than the use, could those funds be diverted for other projects, or should the funds be actually used to mitigate the impact of these approved projects? It seems that perhaps the amount being allocated into this program should be reviewed given that it currently has gone up to \$10.7 million in unused funds. Perhaps there should be consideration in reducing the amount of annual funds being put into this program each year.

Another thought is that if these are true funds in this account, then the funds should be used as they were intended, to provide mitigation for actual impacts of these projects.

One good project would be to provide a signal at Racquet Way and Pleasant Valley Road since that is a location that has illegally been allowed to go to Level of Service F prior to the Diamond Springs Village Apartments being approved and in which that project was identified as causing that intersection to worsen. (The Traffic Study prepared for the Diamond Springs Village Apartments stated that the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road/Racquet Way was at LOS F and with mitigation, LOS would be B with the installation of a signal.)

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The Diamond Springs Village Apartments project has greatly benefited by the offset program and I would think that since the County is taking responsibility for covering the Diamond Springs Village Apartments mitigation fees for road capacity requirements, the county should also provide the infrastructure necessary for the project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sue Taylor

For Save Our County and Measure E Committee



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