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John Hidahl, Chair
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Chair Hidahl:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the County's redistricting process. We appreciate the thorough review that has taken place to ensure appropriate representation of the citizens of El Dorado County. On behalf of the City Council of the City of Placerville, we feel it is important that issues related to our City and the surrounding communities be represented by a single supervisor. This will enable that Supervisor to be aware of all issues related to this area and respond appropriately to concerns that may be raised.

Probably of greatest importance is the issue of transportation. Placerville is the crossroads of State Highways 50 and 49. As you know over the past several years there have been traffic issues that have arisen, primarily on Highway 50 through Placerville. Much of the traffic congestion has been due to the increased traffic during Apple Hill Season. Having someone that can look at those issues in Placerville as they relate to Apple Hill is important in finding a solution.

In addition, for many years, discussion has taken place regarding rerouting Highway 49 between Diamond Springs and Placerville. This realignment would have an effect on traffic patterns through both Diamond Springs and Placerville. Again, having a single supervisor who can look at these issues and the affects of each community is paramount.

Finally, a number of projects have been proposed on the borders of Diamond Springs and Placerville, primarily commercial projects. Having a single supervisor who can be aware of these projects and their affect on each community is again an important issue.

The City recognizes the difficult task this process presents in balancing population throughout each District. We encourage you to consider the issues we have presented. The City strongly feels that it would be in the best interest of this area, and the County, to adopt Alternative One that keeps District 3 closely aligned with the Diamond Springs and Camino areas.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on this issue. If you would like to discuss this further with us, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dennis Thomas
Mayor

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Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors