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Letter of Support - Lilac Hills Ranch

Please allow me to briefly mention my background. Although I have lived in Poway almost 47 years, I was with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department for 35 of those years. During this time I worked all over the county in patrol, homicide, SWAT, narcotics, bomb squad, crime analysis, jails, courts, station commander, and many other assignments.

I have spent the past 47 years in different capacities all over the County of San Diego and its 18 incorporated cities, much of it in the Valley Center area, where I commanded the sheriff's substation for a total of six years in the 1990s, and have been a member of the Rotary club there for the past 20 years – serving twice as club president. I am familiar with the character of the entire county, but particularly the north inland areas.

While I am generally what you would consider a no- or low-growth proponent, the reality is that growth will occur. It is therefore incumbent upon us to allow that growth to take place in a responsible manner. I have reviewed a lot of documents regarding this project, both negative and positive, and feel that it definitely merits approval. It is an exceptionally well-planned development that would have little or no negative impact on the area, and would be a great community in which to live.

I rarely become involved in issues such as this, and the project will not impact me regardless of the outcome, but I feel strongly that Lilac Hills Ranch is an exceptionally worthwhile project and has all the proper mitigation. A project like this and would set a high standard for future community developments and will be an asset to the area.

Sincerely,

