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Chairman Bryan Woods
San Diego County Planning Commission

Chairman Woods:

I write you today in support of the "Save the Downs" organization and the Lilac Hills Ranch Project. As a former member of the San Luis Rey Downs golf club and a current member of "Save the Downs", I firmly believe that the Lilac Hills Ranch Project adds to the economy, spirit and beauty of the Bonsall community. This project will;

1. Add jobs to the community.
2. Restore the golf course.
3. Enhance the natural beauty of Bonsall with almost 200 acres dedicated to agriculture, wetlands and open space.
4. Restore the firebreak that the golf course used to provide.

I recently drove by the old golf course and was, quite frankly, shocked by the shoddy condition of the property. The so called "improvement" proposed by the current owners is no more than a ploy which transfers wealth from many (the Bonsall community homeowners) to a few (the current owners of the property, the descendants of Frank "Scoop" Vessels). There is no way that a mitigation bank will be a benefit, in any way, to the Bonsall community.

As a long time San Diego County resident (37 years) I ask that the Planning Commission approve the Lilac Hills Ranch project at your August 7, 2015 hearing. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

