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To the San Diego Planning Commissioners:

If you are on or near any school campuses in the county you see banners, 'street signs' on pathways, and /or buildings labeled with the values and attributes we, as adults, want our children to learn, embrace and experience: RESPECT, HONESTY, IMAGINATION, FAIRNESS, KINDNESS(no bullying), INTEGRITY, RESPONSIBILITY, COURAGE and so on. These are the things we say we want for the next generation. And yet many adults, people in positions of power and responsibility, do not exhibit these very things.

Where is the HONESTY in misrepresenting facts to make more money? Where is the INTEGRITY when looking at data -supported information and brushing it aside? Where is the COURAGE of the people in our County Offices to stand up and say 'This is wrong---I may lose my job as others have done--but THIS IS WRONG! " Where is the RESPONSIBILITY in doing a job well and for the greater good instead of the 'special' few?

Scientific research, anecdotal observations and just my own personal experience as a teacher, parent and grandparent, support the idea that children learn from what they see and experience---much more so than from what they are told.

I am writing to respectfully ask you to deny the Lilac Hills Ranch project for the following reasons:

We do not need this housing. The 2011 General Plan accommodates 72,683 new dwellings. In Valley Center alone, the plan calls for 6,400 new dwellings, between 2,500-3,000 of these at Village densities where housing will be priced in the \$300K-\$500K range.

We should not build village densities in rural places. San Diego County spent 13 years and \$18.6 million to develop a General Plan that accommodates significant growth while still protecting open space, wildlife and agriculture in the unincorporated parts of the county. Areas designated for sparse development in the General Plan have rugged terrain, wildfire susceptibility, lack of infrastructure and are far from jobs and city services.

This project's severe and insurmountable problems with substandard roads, deficient fire and emergency response times, dangerously overburdened wildfire evacuation routes, urban water requirements that are 2.5 times greater than rural uses, destruction of protected waterways, and the taking of private land from families who are unwilling to sell are all a result of its rural location.

Please represent the thousands of business and property owners, developers, and residents who reached agreement in the General Plan Update. Respect the Smart Growth principles that undergird the General Plan.

Build village densities in established Villages. DENY General Plan Amendments that drop urban islands into rural places.

Please be mindful when making your decision of the kind of example you wish to

set. Our 'future' is watching...
Sincerely,
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