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Lisa Fitzpatrick, Planning Commission Secretary
County of San Diego
Department of Planning and General Services
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310
San Diego, CA 92123
Via email: Lisa.Fitzpatrick@sdcounty.ca.gov

Subject: Evacuation Plan for Lilac Hills Ranch, DPLU Case Number 3992-10-025

Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick:

The Deer Springs Fire Safe Council would like to enter the following as evidence regarding the proposed Lilac Hills Ranch, DPLU Case Number 3992-10-025.

It has come to our attention that the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council has been mentioned in the Evacuation Plan, which appears as Appendix K in the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed development. The Fire Safe Council is a community volunteer, public benefit corporation and is not in the habit of screening EIRs to see when we are mentioned, so we were unaware until very recently that we have been cited in this document. Nor were we ever contacted by the preparer of this document, FIREWISE 2000, Inc., during its preparation.

Now that we have reviewed the Evacuation Plan, the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council needs to clarify the record.

On Page 7 of the Evacuation Plan, Section V, the first paragraph of that section states that the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council has developed an evacuation plan for the proposed Lilac Hills Ranch. A portion reads as follows:

In terms of the Lilac Hills Ranch development the applicable regional evacuation plan was developed by the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council and approved by Cal Fire and the DSFPD.

This statement is incorrect. The Deer Springs Fire Safe Council is not a public safety agency and does not plan or conduct evacuations in times of emergency. We have NOT developed an evacuation plan for either the Deer Springs Fire Protection District in general or Lilac Hills Ranch specifically, as that is the role of public safety agencies,



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such as the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the San Diego County Fire Authority, or the Deer Springs Fire Protection District.

The Deer Springs Fire Safe Council is a public benefit corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The primary objective and purpose of the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council is to provide education, exchange information and foster fire prevention and fire safety within the Deer Springs Fire Protection District.

We appreciate the opportunity to clarify the record regarding our educational role in the Deer Springs Fire Protection District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Cook". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Craig Cook

President, Deer Springs Fire Safe Council

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