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Bryan Woods, Chair

San Diego County Planning Commission

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RE: Lilac Hills Ranch (Item 2, August 7, 2015) – OPPOSITION

Dear Chairman Woods and Commission Members:

Please deny this amendment of the General Plan. The amendment is a myopic deviation from the “smart growth” framework of towns and greenbelts adopted in 2011. It fails any reasonable consideration of essential County issues such as water, transit and emissions. Moreover, Lilac Hills is not needed to accommodate population growth. Instead of responsibly building out Valley Center’s existing villages, it would drain life from them.

The thin veneer of “walkability” hides what is actually highly auto-dependent sprawl. Without accessible transit, residents of what amounts to a new city the size of Del Mar would commute long distances, defeating the goal of improving the County’s greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, Lilac Hills would substitute a point system – developed by the trade association of the building industry – for the current restrictions in Land Use Policy 1.2. Because this system *has no locational test for new development whatsoever*, the entire backcounty would be opened to sprawl.

Please maintain the integrity of the General Plan by denying Lilac Hills Ranch, a proposal that was rejected in the historic 2011 General Plan Update.

Sincerely,

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