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Dear Commission members,

We are opposed to this project for many reasons a few of which I have noted below. But let me say that we moved to the Rural part of Escondido/Valley Center after my husband Colin served 3 tours in IRAQ. We welcomed our rural neighborhood and the peace and quiet of being in the Countryside vs City. It was On Purpose that we chose our home. It was due to my husbands invisible wounds or war and his need to continue to serve that we established Archi's Acres and the Veterans Sustainable Agriculture Training program. Our farm is a place of learning but also a refuge for those who have served our Country and now need to transition back to civilian sector, which can be a challenge. Many leave our program and find neighborhoods like ours throughout America and they are re-invigorating the family farm.

We moved here in Oct of 2005, my husband was on his third deployment at that time and returned in 4/2006. Since then it seems we have had meeting after meeting fighting this. Our 90 year old neighbor's is who handed off the torch to us, and we drove together until they passed away this year. It is disheartening that we are still fighting this.

We are an Organic Farm and water is a HUGE issue, so let me state the facts:

- 1..Worst drought in California history, we have no water, we have no water for cement, we have no water for usage of more homes let alone 1,700 more homes or the 6,800+ population waste 24,000 gallons per household on outdoor water usage.
- 2..Not the right location, traffic congestion, improper traffic lights, no fire fighters enough for new homes.
- 3..No public transportation
- 4..No school..over crowding of existing schools, more schools will be required yet not enough water to bring more schools.

- 5..More traffic
- 6..No fire protection
- 7..No ambulance service especially for those in the senior care center
- 8..Over burdening the I-15
- 9..Private property to be taken by eminent domain for what seems like private profit
- 10..Using Ag land for development
- 11..Developer is evasive about the entire project when asked to disclose specifics details regarding this project.
- 12..This is leap frog developing
- 13..Millions were spent to create the new General Plan, Valley Center must become incorporated in order for additional homes to be developed as Escondido is too cheap to extend necessities into Valley Center.
- 14..Many volunteer hours were devoted to plan a comprehensive General Plan

We are strongly urging you to use good judgement when making your decision and to deny this request to save our rural community.

We are against this development, I am against this developmental plan that is clearly self greed and ripping off the people of Valley Center.

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Documentary on our Veterans Sustainable Agriculture Training Program :
<http://byutv.org/watch/49f2003a-2638-46a7-afa2-841b450e306d>