

San Diego County Planning Commission
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110
San Diego, CA 92123

RE: Support for Lilac Hills Ranch

Dear Commissioners,

I have been a resident in Valley Center for over 25 years, when our family first moved here there was no middle school, no high school, no casinos, 2 stop lights, 1 gas station, no trails and there was a hitching post to tie up your horse out back of the Stage Coach restaurant! Over the years, I've been blessed to have seen Valley Center blossom into the wonderful community that is today full of life. Valley Center has become a destination for our friends because of the development of amazing schools, a wonderful trail system, fabulous restaurants and entertainment, and casinos that provide jobs for our residents.

I care deeply about our community and have had the pleasure of working with groups to continually make it better. I've been a volunteer for our local schools, a 4H leader, and I've helped serve many of our residents as a volunteer during for the Red Cross during the 2003 & 2007 fires.

I've also assisted as an outreach developer, organizer & promoter for the following community organizations:

- 2003 Harvest festival
- 2010 Harvest festival
- 2010 Thanksgiving feast
- 2014 Thanksgiving Feast
- 2010 New Years eve
- Parade Committee 8 years
- Western Days Committee 7 years
- Board of Directors with the Valley Center Chamber of Commerce
- President of the Valley Center Chamber of Commerce
- 1994 to Present Business owner Garden Gate Landscape
- 2000 to Present Business owner Freedom Now Promotions

I don't believe the plan our Founding Fathers envisioned was ever to move into an area and then shut it off to any further growth. I think of the horror of someone preventing growth before I arrived.

I have attended many local Valley Center Planning meetings and have been appalled by the false claims, unprofessional and even bullying tactics of our Valley Center volunteer planning

committee members, and witnessed more than once the intimidation of supporters of Lilac Hills Ranch.

I am baffled at the fear (False evidence appearing real) that the VC Planning group is displaying in their desire to abolish a project that is 14 miles from the heart of Valley Center. SANDAG has stated that in order to keep up with the population growth, the San Diego region will need 10,000 to 12,000 new units per year between now and 2030. Lilac Hills will help meet these needs by offering a green housing development that is conveniently located along the 15 freeway and exceeds the standards for water conservation and energy efficiency.

Sincerely,

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