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To the San Diego Planning Commissioners:

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.

Sincerely,

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