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Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 5:17 PM
To: Smith, Ashley
Subject: Concern for our housing and support for Newland
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Smith,

I hope you will take to heart the attached letter. My husband and I have been looking for communities as a possibility to downsize for the past 3-4 years and nothing exists. Our adult children have relocated here after completing their education and have been able to find great jobs, but no place to buy.

I hope you will help turn around the "Not in my backyard" voices who so selfishly do not think of the future generation and how our community will wither is we are not growing. Since we are THOUSANDS of homes underbuilt, I don't know how these folks can still find all the excuses to block growth.

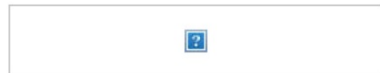
Please think to our future!

Sincerely,
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Re: NEWLAND SIERRA, LOG NO. PDS2015-ER-15-08-001; SCH NO. 2015021036. PROJECT NUMBERS:
PDS2015-GPA-15-001, PDS2015-SP-15-001, PDS2015-REZ-15-001, PDS2015-TM- 5597, PDSXXXX-HLP-XXX

Dear Miss Smith:

I am writing to voice my support for the Newland Sierra project proposal. I was not aware of the San Diego housing crisis when this campaign began in 2010, but have been engaged since 2016, hoping to help our community!

I have met with the Newland representatives and have reviewed the land and project. Newland has held numerous community organization meetings during the past 5 years. That is unheard of where I lived in Georgia and Illinois where communities are craving new building. (No wonder the homes in our region are so much more expensive.) It really seems unfair the hurdles one has to jump through to build our community.

Hundreds of residents and businesses attended the Newland educational meetings and gave input. This proposal is a culmination of all input and insight. It would be a mistake for the Board of Supervisors to not support this. What else can Newland be expected to do in terms of community engagement that has not been already done?

The applicant has reached out to countless stakeholders, including business chambers, rotaries, and advisory groups of which I attend.

Please do not let this project be undermined by a few minority voices who will NEVER be satisfied with ANY proposal. I am writing for my husband and me as we would like an option for housing to "downsize" and for our adult children who are looking for homes that simply do not exist in the market.

As an employer, we cannot sustain local workers and if we cannot start providing local housing, our businesses will have to move to find workers. This is a VERY important issue. I hope you will assist Newland in this effort!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warmest regards,

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