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Dear Ms. Smith and County Board of Supervisors:

I have lived in Champagne Village, located on the east side of the 15 freeway, between the Deer Springs and Gopher Canyon Exits, for 10 years. The Newland Sierra development is slated to build 2135 new homes directly across the 15 freeway from us. My spouse and I picked this location due to its wonderful rural character, natural surroundings, geography, and wildlife. I strongly oppose this project for many reasons, which I detail more fully below. The major reason, however, is how the addition of these new homes, with thousands more residents, more vehicles, etc., will impact the ability of any of us (including the new residents) to evacuate our area in case of a fire. If you do not already know, please be advised how incredibly fire prone our area is. We had to evacuate in 2007, in 2015, twice last year, and almost had to do so about one month ago when a fire broke out directly across from the entrance to Champagne Village. In ALL of these instances, BOTH the 15 North and South, and the old 395, North and South, quite literally become a parking lot. You sit in your car and go nowhere. Approval of this project could easily become a death sentence for any of us who live here when a fire breaks out. Unfortunately, there is no way that fires will not continue to occur in our area. The addition of 2135 new homes makes this potentially lethal reality all the more likely.

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1. The EIR has no real evacuation plan within it. It does not address existing residents at all. How would the purported redesign of the interchange at 15 and Deer Springs, or the widening to 4 lanes of Deer Springs and/or Twin Oaks, do ANYTHING to solve this already existing problem? BOTH the 15 and the old 395 becoming a total parking lot during an evacuation emergency now. (in 2016, Champagne Village had to evacuate because of a brush fire opposite our entrance on the west side of the 15 freeway. If you turned left or south out of our entrance to evacuate, those people sat in their cars for almost 2 hours to travel 1.5 miles to get to the signal at Champagne Blvd/Deer Springs.) It is untenable today, let alone if this new development is approved.

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2. The additional homes, residents, and vehicles, will make the traffic on 15 North and South even worse than it already is. Today, particularly during rush hour, it can be horrendous in both directions. Is there a plan in the EIR to add more lanes on 15 North and/or South? Or add more lanes to 395 North and South?

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3. The EIR is wholly inadequate with respect to the Buena Creek and Santa Fe intersection (which is absolutely horrible now). The EIR does not address let alone resolve this issue. What is your solution?

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4. How does the EIR address the loss of wildlife, and loss of wildlife corridors, if this project is approved? The wildlife is another reason we love where we live.

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5. The County should be respecting your own General Plan! Concerned citizens defeated the Merriam Mountain project in 2010. Only 1500 or so homes were planned and rejected at that time. Why

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are we having to address this same proposal, maybe under a different name, but seeking an even bigger development? It was inappropriate then, it is even more so now.

6. I agree that San Diego does need more affordable housing, particularly for young people. How does this development constitute affordable housing?

Please consider all my points, and the objections of other residents of our area. We came here because of its rural character. Please keep it rural, and please consider the safety of all existing residents.

Sincerely,



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