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Re: Newland Sierra Project: Deer Springs Area, Escondido
LOG NO. PDS2015-ER-15-08-001; SCH NO. 2015021036,

Dear Ms. Smith:

I support Newland Sierra's project to create new homes for North County, and compliment their well-planned development.

As an advocate for quality public schools, I also want to emphasize the importance that all of the school districts will work together to make high quality schools a top priority.

Those three districts are charged under state law with ensuring that they have sufficient resources at the local level to serve the students for all of the planned projects and housing starts in our community. I would urge that the school mitigation fees collected from Newland Sierra's significant project will be used effectively, and will go into tangible improvements, as contribution to the larger effort to improve schools in the areas surrounding the project.

The project should contribute its fair share to this end, since these fees are required by law to ensure that the additional number of students do not unduly burden the various school districts.

The school that is also being proposed near the project's town center will be a great benefit to the Project and its residents. I hope that various methods of transportation from the neighborhood and from homes outside the neighborhood to the school will be available to move students to and from, reducing traffic.

I appreciate the public forum and the opportunity to submit my comments. I urge my County Supervisors to approve the project.

Very Truly Yours,

Steve Nelson, Esq.