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**Subject:** Newland Sierra Project - reasons against it

Hi Ashley,

I live near the proposed Newland Sierra Project and I am **against** it. This is not the right project for this rural area. This project under the name Merriam Mountain was already rejected for good reasons by the board of supervisors. The new proposed plan is not that different. Also, the voters showed they don't want these large housing developments by voting against the Lilac Hills proposal for Valley Center. We need smart growth not just growth for personal gain.

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Traffic on Twin Oaks Valley Rd & Deer Springs Rd  
**27,764 more cars**

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Additional Students at our already overcrowded schools  
**San Marcos: 605, Escondido: 209**

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Fire hazard – the roads are not equipped to handle an evacuation and fire fighters may not be able to reach the area in time to fight potential fires.

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Escape routes are few and limited. Many roads in the area are small, narrow roads that

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are already congested. Access to a school and a university already make traffic back up on weekday mornings and at night. Sometimes for 1 mile.

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We need to keep approved zoning and not make exceptions.

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Low-income housing will not be met by this development. They can call it low-income housing but is it really.

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Will destroy sensitive wildlife and will leave few places for them to live.

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We are still in a drought and need to conserve as much as possible. Building more homes will use up more of our precious resources.

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I appreciate your consideration in reviewing the pros and cons of this project.

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Thank you,

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