Comment Letters

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County of San Diego:

Please consider my opposition to the Newland Sierra development. My opposition is due to:

1) I reside in the Hidden Meadows neighborhood across the freeway. I moved there because of the low density rural nature of this north county area. Adding thousands of new residences right across the freeway will dramatically impact the low density area which I intentionally moved to.

2) The extensive earth moving and rock grinding that will be necessary to grade what’s now a mountainside will create years of dangerous dust that will blow across my property and into my house. Please do not impose this health hazard on me and my family.

3) We already have daily traffic congestion at the I-15 interchange due to an endless backup of traffic coming from Deer Springs Rd. Adding thousands of additional residences will only make things worse. The thousands of new residences will put thousands of new commuters on the road who are driving to other places where their jobs are located; local employment certainly doesn’t need thousands of more residences.

4) As a bicycle rider I already face difficulties involved with San Diego County’s poor execution to provide, maintain and sweep road shoulders sufficient to allow for safe bicycle riding. Pouring thousands of new commuter vehicles on the road each day will only add risk to safety of us bicycle riders who came here for the low density area that we currently have.

5) An earlier version of this development was already rejected. This version appears to be very similar and is still inconsistent with the County General Plan. Giving in to these developers will imply corruption on the part of the County Board of Supervisors and San Diego County as a whole. Please don’t forfeit our confidence in our local government by giving in to a for-profit developer who will be gone as soon as their money-making venture is complete.

Please make sure this proposed development goes on an upcoming election ballot so that I can exercise my right to vote on this important local issue. Don’t allow a few county officials to squeeze benefits from a developer at the expense of the thousands of people who expect to continue living in the low-density north county.

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