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Comment Letter No. PCO5

Twin Oaks Valley **Community Sponsor Group**

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Mr. Mark Wardlaw, Director Planning & Development Services 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310 San Diego, CA 92123

RE: Bundling of General Plans Amendments - TOVCSG votes against this poorly conceived process.

Mr. Wardlaw:

At our last meeting on May 16, 2018, members of the Twin Oaks Valley community sponsor group voted 5-0-0 in opposition of the bundling of large General Plan Amendment projects when each has a separate EIR. The Sponsor Group feels that each project with an EIR should have a separate hearing and be considered on its own, and not as part of a bundle. It is a stark contrast to what is being proposed when you are bundling very large projects each with their own EIRs. The size and complexity of these projects deserve an open process which allows sufficient time for all parties to give their feedback. The EIRs on many of these projects are hundreds of pages if not thousands of pages long.

Members of the community and the TOVCSG would like to understand the reasoning behind the bundling process, and how these bundled projects will be considered. We have extreme concerns that there has not been a public comment period nor input from the community planning groups or community sponsor groups on this bundling issue. This runs counter to some of the current members of the Board of Supervisors who have publicly stated that there is no need to go to a vote on these projects because, "they listen to the planning/sponsor groups."

There are so many unanswered questions:

For example, how many changes to the General Plan will be allowed before the maximum 4 General Plan amendments are considered met? If you have 9 GPA projects (one that was approved earlier this year, the seven like Lilac, Newland and Warner Springs, that were mentioned in the news articles and the property specific

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Comments provided by the Twin Oaks Valley Community Sponsor Group regarding County bundling of projects requesting General Plan Amendments for consideration by the Board of Supervisors are noted. Several issues relate to public review of the HGV South Project, and are addressed here.

In brief, it is noted that each project (including HGV South) has been environmentally analyzed, publicly circulated for comment, and has had final project documentation prepared within its own timeline. Similarly, each project has moved through Planning Commission with focused discussion and consideration. The public, community planning groups and sponsor groups have had an opportunity to participate in full compliance with California state law and County standards. At this point, several projects will be submitted for Board of Supervisors consideration on specific days. During that hearing, the projects will continue to be subject to separate pubic testimony, and consideration by the decision makers. It is not anticipated that the hearing will require participants to "give up two or more days of work to be able to make their concerns known." If attendance is not possible on a given day, written comments are routinely accepted and considered, or someone who is already attending may read a statement into the record. Comments related to Lilac Hills Ranch do not pertain to HGV South, and do not warrant a response.

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The bundling of the various housing project goes against the whole planning process and is wrong. It is one thing to bundle property specific requests plans. I have observed that process to be an open and transparent process. The public deserves better than this. The Ends does NOT justify the means. We recognize this as a power move which may be legal but it is not ethical. It denies free speech and limits ones constitutional right to bring their concerns to their elected officials. I believe, that no matter what your position is on these development projects, you know and understand that if we allow this to happen, we are giving up on not only our freedom, but those of our children and grand-children. We must demand that the current general plan amendment process does not allow for such a warped and unjustified bundling of projects. We deserve better than this. Your opposition to the bundling of projects with their own EIRs would be greatly appreciated Sincerely, Tom Kumura, Chair, Twin Oaks Valley Community Sponsor Group cc: xavier.becerra@doj.ca.gov Bill.Horn@sdcounty.ca.gov Greg.Cox@sdcounty.ca.gov Coriect of the project of the proj	PCO5-1		