

Via Email

Attention: Peter Eichar
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Re: PDS2015-GPA-15-002, PDS2015-SP-15-002, PDS2015-REZ-15-003,
PDS2015-TM-5600, PDS2015-MUP-15-008, Environmental Log No.:
PDS2015-ER-15-08-006.

Dear Mr. Eichar:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation referenced above. As a member of the existing Harmony Grove community, I strongly oppose the Harmony Grove Village South project ("HGVS" or "Project") as currently proposed. Please consider in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) created in relation to this Project the following negative impacts the Project, as currently conceived, will have on the community:

1. The current plan for HGVS fails to comply with County fire standards that require two egress routes. The Harmony Grove area is extremely vulnerable to fire, as evidenced by the 18 wildfires within three miles of the Project site since 1980. If the County waives the requirement for a secondary egress route, they will be putting residents and fire fighters in danger of being trapped on a single road during an evacuation. It would be irresponsible to ignore the County Fire Code and logical fire safety precautions in a region that can expect wildfires to be an annual danger. Housing development should not be prioritized over the lives of residents.

2. Recognizing that they needed to accept their "fair share" of development, local residents did not fight the HGV Specific Plan when it was approved in 2007. However, the only reason they did not oppose it was because County planning staff assured them that the HGV project represented the community's fair share of dense development and that

the Community Plan would restrict future expansion of urban-style housing. The proposed Project would place more than 450 homes in dense, multi-unit clusters and would destroy the rural character of Harmony Grove. Additionally, approval of the current plan would mean a failure by the County to uphold their promises to the existing community.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at dummer.erin@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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