

COMMENTS

RESPONSES

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To Whom It May Concern-

As a homeowner/ resident of Elfin Forest I wanted to comment on the recirculated EIR for the Valiano Specific Plan.

I am deeply troubled by the document especially the portion which states:

“There is a lack of established neighborhoods, as well as public services. As such, there is no existing community on site to divide.”

We sought out and bought in this neighborhood for a lot of reasons. One of them is the quiet rural area and larger lots with a country feel. We did this knowing that the zoning and general plan would not allow us to subdivide our lot and sell it for profit. The developers also bought land in this community knowing the same, but they intend on doing just that, by convincing the board of supervisors to change the rules so they can have an unfair advantage.

Since we have lived here, I can tell you that you will not find a better community of folks who know how to pull together in a crisis (the recent Coco’s Fire) as well have wonderful organized events. Whether it is at our Fire Station for CERT trainings or Fire prevention and awareness or a neighbor’s home for local landscape and trail committees to name a few.

There is a very well organized 5K and 10k trail run every year that we all are a part of in one way or another. We also have a great holiday parade to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Harmony Grove, Eden Valley and Elfin Forest all have the same community mind set. We are NOT divided and would not appreciate any changes in our boundaries. We all agree that this area should be kept as rural as possible.

We are not against change but it needs to be done in a way that benefits all parties, not just the developers, but also the property owners who live here and appreciate its uniqueness. We have property rights as well. We ARE a community albeit not one of “clubhouses and sidewalks with street lights” but that does not make a community... People make a community and that is what we have here. We would like to keep it that way. This is why I oppose the project as currently presented and hope that as elected officials you will do the right thing and protect our rights as property owners, tax payers and citizens of San Diego County.

Thank you for your time.

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R-V-1 The comment refers to a statement in the EIR regarding the existence of a neighborhood or community within the Project site. Please see Response R-K-1 regarding the lack of community quote, as well as R-O-2 regarding the portion of the quote addressing neighborhoods.

R-V-2 The comment expresses the sense of community felt by the residents in the area, which is fully understood. Please see Response R-K-1.

R-V-3 The commenter provides an opinion related to the cohesive nature of the Harmony Grove, Eden Valley, and Elfin Forest communities and the desire to keep the area as rural as possible. See response to comment R-K-1 and Topical Response: General Plan Amendment and Subarea Boundary Line Adjustment CEQA Analysis.

The Eden Valley community is largely semi-rural in nature and that would continue. The residential use proposed by the Project is SR-0.5 (a semi-rural land use designation) and Project uses include large areas of open space and agricultural set aside, park and trail uses, potential horse or other large animal properties, etc.

R-V-4 The comment refers to the sense of community felt by the residents in the area; please see Response R-K-1. The County acknowledges your opposition to the Project.