

COMMENTS

RESPONSES

From: Nancy Henderson <nancy4art@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 8:29 PM
To: Horn, Bill; Ron-Roberts; Gaspar, Kristin; Jacob, Dianne; Cox, Greg; Fitzpatrick, Lisa; Wardlaw, Mark; Chan, Michelle; Sibbet, David; douglas.dill@att.net
Subject: Comment on the Valiano Project-- Please Oppose!

Dear members of the Board of Supervisors, County Planning and Development, County Planning Commission, and San Dieguito Planning Group:

I have lived overlooking Harmony Grove for the past four and half years, and I wanted to comment on the recirculated EIR for the Valiano Specific Plan. I agree 100% with the San Dieguito Planning Group's comment letter provided and sent on 1/12/17. In addition I wanted to weigh in on the most troubling portion of the REIR that will affect my family and my community. According to the document, it states in multiple places that:

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

Along with all the many issues I have with the application, this one is the most egregious to me personally. The community of Harmony Grove has existed for over 120 years. I know all my neighbors along Crestwind Drive above Harmony Grove, as well as many in Elfin Forest and Eden Valley.

I have personally participated in fundraisers providing my time and donations of my creative products to keep developers at bay—and I can attest to a very strong community with locals passionately committed to the preserving the quality of the rural atmosphere here. There is indeed a very strong and close knit community here! We organized and developed a community plan some years ago which encodes the very nature of our community.

We have multiple events every year including the Fourth of July Picnic and Parade and our very own “Keepin’ It Rural” 5k10k Trail Run. If you haven’t been to Harmony Grove or Eden Valley, you really must come down and look at it yourself to see that we are a vibrant, thriving community. We are one of the gems of San Diego County with our natural spaces and open country feel, our nearby Elfin Forest Nature Preserve, and the beautiful property preserved by the Escondido Creek Conservancy.

This Valiano proposal marks the first attempt ever by a developer to rewrite a community’s boundaries and effectively erase the very existence of a community in order to avoid having to work with and compromise with the community. Projects like this should be a two-way street. The very fact that the developer is suggesting we don't exist shows that they are not interested in working with us.

We cannot allow others to rewrite our diligently created boundaries simply to avoid having to follow the same rules that we all have to follow.

I live overlooking the Harmony Grove Village development and on any proposed Valiano project. It is a sea of houses already and we don't need ANY more. Our roads are at an unsafe capacity already. Our lives are threatened by the lack of safe evacuation due to overcrowding.

Please do not allow any more development in Eden Valley, Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove!

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, taxpayers and citizens of San Diego County.

Respectfully,

R-W-1 This is a repeat of comment R-M-1. See Response R-M-1.

R-W-2 The comment refers to a statement in the EIR regarding the existence of a neighborhood or community within the Project site and expresses the sense of community that residents in the area feel. 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-W-3 The comment is in reference to the proposed Subarea boundary line adjustment. Please see Responses R-O-3 and R-F-63 regarding “erasure” of the Eden Valley community, and Response R-K-2 regarding developer outreach to the community. The amendment to the EFHGCP subarea northern boundary is not proposed to avoid having to follow rules; please see Topical Response: General Plan Amendment and Subarea Boundary Line Adjustment CEQA Analysis.

R-W-4 The comment is not related to the topics that were the subject of the recirculation and Revised Draft EIR. Please refer to response to comment R-A-1 regarding relevance to the changes in the Recirculated Draft EIR.

R-W-5 Your opposition to the Project is noted.

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