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COMMUNITY GROUPS FILE COURT PETITION AGAINST EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ABUSE OF DISCRETIONARY POWER

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Citizens for Sensible Development in El Dorado Hills in partnership with Save Our County has filed a petition with the El Dorado County Superior Court to reverse the decision by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (Board) to approve the El Dorado Hills Town Center Apartments. The petition stems from the Board's approval of the high-density apartments against recommendations by the El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee (EDH APAC) and the Planning Commission, and public concern over the impact this project will have on the entire county.

The Planning Commission recommendation is as follows:

1) Deny General Plan Amendment A14-0001;
2) Deny amendments to the El Dorado Hills Specific Plan SP86-0002-R;
3) Deny Rezone Z14-0004; and
4) Deny Revisions to the Town Center East Planned Development PD94-0004R-2.

The text of the November 4, 2014 agenda further states:

> The Planning Commission directed staff to explain their concerns with the project to the Board. The Planning Commission was primarily concerned about the project density (55 dwelling units per acre is too dense), traffic, and water.

Additionally, the Board received recommendations to deny the project from several community groups, including the Four Seasons Civic League and Save Our County. The community survey conducted for the El Dorado Hills Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDH EDAC) resulted in a resounding expression of 'we don't need more apartments, we need jobs.' Many concerns were raised by the public regarding approval of the project:

1) The Board is amending the General Plan to accommodate this project. This causes concern that the Board will create new policies to accommodate any future project in the county. This defeats the purpose of having a General Plan;
2) The Board based its findings for approving the project on outdated environmental impact analysis documents completed in 1987 for the El Dorado Hills Specific Plan and for the1995 Town Center East project;
3) Impacts on traffic congestion, water supply, the loss of commercial land use, and public services were not addressed by the Board.

Attorney Tom Infusino's December 1, 2014 letter states:

> "Given the unusual decision of the Board of Supervisors on November 4 to defy the recommendations of their advisory bodies, and to direct the Planning Department to prepare for project approval, it has become necessary to explain why this project approval is not only ill advised, but also unlawful at this time."

Citizens for Sensible Development in El Dorado Hills and Save Our County are working together to see that public concerns are addressed and environmental law is followed. It is up to citizens to take action and hold officials accountable when the law is ignored.

Please visit https://sites.google.com/site/citizens4sensibledevelopment/ or www.SaveOurCounty.net to find out how you can join the effort to hold the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors accountable for abusing their discretionary power.

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