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Via Email

RE: Hearing Regarding Use Permit for Saddleback Meadows Housing Development

I am writing in opposition to the issuance of a use permit for the 181-unit housing project. The development never should have been approved. Yes, housing is important, but it is folly to build 181-million-dollar units in a very high fire hazard severity zone. Think of the costs to the residents and the county if the residences are destroyed by wildfires like the Palisades and Altadena. In addition, the development will also destroy a critical wildlife corridor between O'Neill and Whiting Regional Parks.

Simply put, this development does not belong here. Rather, this land should be preserved in open space. Infilling is the answer. Put the development at a abandoned mall or business district and make it for low-income people.

Sincerely,

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President