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I was in attendance of the scoping meeting last night and am much in favor of seeing this project completed. I have lived in El Cariso Village for 16 years, building a home on several acres. I own an additional home the the village that my son and family live in. I have ridden my horses through the area of the proposed development many times. It is a beautiful piece of property.

Some of the issues addressed;

Increase traffic: I personally do not see how this project with its low density will have much impact. These potential homeowners could just as easily buy into new homes located closer to La Plata off of Ortega or ranches located in Elsinore both of which would require access on Ortega. It seems that the project has addressed a problem with a third lane at Long Road. If later a light is warranted, then address that problem as it arises.

Juaneneo Indian preservation: The guests present seem to feel that this was the "last remaining area of their lands". Wouldn't the entire Cleveland National Forest have been their lands? There are acres of undisturbed lands that they can explore and enrich for their culture. It seems unreasonable from my aspect that a development should be stopped for a few. I live in the Village and have yet to find viable indian relics. I have a feeling this area was picked clean years ago. As far as indian burial grounds? The Juaneneos are a resourceful group. Why do they wait until their is a development and then throw up the red flags?

A possible gated community for residences of project only: There seemed to be objection that only the residences would have access to their own community, vineyards, and walkways though the oaks. This objection seems unreasonable. I don't allow people to walk through my property or ride their horses through my property. One of the biggest opponents last night to a closed off community owns 29 acres and "threatens to shoot" anyone crossing her property. The homeowners of The Preserve at San Juan should enjoy to tranquility of their own community without El Cariso residences or any other person intervering. As for horse riding trails open to El Cariso Village, I could count on one hand the people that currently have horses in the Village (me being one of them). Rarely does anyone use the trails or village roads. The horses spend their time in a stall or in an arena. The liability and trail maintenance is a huge issue.

Home Values: I can only see that a project like this would ultimately increase the values of El Cariso Homes, definately a good thing for homeowners. The most local objections to the project last night were were from renters in the Village. Possibly their objections 1) more people, homes and activity exposes their growing fields and drug production. 2) Rents would go up, 3) If homes sold, new owners might not want them to rent.

From what I read: the project, though in its beginning stages, had done study of lighting, sewer, and water and will address those issues appropriately.

Grape Vineyards; Until a few years ago we had 2 acres in grapes. This is the perfect soil and climate. It would be the perfect crop for open space.

I give strong support to this project and hope that it proceeds with minimal delays.

Sincerely,

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