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Dear City Council:

I wanted to send in this new information before the deadline at the end of the day. Attached is a picture of a House Finch that was taken by my neighbor on Baker Lane, which is at the opposite end on the Kenwood Village property from El Encanto Creek. Like the other three birds that I sent you pictures of, the House Finch is protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. Further, one of the other birds on the property, the Great Egret's rookeries (nesting colonies) are considered "sensitive" by the California Department of Fish and Game. More pictures to come, even though it will be after the August 17, 2023 deadline. Further, the high density units are not appropriate next to single family homes. I noticed that many of the comments supporting Kenwood Village falsely state that the property has high density housing on three sides. That is not true. In fact, two sides, Baker Lane and Tuolumne, are single family homes. There is only one side that is high density apartments and a few stores, like 7-11. The fourth side has Calle Real/the 101 Highway. There is a legitimate site nearby, Shelby, that has the space to spread out high density housing. Shelby would also take away the pressure for the City to place high density housing in other places. It would also reduce the required number of housing units the City would need to find at other sites. As previously stated, it appears that Kenwood Village was included in the high density housing list simply due to the need for numbers, especially since the City Councilmenbers commented that they would not have enough required housing units with the sites they approved without including Kenwood Village. There are additional sites that can be approved without sacrificing the neighbors around Kenwood Village and the protected animals on the property just for the numbers.

Finally, I oppose Kenwood Village because the significantly increased traffic from the site, as well as the many other proposed sites on Calle Real at Glen Annie/Storke Road, will make it much more difficult for emergency vehicles to be able to reach their destinations to help people/save people's lives.

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