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RE: FOLLOW-UP TO MY PREVIOUS OBJECTION TO HIGH DENSITY HOUSING AT 7264 CALLE REAL (A.K.A. KENWOOD VILLAGE), IN GOLETA'S HOUSING ELEMENTS PLAN

Dear State Housing and Community Development:

This is a follow-up to my previous e-mail regarding my objection to high density housing on 7264 Calle Real, a.k.a. Kenwood Village in Goleta, CA.

TRAFFIC

As previously stated, the traffic at the on/offramp at Glen Annie/Storke Road, the ramp that would be used for people driving to and from Kenwood Village, is already overcrowded as is according to evidence in my last e-mail. I have attached a picture taken and submitted to your office by Ms. Michelle Owen. I do not know this person and I am sorry to use Ms. Owen's picture, but it is hard for me to take a picture while driving. The picture shows the back-up of vehicles in most directions at the on/off ramp of Glen Annie and Storke Road. You can see the crowded intersection in the picture. You can also see just part of the back-up of traffic on Calle Real, which is located on the other side of the Mobile gas station. I drove on Calle Real today and I saw a long back-up of vehicles in all directions, especially Calle Real, just like in the picture by Ms. Owen. (See attached picture by Ms. Owen of Calle Real and other streets at the Glen Annie and Storke Road on/offramp.)

WILDLIFE

In addition, as stated previously, there are many birds of prey that feed off the Kenwood Village land. I have already submitted a picture of a Great Egret on the Kenwood Village property, whose rookeries (nesting colonies) are considered "sensitive" by the California Department of Fish and Game. I am also submitting pictures of just a few of the butterflies on the Kenwood Village property. All of these pictures were taken on the Baker Lane side of the Kenwood Village property, which is on the opposite side of the property from the protected El Encanto Creek. I am also submitting multiple pictures of various birds that feed off the Kenwood Village property which were taken on the Baker Lane side of Kenwood Village. THESE BIRDS WERE CIRCLING AROUND THE KENWOOD VILLAGE AREA, LIKELY LOOKING FOR FOOD, NOT JUST FLYING OVER IT/PASSING THROUGH. These pictures are just a VERY SMALL sample of the birds that find food on the Kenwood Village property. I have personally seen many birds of prey in the area over the years. The Kenwood Village Residential Project Scoping Document states that, "[s]ite development would eliminate approximately 10 acres of non-native grassland that has some value as foraging habitat for birds of prey." (Regarding any pictures of animals, please keep in mind that, unlike the property owner, who was given several months notice of the increased number of housing units proposed for the property, the public has only been given a very short time to date to prepare, including taking pictures of the animals on the property, waiting two weeks to get the pictures developed from my disposable cameras since I do not have a cell phone and getting the animals identified by an expert.) Therefore, I will be able to provide many more pictures of the various animals on the property in the future. I most likely would have had all the pictures I needed if I had been given as much time as the property owner to prepare.

Please visit the Kenwood Village property at dawn before voting on whether to rezone the property to high density housing. You can hear the multiple birds chirping and you can see them flying around.

In addition, building on the land will likely kill many of the land animals on the vacant property. I can tell from my security camera there are multiple land animals living on the Kenwood Village property, such as snakes, mice, skunks, rabbits, chipmunks, raccoons, squirrels, opossums, voles, moles and gophers. Even the

Environmental Impact Report for Kenwood Village indicates that most of the animals I listed live on the property. I have already submitted a picture of a snake. I am now submitting pictures of mounds of dirt that an expert stated was evidence of voles on the property. Further, I have pictures of skunks and opossums on the Baker Lane side of the Kenwood Village property that are currently being developed. I will send them to you when I get them developed. (See attached pictures of dirt mounds on the Baker Lane side of the property.) I am sure there are also many more animals that I do not see because they do not come onto my property. Even if the property owner agreed to re-home these animals, which is doubtful, there is no way he can re-home all of the multiple, various animals on Kenwood Village. Further, the land is surrounded by housing on three sides and a road on the fourth side, so there is no wildlife corridor for the land animals to escape to outside of Kenwood Village. Building houses with paved streets would essentially destroy the habitat for the many land animals, as well as all the other animals. It would also hinder the birds of prey from finding much needed food.

As stated earlier, the property owner for Kenwood Village has not even bothered to mow the entire field very often in the last decade and a half since he purchased the property. There is no way the property owner will catch and re-home the multitude of land animals on the property, even if he wanted to and even if he claims he will.

Thank you.

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