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To the California Housing and Development Department:

This is a follow-up to my previous e-mails objecting to building high density housing on Kenwood Village at 7264 Calle Real, Goleta, CA. Attached are pictures of land animals (skunks and opossums) living on the Baker Lane side of the Kenwood Village property, which is on the opposite side of the Kenwood Village property from the protected El Encanto Creek, which contains many protected water animals. THE PICTURES SHOW THAT THE LAND ANIMALS ARE WELL FEED, INDICATING THE KENWOOD VILLAGE PROPERTY IS A SUCCESSFUL HABITAT FOR THESE ANIMALS. There are also many other animals using the Baker Lane side of Kenwood Village, such as rabbits, chipmunks and raccoons. I have also submitted a picture of a snake on the Baker Lane side of the Kenwood Village property. (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 by the City Council's office, the public has only been given a very short time to prepare to object to the increased number of housing units on the property, 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 if needed.) I just got the attached pictures developed. I also have multiple additional pictures in the process of being developed. i will provide you with those pictures as soon as they are developed. Also, all I have are disposable cameras and the animals usually come out at night, so the pictures are very dark.

Please also be aware that this property has NO WILDLIFE CORRIDOR to protect the land animals. Kenwood Village is surrounded by housing on three sides and a road on the fourth. In addition, it would be impossible to re-home all the land animals even if the property owner would want to. (Just so you know, as I have stated earlier, the property owner does not even

mow the entire Kenwood Village property in the over decade and a half that he has owned it, causing two brush fires on the property. It is doubtful the property owner will do the right thing to help save the animals and he should not be rewarded for his carelessness by allowing him to build substandard housing on the property which would be consistent with the way the property owner has treated the property since he has owned it.)

Also, I have previously provided you with pictures of protected birds on the Baker Lane side of the Kenwood Village property, including a Great Egret, whose nests are protected by the California Fish and Wildlife Department.

As you can tell, the entire Kenwood Village property is prime habitat for water, land and air animals, including protected animals, not just the side of the property with the El Encanto Creek.

Please visit the Kenwood Village property at dawn before voting to condemn animals to death and to deprive protected animals of the loss of their successful habitat where they appear to be thriving since there are so many animals on the property. You can hear the multiple birds chirping and you can see them flying around.

Please do not allow the City Council and the property owner to destroy the habitat for multiple animals. I should also point out that part of the property is zoned agriculture land and previous owners have been able to grow pumpkins and tomatoes on the land.

Thank you.

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