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Public Comment

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To whom it may concern (please read anyway).

Sorry, about my attitude but it sneaks out.

Here are a few notes about how/why we should not be destroying a golf course to build housing (When there is so much other land that could be used!).

Stupid to destroy to build when there is so many places you could just build.

Hi,

Please Do your Job.

I was taught that the Government (board of supervisors and city counsel) was supposed to do the best for IT'S people. It does not seem right or just for the state (and U.C.S.B) get to have so much power to make our county and city be what they (and big business) wants. Seems like a bigger battle should be going on or what is the use of the Board or city?

Lazy planning committee.
The committee that came up with choices to rezone seemed to very simply take the list of the land owners who want to make more money and build who have submitted their rezoning forms and that was their list and they were done.
Using the excuse (which I've heard) that they did not have the time or resources to do a better job.

While at one of the zoning meetings it seemed like the attitude/loyalty was

leaning more towards completing a list and to those on the list.

They could have pushed harder for land north of Winchester overpass and right of the freeway (I've heard the coast is off limits (so should golf courses be off limits))

The golf course should not have made the list. I must admit I did not do too much looking into this issue much but even then some errors were made public and corrected. They had on the list a shopping center with a bunch of working businesses. This should have NEVER made it to their list (and neither should the golf course). Once enough light was shed onto that choice they took it off the list. This shows that the local people don't seem to matter when making the list.

Building the golf course.
Its not the the golf course doesn't make money, it's that the rezoning would make huge money for the owners (and the state).

It was quite a fight to get the land re-zoned to build the golf course due to the blue frog (environment). Now the course is home to many more animals including the blue frog. How is it that now that the builders are in the picture non of the animals including the frog are of any consequence and don't matter.

I don't think the committee even looked or cared about this. I've been out on the golf course and spoke to a bird watcher who came here just to see the road runner.

Apparently it's a hard bird to find and see (I've seen the road runners a bunch of times).

To list a few more animals that are on the golf course (that apparently don't matter) that I've seen without trying:

Red tail hawks (there is a nest on the property and has had 2-3 babies each of the past 4 years), coots, ducks, geese, seagulls, pigeons, doves, squirrels, damn gophers, minks or weasels, rabbits, dears, wild turkeys, coyotes, skunks, raccoons, quails, egrets, turkey vultures, humming birds, blue belly lizards,

alligator lizards, skinks, gophers snakes, king snakes, rattle snakes, are a few that come to mind. I've surprised myself, the list is quite long (and I'm sure I've missed a bunch). I think I'm surprised because I take them for granted that they are there.

Apparently I shouldn't take them for granted (and neither should you).

I guess we should not care about any of these animals -- Let's let some one else care on their land?

I think we should care!!

Traffic

Current traffic in this area is about at it's limit and at times over the limit and backs up onto the freeway (which is scary, wait until it happens to you, you'll see what I mean).

Now fold in the 800-1000 units on the golf course land. Now we're way over the limit.

Now fold in the 1000 or more units the city is going to put in on the mountain side of the freeway between Glen Annie and Los Carneros Road. I don't know any reason or words to describe how you will overlook this (which includes the BS about - They will use public transportation)

Further, at one of the meetings I spoke to one of the head traffic guys and he said the traffic is not involved with the decision, other than to put a label on it. They (traffic guys) will just have to try to fix the traffic issue once the traffic becomes and issue. Further, he said this decision is not being made with those other 1000 units in mind.

So much is wrong here. Maybe Before adding massive amount of housing make the traffic fixes first, thus caring about the current residents.

Oh, one more thing about traffic, They seem to say proximity is the most important thing.

They should take in to consideration that a bunch of cars sitting idling in traffic will generate more smog than a car traveling 2 miles on flat road to Winchester.

Water

Apparently water is not an issue. I spoke to a person at the water district they said there is nothing they can do, the course has a water meter. What, some how it's fine that that one meter can become 800 to 1000 and it still counts as 1. It's also not fair that the

local citizens cough up the money to improve the sewer systems for the builders (I guess the county/state don't want to eat into the builders profits?). Plus, we (the county runs out of water every 5 to 8 years, I guess it's fine that we make that every 3 to 5 years (and hope that it always fixes itself).

Several things wrong here too.

I keep hearing that there is nothing we can do about it. Well, I think YOU should do your jobs. Not just sit and wait to be told from higher up what to do. Speak to those higher up in the government and explain to them tearing down community valued items is NOT the best way to solve the current made up issues. We should NOT be taking away valued things that would be used by many in the community forever. I do not think another golf course will be built, if we take it away it's gone forever!

I have more to say but I need to get this in by the 9th like they told me to.

Thanks (if you read it),
Craig Gensler

P.S. You may call me if you have any questions or comments or would like to hear some more issues with the closing of the golf course.