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Commission Meeting

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Comments:

Questions concerning ZNCH-20-001.

I represent a younger wave of people moving to the area. We are 1st time home owners. We are starting a family. We have lived in many other cities in the last 20 years. None of which was made better by an influx of condos. We specifically chose Placitas because of its spacious, quiet, rustic charm. We are so happy here. New Mexico is heaven and Placitas is an amazing place to live. My concern is this. If you allow the owners of this property to change the zoning so that they can build condos, what is to stop other developers from trying to do the exact same thing?

I attended a meeting a few weeks ago about this project, The real estate agent and the developers tried to paint the project as a service to older Placitas residents that were aging out of their large homes. Are they going to give older locals priority in the buying process?

This has been my experience with condos. Condos will be sold to the highest bidder, maybe locals but often wealthy people from out of town/state. Then you will have a series of apartments, many of which are only used a few weeks of the year, the rest of the time they are rented out as short term rentals on sites like airbnb. The owners of the units generate income but the community doesn't gain anything from the development. The part time residents are not invested in the community, the short term renters come and go. Condos construction is usually quick, cheap, and ugly. Lastly, I am concerned that a multi family development this close to my house will cause light pollution. The dark skies, the sense of privacy, and quiet is what makes Placitas so special.