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We are writing to request that you DO NOT SUPPORT the proposed changes to the ZONING CODE to allow for low intensity camping. Much has already been written about the potential dangers to private property, loss of privacy, fire hazards, water systems, roads, noise, etc., and fire chiefs have even weighed in on the lack of infrastructure, personnel and resources to deal with the potential fire and medical calls. The list goes on and on, including the lack of resources for law enforcement to respond to the myriad of complaint calls they will receive.

How are the rules enforced? What happens when campers are not following the rules and the property owner is not performing their responsibilities? The only option a private citizen has is to file an administrative complaint. How does that protect the private property owner from campers who are being loud, exceeding maximum occupancy, open burning, and other activities that are expressly prohibited? The private citizen now has to become a private investigator and take it into their own hands to investigate and then file complaints, so on a Saturday evening I have to creep next door, take a decibel reading, take pictures of an open campfire, risking personal safety and completely ruining my evening in my own home so I can gather the investigative data to file a complaint, which may or may not ever get investigated by the county because of lack of resources and the complaints don't rise to the level of endangering public health or safety. But these activities completely ruin the peaceful, quiet and private enjoyment of adjacent property owners. We no longer will be able to enjoy our yards and decks without the visual pollution of tents, trailers, RV's and porta potties, and the lifelong investment in our property goes down the tube as property values decline.

In particular, I am outraged at the lack of consideration for the rights of property owners who specifically live here, bought property here, pay taxes here, vote here, have worked long and hard to have their home and property here, along with the right to quiet and peaceful enjoyment of their property. Every aspect of our lives would be negatively impacted. If we wanted to live near a campground, we would have bought property in an area that was zoned for campgrounds. The county seems determined to drive out responsible, long term citizens who pay taxes in return for TOT revenue. Many of us are on the verge of losing homeowners insurance and/or are paying exorbitant amounts to get it. What does the County plan on doing as more and more homeowners lose insurance because now they have a campground next to them? It only takes one irresponsible camper, one criminally inclined camper, one arsonist camper, etc. to create a catastrophe, and you would be

placing that risk and fear in the face of all property owners in the county not currently in a camping zone. If I didn't read it with my own eyes, I would not have believed it, and apparently this has been in the works for a long time without any significant effort on the part of the county to involve the impacted communities. I just heard of this through word of mouth, went to the County website and could not believe my eyes. How is it that people can have owned property for decades only to have the rules changed out from underneath them with no say? We should not have to take on these burdens of risk just because some homeowners are looking for a way to personally profit, and the County will profit AT OUR EXPENSE. In many cases, we have worked our whole lives to be able to retire to the PEACE and QUIET of our homes in a residential neighborhood...NOT IN A CAMPGROUND where campers have no regard for our rights to privacy and peaceful enjoyment of our home.

Every homeowner in the County should have been notified about this proposed change, and the County should have provided a written letter explaining the details. We have the right to collectively have knowledge of it and voice our opinion. Not just find out through the grapevine and have our rights taken away from us.

Respectfully Submitted.