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Dear Planning Council Members,

My wife and I recently purchased a home at 10404 Spiva Rd in Vineyard. We are planning on doing renovations and have not moved in yet.

I was recently informed by one of my neighbors, that the property adjacent to mine at 10396 Spiva Rd, has recently changed ownership as well.

The property, which was previously a convalescent home has been sold to a company that specializes in drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

They are planning on turning the property at 10396 Spiva Rd. into an inpatient drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility. They are planning on having at least 12 inpatient beds. They refused to specify details, but in my experience such facilities usually administer opiate replacements such as methadone and suboxone.

After a few brief discussions with company representatives, whom I was able to reach thanks to efforts by one of my neighbors, I am somewhat worried by their plans.

For instance, their company representative assured me that there would be a security presence at the facility. However, when pressed further they indicated that they were building a fence on only 3 sides of the facility, and would leave the southern side open. The south side of the property backs up to a large creek and open space which is in direct continuity to our property, other homes on the street and also to nearby housing communities in Silver Springs and Wildhawk. There are no fences separating these large open spaces, where currently wild animals like turkeys and coyotes roam. One could easily walk from our street to the Wildhawk community without crossing a single fence or other physical barrier.

We are concerned about individuals with substance abuse backgrounds having such ready access to our home and others nearby.

My wife and I have 2 young daughters. The older one, who's almost 6, has autism and is particularly vulnerable to coercion. There are several other families with young children on the street, including the Rojas family a few houses down with 2- and 7-year old boys.

The company representative that I spoke to told me that they had a separate facility for registered sex offenders closer to Chico and that patients and staff undergo background checks prior to arrival. However, when probed further, he refused to answer whether criminal background histories, such as burglary, arson, larceny, assault, drug dealing or prostitution would prevent patients and staff from residing there.

I know what the NIMBY mentality can look and sound like. I also understand that substance abuse is a serious issue that afflicts many people. My older brother for instance, became

addicted to heroin while I was in junior high and spent several years in and out of rehab before getting better.

Many families have been touched by this terrible scourge of substance abuse, particularly with the recent opiate epidemic.

My wife and I are both physicians and have spent time treating and caring for patients with substance abuse. I attended medical school in Baltimore, and saw the devastation that substance abuse can wreak on a city and its populace. My wife went to UC Davis for medical school and volunteered in a clinic that provided free healthcare for drug addicts and prostitutes.

We care about this population. We want to help them. We realize that they need good places to go to rehabilitate.

We realize that even with the best medicine and best rehabilitation centers many of them will relapse and or worsen. I wish it was not so. I don't blame the addict, I've seen enough to know that it's the drug that will make them do and say anything.

It is hard to reconcile our concern for others addiction with my responsibilities as a father and neighbor.

We are worried about the safety of our children and community. The company indicated that patients would be allowed to have regular visitors. Invariably, some of these visitors will be their dealers or enablers.

My wife has been brought to tears in the last few days since learning about this development. She's so concerned about our daughters' welfare that she is considering selling our property.

We thought we had finally found the home of our dreams, only to learn that we may never feel safe there.

I've spoken to a few neighbors on the street. I was initially notified about development by my neighbor Tom Nelson (CC'ed here) whom you may know from his role on the Elk Grove Water Board.

Everyone on our street is concerned about this development. The neighbors on the other side of the rehab facility, Rick & Kathy Nielson, are also considering moving. Many others are thinking of doing the same. I'm worried the community may dissolve.

I'm not very knowledgeable about zoning or local ordinances, but reaching out to you seemed like a logical first step.

I plan on attending this upcoming CPAC meeting virtually, although I am on clinical service that night, so might get caught up with patient care.

I look forward to discussing further.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Please consider the negative impacts of the pending decision to place a drug/alcohol rehabilitation on the Spiva Road Community.

I have served as a full-time sworn police officer for forty plus years for both the City and County of Sacramento. Twenty of those years were as a street officer responding to needs of citizens for police assistance.

Many of these calls were directly related to problems related to a drug/alcohol rehabilitation center in the caller's neighborhood. These calls included client related disturbances, thefts, assaults, mental breakdowns, ongoing drug use and illicit drug sales in the vicinity of these facilities.

The problems quickly affect the quality in these neighborhoods. Parents of both the very young and older children are continually concerned with the security and well-being of their children. Property concerns with theft, malicious property destruction and general reduction of property value are ever present. Decisions to sell and move are often the court-of-last-resort for the unfortunate neighbors.

I have been a resident of Spiva Road for close to fifty years, a wonderful location for my family. The neighborhood is undergoing a transformation with some new younger residents with small children. I want those families to have the same wonderful experience my family has experienced in this small unique agricultural/residential community. The need for drug/alcohol rehabilitation is obvious, but allowing a facility to locate in a residential neighborhoods has negative and potentially harmful consequences that must be considered. Please sustain this environment, reject this request for a drug/alcohol rehabilitation facility on Spiva Road.

One additional note, I am selling my property on Spiva Road, so I have no skin in this game. My only interest is to sustain the quality of a wonderful neighborhood and its future residents for the next fifty years.

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