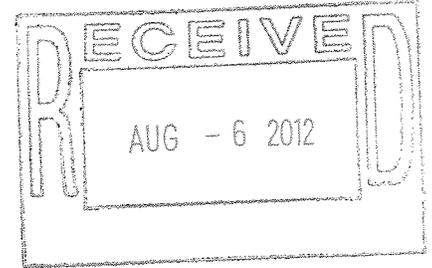


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Dear Ms. Howard:

We are writing to protest the Town & Country Area plan and its county government regulatory land grab. We find the process and the information as you are piecemealing it confusing at best. Intentionally misleading at worst. So we reserve the right to further comment.

For now, our concerns are:

1. The SEA RL10, RL20 and RL40 designations are simply outrageous. 5 acre minimums would slow growth dramatically and should satisfy the worst of government zealots.
2. SEAs are an extreme government regulatory taking and devaluation of private property, creating hardship for property owners whose investments in their future and retirement would be significantly diminished by the proposed SEAs.
3. SEAs are totally unnecessary because development is slowed by numerous current restrictive regulations and property conditions.
4. Changing the "concept" of the CUP process is problematic because it appears to make CUP conditions and approvals subject to the political leanings and mood of individual regional planners/directors, which could lead to significant abuse of power by whomever is employed at the time.
5. If government wants land, it should pay full market value (*before* it is devalued through various land-grab schemes), plus an up-charge of some percentage should be paid for forcing individuals to surrender property against their wishes.

6. Constitutionally, governments should not be in the business of owning land or stripping it from individual property owners in order to gift it to themselves or third parties.

7. The United States is the first nation in recorded history to be founded on the principals of individual liberty, not collective subjugation by any form of government. This Town & Country Area Plan with its regulatory takings is simply one of the worst schemes perpetrated on citizens in a country for which hundreds of thousands have died to preserve individual liberty. Preserving individual liberty and property rights is for the "greater good," contrary to Marxist views.

8. Regional Planning appears to be following an agenda, specifically Agenda 21, as set forth by the United Nations and its globalist agenda and socialist ideology.

9. There is significant evidence Agenda 21 served as a template for Town & Country.

10. Agenda 21 and Town & Country and the general plan are rife with violation of property rights guaranteed by both US and California constitutions.

Further, your hillside management proposal is not yet written, so again, we reserve the right to comment on a draft that is complete and reasonably understandable.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron & Sherry Howell".

Ron & Sherry Howell

cc: Supervisor Michael Antonovich
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