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From: Kerry Gilfillan <kerry.gilfillan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 7:43 PM
To: Planning Department
Subject: Re proposed zoning change Lompa Ranch



Dear Sir/Madam

My letter refers to the proposed zoning of the Lompa Ranch. I am unable to attend the public hearing on Wednesday February 24th but am keen to voice my support of previous plan to convert area to parkland/ bicycle tracks.

As a resident of West Modoc Court, I back onto this beautiful expanse of land and see the mighty Sierra range and enjoy the spectacular views which make living in Carson City such a special place to reside.

The land I believe still has traditional Indian relics as this was a place where the Washoe tribe lived for a part of each year. The number of natives dwelling there was in the region of 1000 people, so this area has historical significance.

The land is visible from the freeway and makes a very pleasant outlook while driving along. It would be a great asset to Carson City if people could view a beautiful parkland/reserve and even be drawn to the city instead of bypassing it en route to Reno.

Improving the area by adding open areas adds to the quality of life of all the residents - young families, teens and seniors. It provides an area where they can exercise and enjoy the four beautiful seasons each year. Mills Park is an excellent park which is close but has limited use, one of the reasons being that dogs are not permitted. Having this new area could encourage different use to Mills Park.

There has been a resurgence of building in the area of East William Street heading out on Hwy 50 and to encourage further growth of shops and businesses, the development of a new recreation area would enhance and support this.

If the land is handed over for the development of yet another housing estate, there would be an initial inflow of capital to area. Over time however it would become just another dormitory backing onto other housing and leading to subsequent downgrading of this area. The city is not built on a peninsula or hemmed in, so it can afford to have green spaces between areas of development.

Carson City as the capital of Nevada needs to plan to maintain and enhance the beauty of our historic and important city. By adding open areas it adds to the ambience of our lovely capital.

We look forward to a positive outcome for the residents of this area

Yours sincerely

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