

Let's Stand Together to **KEEP NIPOMO RURAL!** 



# November 2023 Newsletter

Standing for Real Affordable Housing, Critical Infrastructure and Environmental Preservation

#### What was missing from the Planning Commission hearings on 10/23 & 24?

A thorough analysis of housing that is being called "affordable" and whether it truly will help the county meet its Rural Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) goals for low-income housing. (which it won't)

A careful examination of the use of "SB330" as a means by which the developer has been granted an expedited approval process, ignoring longstanding environmental preservation ordinances

A meaningful process of thorough and respectful consideration involving public input.

Valid consideration of the South Co. Advisory Council's (SCAC) rejection of the project, and 4000+ signatures of county residents who stated they do not want the DR mega-project approved.

Adherence to the County's own ordinances and planning goals.

Commitment to environmental quality policies set Environmental Impact by the state and county.

Concern about the 19 un-mitigatable, significant (EIR).

Acknowledgment of the Northern Chumash's statement about the deficiencies in the EIR as it refers to cultural values and regional research of historic importance.

Advice from experts and professionals in land use. environmental health, low-income housing, biology, community

health and more.

### Moving forward: What are the next steps?

#### Letters to the Board of Supervisors!

Address what was missing in the Planning Commission's deliberations, OR...

Focus your letters and comments on the issues that the Board of Supervisors are concerned about:

1) Low-income housing (ref.RHNA)

2) Environmental protection

There are sub-issues in each of these. Some of these are as follows:

#### **Housing**

Is it meeting the Rural Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for SLO County?

What is the promise/guarantee of low-income housing?

There are 19 Class 1, un-mitigatable environmental impacts. All of them can be addressed, especially ones that issues outlined in the Environmental Impact Report disregard or violate the County's General Plan or the South County Area Plan.

> NAC will be focusing on ramping up our letter writing campaign to strategically address the above issues. We need to increase the number of letters written and address the issues the County is legally and ethically responsible for.

Executive committee members are working on advancing an alternative map with the developer for the BoS consideration.

At the next general NAC meeting you will be able to sign up for specific assistance with your letters.

See below for date, time and place.

Kendra and Jimmy Paulding are sponsoring a "We Love Nipomo" Park Clean-up Event Sunday, November 12 at Nipomo Community Park Gazebo. Please plan to attend and WEAR YOUR GREEN T-SHIRTS! Sign up by clicking here.

## Mark your calendars for NAC Public Meeting -

Friday November 17, 5pm at Blacklake Community Room