

Monday, August 6, 2018

Dear RSFA Members of the Board,

As Members of the RSFA, we are extremely concerned with the recent action taken by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on July 25. In approving the two high-densification projects immediately to the east of Rancho Santa Fe, Harmony Grove South and Valiano, they have put our rural community at risk of being irreparably damaged by: Increased fire risks in already extremely high fire-hazard areas, increased traffic and congestion, compromised air quality, increased water use in a time of record drought, and the consequent negative change to the rural character of the historic landmark in which we reside. As a result, we urge the RSFA Board to immediately join the Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council in filing two separate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lawsuits against the County.

We've attached the RSF Post's recent editorial, "Rancho Santa Fe's Rallying Cry: Sue the Board of Supervisors," as a point of reference. It details how the Board of Supervisors is undermining the General Plan's guiding principles and why they must be stopped before it's too late and our community is unrecognizable as a result.

As Rancho Santa Fe's official representatives, we are counting on you, our Board Members, to fulfill your fiduciary duties and do all you can to protect us and the pastoral nature of our village life that has defined who we are for over a century. We cannot let merely four people on the Board of Supervisors decide our fate. It's in your hands, and we ask that you fight hard to defend our community. In this case, it means taking legal action against the County. Immediately.

Sincerely,

Rachel Laffer

**This letter and the attached article are approved and supported by the following RSFA Members:**