



November 26, 2007

The Honorable Roberta MacGlashan
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Orangevale Cohousing - Sycamore Village

Dear Supervisor MacGlashan:

There are three important reasons why the health of Sacramento County residents will benefit from improved models of compact urban development. The first is the obesity epidemic - any new development should encourage more walking, cycling, outdoor play for children, and transit use. Second is climate change - every new development should reduce our energy footprint by reducing short car trips and bring people closer to walkable destinations. Third is air quality - in a part of the county with substantial air pollution, reducing car use will help clean up the air.

This project helps on all three fronts. **We are writing to ask you to support Sycamore Village.**

Sycamore Village has many desirable features:

Infill Development - Reduces suburban sprawl with higher density of 10 homes per acre, using our land resources more efficiently. Helps support development of a more compact Central District in Orangevale.

Walkable Neighborhood - Close to shopping, schools, restaurants, fitness and medical facilities.

Transit-Supportive - Located within 1/8 mile of a bus stop.

Less Driving - With onsite social life, childcare, and proximity to schools, retail, and transit.

Improved Air Quality - By walking more and driving less, air quality is improved and traffic is reduced.

It has a Green Design:

Reduced Energy Use - Energy-efficient, smaller house design, radiant floor heating systems, and more.

Healthy Building Materials - Non-toxic interior materials, sustainable bamboo flooring.

Generous Open Space & More - Preservation of mature trees and maximum open green space.

It Improves Quality of Life for Residents and Neighbors:

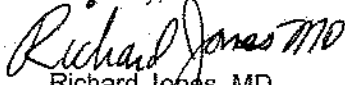
Sense of Community - Regular activities and treasured social connections. Generous common facilities.

Safe and Nurturing Environment - Ungated with "eyes on the street." Young folks have mentors, older folks have support.

Neighborhood Center - The Common House provides a gathering place for the neighborhood.

Please vote to approve this project.

Sincerely,


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President

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cc: SSVMS Board of Directors