

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP

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Devon Muto, Planning Chief

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RE: RESPONSE TO RED TAPE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS--SHOULD HAVE BEEN CALLED THE GREEN LIGHT TASK FORCE BECAUSE THE SPECIAL INTERESTS GAVE THEMSELVES A GREEN LIGHT ON DEVELOPING EVERYTHING!

Dear Mr. Muto

At our regular lawfully noticed public meeting, held on February 5, the Boulevard Planning Group voted 5-0-0 (Seat 2 vacant / Seat 6 excused) to send this letter opposing the proposed Red Tape Task Force Recommendations:

1. Our planning and sponsor group members are required to submit Form 700 Conflict of Interest Forms. Did the Red Tape Task Force members do so?
2. We are tired of the double standard in regards to conflicts of interest. The same issue arose with the Steering Committee and the "Special Interest" Committee for the GPU.
3. We sent a previous response on the potential termination of community planning groups back when the issue was raised at our Steering Committee meetings.
4. We oppose elimination, termination, neutering of community planning groups in any way, shape or form.
5. Planning Groups serve as a local venue for public participation, after work hours, that are critical to democracy and the right to know and participate in your community's future. People invest in their community because they like it. They want to have a voice in proposed changes. Who knows the on the ground facts better than local residents?
6. The current form of indemnification is critical. Without it you will lose many if not all volunteer planners. We realize this is likely the goal, but it is shortsighted and unconscionable.
7. The County is only required to indemnify members if they were following the law. If not, then the County is not liable. Simple.
8. We oppose term limits, and especially the proposed limits. Elections serve as term limits

through a vote of the People.

9. We support mandatory Brown Act Training with a required annual certificate of completion of both the Brown Act training and an ethics course, prior to being allowed to participate in group votes--as previously agreed by the Steering Committee, if memory serves us correctly.
10. The same training and certification should be required of all Task Force members in the future to eliminate similar self-serving actions
11. The Resource Protection Ordinance and CEQA are both key to protecting what is left of critical resources. The same reasons those protections were put in place are still valid today.
12. Major changes will literally open a Pandora's Box. We are seeing that with the all out assault of renewable energy projects. See attached cumulative projects map. How many of the Task Force members have currently active or pending projects involved?
13. Our position is in line with the January 24 Valle De Oro Planning Group comments, and other planning group comments that have been circulated to date.

Please help us retain a process that works for County staff, works for local communities, and works for developers better than they realize. We help weed out project problems early in the game--instead of at the last minute at the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors.

Regards,

/s/

Donna Tisdale, Chair
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Send letter similar to previous letter :

opposing elimination of planning/sponsor groups / serve as local public participation close to home, after work hours, also serve as local forum for issues of community concern and controversy to need to retain the Resource Protection Ordinance

opposing 2-year 2-term/10 yr term limits /elections are term limits/ if term limits are imposed they should be in line with the County Supervisor term limits

retaining indemnification/already required to follow the law in order to be indemnified.

supporting Annual mandatory Brown Act Training with certificate requirement for participating in group votes