

Resolution for No on Newland Sierra

Newland Sierra is a project just west of Interstate 15 off of Deer Springs Road in North San Diego County. The project was approved by the Board of Supervisors in September 2018, despite near unanimous opposition from the communities surrounding it. Opponents gathered more than 100,000 signatures in less than three weeks to put the project on the March 2020 ballot.

Whereas, Newland Sierra has NO affordable housing. We need more affordable housing in San Diego County but Newland Sierra isn't the answer. The project features many luxury homes but does not require a single unit that qualifies as affordable, and many of the homes in the development will not be attainable for San Diego's workforce. Two-thirds of the homes in the Newland Sierra development require at least a six-figure income to afford. Proponents are claiming the measure sets aside housing for police, firefighters, and teachers, when, in fact, it contains no set asides for anyone.

Whereas, Newland Sierra will make traffic problems on Interstate 15 much worse. The project adds almost 29,000 car trips to the freeway every day because it will be far from job centers and public transportation. You won't find many people walking, biking, or scootering to work from the top of a mountain! In addition, the developer refused to spend even a dime to widen the freeway.

Whereas, The Newland Sierra Project would be in a Very High Fire Severity Zone where the County General Plan restricts the density of housing. Newland's evacuation study is inadequate. The road capacity could not handle a large-scale evacuation which only includes 2 evacuation exits for a project the size of the city of Del Mar. Total evacuation time could take over 3 hours.

Be it resolved that the Democratic Club of Carlsbad-Oceanside (DEMCCO) joins with community and environmental groups including Sierra Club, League of Women Voters San Diego, Escondido Neighbors United, California Native Plan Society, Democrats for Environmental Action, Environmental Center of San Diego, Endangered Habitats League, Spring Valley-Lemon Grove Democratic Club, and other groups who believe that Newland Sierra is the wrong project for San Diego County and therefore **supports NO ON NEWLAND SIERRA**.

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