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**Re: ZOA20-00004 (Amend Development Code)**

The Barber Valley Neighborhood Association (BVNA) board supports three of the four requested changes to the development code. We join with the South Eisenman Neighborhood Association in opposition to change #2:

*“Reduce the size of posted signs to 11”x17” for larger subdivisions (over 5 acres) within Specific Plan Areas (Harris Ranch, Barber Valley, Syringa Valley). Applicants are currently required to post 4’x4’ signs for subdivisions over 5 acres within Specific Plan areas. These sites have been through months, if not years, of public outreach to gain approval, and the larger sign is superfluous.”*

We recognize the extensive previous public outreach regarding the specific plans. However, one of our observations regarding the specific plans is they can be too rigid and limit the opportunity for the city and the developer to incorporate emerging best practices into the city code. We believe a robust public notification process should be retained for specific plans (SP) to inform new neighbors in the SP communities. These ‘new neighbors’ were not involved with the specific planning process and the public notice may not result in changes to the plan, but it will serve to educate our ‘new neighbors’ regarding how the plans evolved to their current code status and it will serve to identify possible limitations of the current code which can be addressed with future SP amendments.

Additionally, in communities such as Syringa Valley, there are currently very few residents. The public will have extremely limited awareness of the development of larger subdivisions within SP-03 unless the notice distance is extended beyond 500’ and the signage is large enough to be noticed by ‘drive-by’ neighbors. We agree that SP-01 and SP-02 have been through laborious public outreach and are quality plans. However, SP-03 is a very rudimentary plan and needs full public engagement to evolve into a quality plan. Removing this signage requirement undermines the goal of including the public in the evolution of the specific plans.

Barber Valley Neighborhood Association Board

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