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## EXTERNAL

To Whom it May Concern,

I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to express my input regarding what goes in to the new General Plan for Sonoma County.

My name is Deborah McElroy Pool and I live at 13588 Railroad, Glen Ellen and have for the last 50 years.

1. We are all so fortunate to live in this beautiful County. What makes it so impressive is it's lack of built out. ***Safeguarding Open Space*** is paramount in order to take care of the natural environment and keeping the growth within the existing developed areas. Keep our Open Space Open!!
2. Regarding development at the abandoned Sonoma Development Center in Eldridge: Affordable housing is needed, but the number of dwellings needs to be in ***keeping with the existing development that surrounds it***. It is not an urban area.
3. With many homes being bought up as second homes, can a special tax be created on those second homes, putting that revenue towards low income housing
4. ***At the Sonoma Development Center*** in Eldridge, there needs attention paid to the natural environment, natural resources, potential wildfires, evacuation, increased traffic, drought impacts, and critical wildlife corridor protection.
5. We must ***keep our coast line open*** and accessible.
6. Over the entire County we need to ***protecting dark skies***. This is important for wildlife as well as human's wellbeing.
7. We must ***apply the 30 X 30*** Mandate to our County, wherever it is applicable.
8. Air traffic is an impactful element in Sonoma County now. There are planes and noise in our skies continually. There must be ways to route them so they are less impactful to our communities.
9. Building more new homes, and having evacuation routes worthy of that new population is a real problem. Sonoma County is largely rural, with two lane roads. There must be mindful development, not just meeting the housing element numbers.
10. ***Water must be seriously considered in new development***. Water is life. Water will be the

future's challenge.

Thank you,

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## EXTERNAL

Good evening,

I expect that it may be a little while before the draft of the general plan elements are issued. My request is that the existing land use policy be carried forward to provide clear direction for the existing K zone properties. I understand that the names of some of the facilities have changed, but the overall intent should be preserved.

Policy LU-13d: Rosso & Bianco, Paulsen, Geyser Peak, and Asti wineries are designated as "Recreation and Visitor Serving Commercial" to allow existing or proposed wineries and associated restaurants or lodging facilities. Any uses on these sites must support the sale and production of Sonoma County agricultural products and not adversely effect adjacent agricultural or resource areas.

Thank you,

DEMAE RUBINS

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