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Contra Costa County  
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Dear Sir:

This responds to your Notice of Public Review and Intent to Adopt A Proposed Negative Declaration, County File # VR031032 and requests additional information regarding the process that applies to the requested variances. I own the property at 410 Rolling Lane, which is adjacent to the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway and have a right of way adjacent to the property in question. I was very surprised at the conclusion that this project has no potential environmental impact and that a variance to cut down Oak trees is being considered. Some of my concerns include:

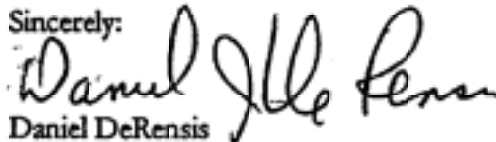
I am very concerned about the prospect of cutting down or endangering the oak trees on the property in question. They are protected and are a key aspect to the environment of our community. In addition they protect our hillside from erosion, create a barrier to damage from golf balls from the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway. Both of these cause an impact from the project.

I don't believe that it is necessary to cut the trees to build on this lot. I would like to see alternative designs to those proposed that would protect all or most of these trees.

I also was very surprised at the prospect of approval to the variances requested. Where can I get copies of those required, the process for approval and who I need to work with to understand the rational for approval.

Please be advised that short of substantially more information on why this project should be approved, I am opposed to it moving forward.

Sincerely:

  
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