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Subject: Zone change and Subdivision for 2400 Allesandro St, in the Semi Tropic Spiritualists' Tract

Councilmember Ed Reyes, President
Planning & Land Use Management Committee
c/o City Clerk Barbara Greaves, Legislative Assistant, PLUM
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Re: CF-09-0082 PLUM Hearing: Feb 3, 2009 – SUPPORT the appeal
APCE 2006-8787-ZC
VTT 62900-SL-2A
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Dear Councilmember Reyes,

I urge you to support the appeal by Edwardson, Parisi & Ortiz and deny the zone change and subdivision for 2400 Allesandro, in the Semi Tropic Spiritualists' Tract.

The proposed project is a bad development for this property. I do not object to development, just to bad development. Having grown up in this neighborhood, I am quite familiar with the area. One of its outstanding features is the maturity of the trees and the wildlife that they support. When my greatgrandfather purchased the land in the area on which my parents build their home many trees were planted. I still own an undeveloped portion of the land and believe that future development of the area needs to preserve a fair portion of this flora that has taken generations to mature. Having lived the first 20 years of my life in the area, I have fond memories of seeing many birds and wildlife. Seeing owls in the trees and of seeing a golden eagle landing in a tree and using it as a waystation. I would hope that future generations would have the enjoyment of a similiar legacy. Don't let future developers destroy the character of the tract. To remove so many trees would be a grave mistake.

Sincerely,

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