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## **COMMUNITY GROUP FILES APPEAL OF EL DORADO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION TO APPROVE THE GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE**

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On Tuesday, September 8, 2015, a group of El Dorado County residents filed an appeal to the Board of Supervisors in response to the Planning Commission's approval of a major overhaul of the voter-approved 2004 El Dorado County General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

After two full days of hearings that took place August 27th and September 2nd, Commissioners had reviewed only a small portion of the changes, disregarding thousands of pages of new material and leaving minimal time for the public to address serious concerns surrounding the impact of increased traffic, groundwater depletion, declining air quality, degradation of aesthetics, damage to cultural, historical, and agricultural resources, and more.

By appealing the Planning Commission's decision, the group is giving El Dorado County residents the opportunity to voice their concerns prior to the Board of Supervisors final decision. One thing that became very clear during the hearing is that the County's noticing and outreach was insufficient to inform the public about the proposed zoning changes to more than 37,000 parcels. It is up to every resident to research whether their parcel, or adjacent parcels, are proposed for rezone.

Rural Communities United is filing the appeal on behalf of RCU and individuals from various Community groups throughout the County, including Save Our County, Shingle Springs Community Alliance, Green Valley Alliance, El Dorado Indian Council, El Dorado Miwok, and more, who comprised the EIR review group.

The passage of the General Plan update and Zoning Ordinance rewrite would have serious negative impacts on the quality of life in El Dorado County. As of this writing, the County's Board of Supervisors has not yet made a determination as to whether or not the Appeal hearing will be granted in accordance with the requirements of state law.