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Dear Planning Commission Member:

The foothills have been my home for forty six years. I feel strongly about the need to preserve the rural character, natural beauty, and environment of this unique area for future generations. As pointed out by the minority members of the Foothills Subarea Advisory Committee in their report, the issue of rural character was inadequately addressed. Even though its protection is mandated by the Growth Management Act and desired overwhelmingly by the members of the foothills community as expressed in their response to the questionnaire and charets sponsored by the Advisory Committee.

In addition, the environmental issues were grossly neglected. For instance the 1988 Plan had a complete inventory of 100 natural and social features of the area which is absent from the current plan. Of special interest to residents of the area is concern about what affect the drawdown required of future growth would have on their water supply. The issue of the impact on fish and wildlife is also inadequately addressed.

I support the Minority Report wholeheartedly and urge the Planning Commission to give it serious consideration.

Sincerely,



JoAnne Harrison