

April 10, 2023

Amador Co. Planning Dept.

Re: Support for the Eagles Nest zoning amendment.

Dear Planning Commission Members,

This letter is in support of amending the County Code Chapter 19.77 to require airport notifications, maintain current development densities, maintain current building height restrictions and to limit places of assembly.

I feel that protecting the future of Eagles Nest with this amendment is of benefit to the County. There are a lot of behind the scenes activities at Eagles Nest that are essential to Amador Co. and worthy of protecting.

I have operated an aerial mapping company out of Eagles Nest for over 20 years. We have provided engineering grade maps for numerous infrastructure projects throughout the County for the construction of residential and commercial buildings, roads, pipe lines, electric grid, dams, as well as planning base maps for mines, landfill and forestry needs. My Eagles Nest facility is currently a maintenance base for fire fighting aircraft.

The airport generates an enormous amount of tax revenue for the County via property tax on land and aircraft. Our activities provide employment and are beneficial to our local economy. Our businesses are unique, they bring in outside revenue and generally do not compete with other Amador Co. businesses. For many of us at Eagles Nest and others that may use our airport in the future, operation from Westover Field is not an option due to its short runway. For numerous reasons, it is beneficial to the future of Amador County to have Eagles Nest's longer and safer runway in the County.

I feel that the latest revisions to the amendment have minimal to no negative consequence to the surrounding neighbors. Due to the amendments overall benefits to the County, I urge the Commission Members to vote in favor of the proposed amendment.

Thank You  
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