



Wicklow Comment

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Chuck Beatty,

Hello, I would like to register a comment in regards to the Wicklow Way development planned by the County of Amador.

First, I would like to express my shock that this wasn't put on the front page of the Ledger Dispatch instead of in the "Letters to the Editor" section. All of the citizens of Amador should be aware of such a large development being planned in our county, and from the lack of people at last night's meeting, I am correct in this assessment.

Second, I live in close proximity to where this development would be built and it would impact my quality of life immensely.

Third, the county already has one boondoggle planned for the school consolidation which will severely disrupt the lives of many residents and increase traffic flow in our neighborhood. This Wicklow development seems like another horrible idea that will bring noise, traffic, lights, and population increase to our rural community.

Fourth, where is the money coming from to build these two projects? We can't fix our roads, our schools are in disrepair, services are being cut (like animal control), and the city of Jackson/Martell are showing signs of general neglect (weeds everywhere, garbage on side of road, etc).

Fifth, In last night's meeting I saw many good points being brought up by local land owners regarding easements, water, traffic, destruction of land (removal of beautiful oaks), and infringement of their way of life.

Sixth, why can't these housing units being demanded of Amador by our corrupt state be spread throughout our county instead of being crammed into one area? A gentleman at last night's meeting stated we have around 1300 areas available for houses to be built, why not spread these housing tracts around the county in smaller developments to create less impact?

And seventh, we moved up here to get away from noise, lights, pollution, and crowded crime infested neighborhoods. We love this area because of its rural feel and beauty. Bringing this development to our neighborhood would bring the things we left behind back into our lives. Amador is a beautiful, safe, quiet, and friendly place to live, let's keep it that way.

When I think of these beautiful rolling hills and the Oak trees being replaced by tract houses, apartments, stores, and traffic, It makes me very sad. In fact, it should make all of us who live here in this beautiful setting very sad. Once we destroy what cannot be replaced and make it into the image of the larger cities around us, we will be forever changed and we will lose our very special identity. Please rethink approving this development, in my opinion, it is a very bad idea for our unique and bucolic rural community.

Sincerely,

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