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Re: Case GP_2019-0002/R_2019-0003
Rebuttal to Proposed Decision

First, I would like to thank you for encouraging my interest and advocacy in this General Plan Amendment decision. It is heartening to know that land use issues are being handled by professionals such as yourself.

Having read the Planning Department's review and recommendations, I am disappointed that the SR designation was carried forward, rather than an recommendation to down-grade the density to the RR level. However, I also understand that there will be another time to discuss density when the actual proposal for housing is brought to the Commission. I will be advocating at that time.

Generally speaking, any conversion of AG land to residential is a loss in many ways but the reality of farming is that it is not what it used to be. Farmers, like Mr Luchessi, are faced with difficult decisions in their later years and this is one of those situations. I believe, with

professional planning, concern for the community and the environment and realistic expectations for the impact of AG conversion, the housing project that will follow this GP amendment can be a win-win for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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