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Housing and RHNA

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Subject:  
Opposition to additional housing in Rancho Santa Margarita

Message:  
Regarding the Regional Housing Needs Allocation:

I am absolutely opposed to any further development of residential housing in Rancho Santa Margarita. Although I am a Realtor and am actively involved in finding people homes to buy, sell, or lease, the safety of our residents is of utmost importance to me. This area is classified by the Orange County Fire Authority as a "high" or "very high" risk fire zone. Many residents already find that it is difficult to get home insurance (or are dropped as a result of being in such a high risk area), so building in this area would be dangerous and risky. Furthermore, recent legislation now requires California sellers to disclose not only if their property is in such a high risk area, but also if they are aware of any home hardening features; future requirements for homes to have such features, along with defensible space surrounding the home, are to come, affecting both sellers and purchasers of properties in this area.

For many communities in RSM, Plano Trabuco Road is the only access in or out of the city. Adding further developments will only endanger residents more if an evacuation was necessary due to a wildfire.

As seen in a December 23, 2020 issue of Voice of OC, “OC Supervisors Were Warned About Approving Homes in Wildfire Zones That Just Burned Again.” (<https://voiceofoc.org/2020/12/oc-supervisors-were-warned-about-approving-homes-in-wildfire-zones-that-just-burned-again/>)

Do we really want to chance the same fate to the residents of our beloved city?

I implore you to reconsider any allocation of new housing developments in Rancho Santa Margarita!