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**To:** Wagner, Donald  
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**Subject:** Saddleback Meadows Project

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

I am a resident of Trabuco Canyon for 28 years and live across from the proposed housing development, Saddleback Meadows. I would strongly urge the Commission to consider denying the use permit based on the following concerns:

You are receiving many points that have adequately spelled out the issues with this project which are many. My biggest concern is that an EIR done in 1997, 29 years ago stated that the land at that time is unstable and it is a known wildlife corridor. Local mountain lions are now listed as "threatened" under California's Endangered Species Act. There have been significant changes to the area with an increased population, concerns such as traffic, schools, wildlife, greenhouse gas emissions, climate change as to increased wildfires and evacuation routes. Fire insurance in our area is increasingly cancelled and difficult to replace.

At a recent planning meeting that I attended someone on the committee stated that it's not the counties problem to address the schools impact with increased development which shouldn't that be considered when approving projects? What is the impact to the community? Yes the school district bears the brunt but so do we as a community.

I understand that there is a Foothill/Trabuco Specific Plan in place that seeks to "preserve the rural character of the area and to provide a buffer between urban development and the Cleveland National Forest." I don't believe that this project would seek to preserve.

Many developers come into the area and promise great improvements which we have seen time and again that they fall short of these improvements and the residents are left with the bad decisions made by those we have entrusted to make good decisions on the public's behalf. Is this going to make our community better or is it only for revenue generation?

One last thought is that you spend your time and money to run for office and everyone who runs states that they are interested in listening and helping the community of which you serve but in the end are you listening?

Thank you for consideration,

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