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Subject: Appeal of PA23-0119 – Saddleback Meadows Use Permit
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Dear Supervisor Wagner,

Please see the attached letter opposing the Saddleback Meadows use permit application to be considered at the May 5, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Regards,

Geoffrey Sarkissian
President, Inter-Canyon League

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Dear Supervisor Wagner:

The Inter-Canyon League, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the unique, rural way of life in Orange County's canyons, asks that you and your fellow Supervisors deny approval of the Saddleback Meadows use permit (PA23-0119) in its current form.

The proposed 181-unit Saddleback Meadows development lies within the Foothill/Trabuco Specific Plan (FTSP) area. Like the Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plan, the Foothill/Trabuco Specific Plan was created to regulate land use near the Cleveland National Forest. Under "1.0 Specific Plan Goals," the FTSP lists this as the very first goal:

a. Rural Character/Forest Buffer: To preserve the rural character of the area and provide a buffer between urban development and the Cleveland National Forest.

A cluster of 181 tract houses on El Toro Road is not rural. And it is not a buffer. It is a plain example of something that a buffer should disallow.

In general, development in the FTSP area is not prohibited, but it is regulated. A development plan for Saddleback Meadows that preserves its rural character would be worth consideration. But since the current plan does not do this, the PA23-0119 use permit should be denied.

Regards,

Geoffrey Sarkissian, President
Inter-Canyon League