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Supervisor Nathan Magsig
Fresno County Board of Supervisors
2281 Tulare Street
Fresno, CA 93724

September 17, 2021

Re: Squaw Valley/Dunlap Community Plan Proposal

Dear Supervisor Magsig:

As a resident of Squaw Valley, I am in full support of Item 8, Exhibit C (Squaw Valley/Dunlap Community Plan Proposal), which is on the Board of Supervisors agenda for September 21, 2021. My hope is that you decide to move the proposal forward.

I am proud of the State Scenic Highway that visitors use to drive through Squaw Valley and Dunlap on their way to explore in Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. In the Highway 180 State Scenic Highway, we have a treasure to preserve that is highly beneficial to local residents and visitors alike. However, it becomes more difficult to preserve without a more specific plan in place for the local area.

There are other natural sources of beauty along the scenic highway of 180, including astounding mountain backdrops, California poppy-filled hillsides and valleys that host streams. Local residents and visitors alike photograph these gems regularly. A specific community plan that ensures these local treasures are visible for all to appreciate is necessary. It will promote tourism by creating a sense of place that visitors notice when they arrive.

The proposed community plan would ensure the beauty of our area is preserved by:

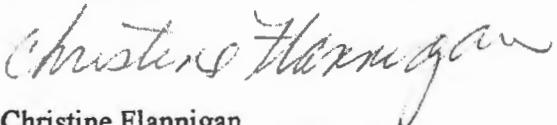
- Stipulating certain materials/aesthetics for facades of new construction that blend in with the natural landscape. Possibilities include wood and stone.
- Assuring the 200' setback for new construction is followed.
- Additional measures that allow development, and at the same time, that development does not detract from the natural beauty of the area or threaten the State Scenic Highway status of Highway 180.

Two projected projects along Highway 180 in Squaw Valley/Dunlap that the Friends of Scenic 180 (formerly known as the East 180 Corridor Development Committee) are pursuing include a local community park and an art trail that will show visitors that they have arrived in a place they may want to explore and will make residents even more proud of their community. One of our

goals is to influence future development in Squaw Valley/Dunlap with local community input while keeping the beauty of the area unspoiled. The proposed Squaw Valley/Dunlap Community Plan, whether done through a specific plan, or restructuring the Sierra South Regional Plan, is key to preserving the rural feel and beauty of our Squaw Valley/Dunlap communities, especially along Highway 180.

In closing, we also request in the interim, that the Board give Friends of Scenic 180 an opportunity to review any proposed projects along Highway 180 through Squaw Valley and Dunlap that require discretionary review by the Fresno County Planning Commission, in advance of the proposal going before the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,



Christine Flannigan
Member, Friends of Scenic 180, (formerly
known as East 180 Corridor Development
Committee)