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(Printed) Jamie Vlahova
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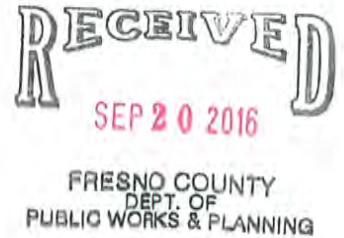
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(Printed) JOSH AND KELLY O'DELL

Signature [Signature]
Signature Kelly O'Dell

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(Printed) Steven R. Speck and Debra L. Speck

Signature Steven R. Speck Date: 9/18/16

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(Printed) Lindsay Beavers

Curtis Beavers

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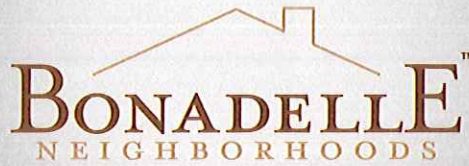
Our names are:

(Printed) STEPHEN KILEEN & BRIANNA KILEEN

Signature

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John Bonadelle
7030 N. Fruit, Suite 101
Fresno, CA 93711
September 21, 2016

Bernice E. Seidel
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors
Fresno County
2281 Tulare Street, Room 301
Fresno, CA 93721-2198

Dear Bernice E. Seidel:

This letter is to formally request that Item # 10 of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors Agenda for September 27, 2016 be continued until the regularly scheduled November 1, 2016 Supervisors Meeting. The continuance will allow our company Bonadelle Neighborhoods and more specifically myself to meet individually with the project's neighboring homeowners that have expressed some concern over the proposed orchard and allow us to provide them with better information about the proposed development and operation of the orchard. We appreciate the assistance of the Clerk's office in facilitating the continuance of this item and the Supervisors understanding while we review the project with the neighboring homeowners. We realize that the project received unanimous support from the Planning Commission and also has the recommendation of staff but want to make sure we have an opportunity to meet with the residents that expressed some concerns about the project this week.

Sincerely,

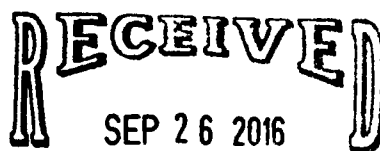
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County of Fresno Board of Supervisors

September 22, 2016

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I'm writing this letter to express concern over Bonadelle Neighborhoods request for rezone of residential parcels to open conservation land use. Study Application #7147 & Amendment Application #3809.

My concern is that property owners have not been adequately informed of some of the negative issues of converting this land to farm land.

I am a farmer and live on a farm and so I know what to expect but I don't think that the majority of the people that purchased property in these areas have a clue as to the changes that may occur within their lifestyle.

There will be dust . "Lots of dust" I actually have to pressure wash my house from roof to ground and then the drives and plants . If they have swimming pools they will be full of dust unless they cover them during harvest and dust storms. Patio furniture needs to be covered and patio furniture cushions removed.

There will be noise. Farm vehicles and farm laborers included. I live about a mile from a pistachio orchard that fires cannons to keep the birds out of the field . The cannons start at 6AM and continue until dark. They go off constantly and they are annoying to say the least. They have been going off for 2 months now. I can't imagine that a golfer at Eagle Springs would appreciate a cannon going off in their back swing.

There will be unpleasant odors to deal with. Fertilizers and chemicals have an unpleasant smell . Some fertilizers can also generate flies. Grape crops generate gnats. They fill my glass when sitting on the patio trying to enjoy a glass of wine. They are also attracted to any type of vinegar. So you might not want to have a salad on your patio during and after harvest.

There is always the issue of chemical drift. I have insurance for it as I'm sure most farmers do but chemicals can drift and I don't think the majority of the residents in the rezone area understand this.

The thing that concerns me most is the water issue. All crops use a lot of water and some more than others. If the recycled water isn't enough for the farming operation will the applicant be able to drill an Ag well? If an Ag well is drilled and the applicant decides not to farm the land after all could that well be used for other purposes in other developments? If a person is in danger of losing a multimillion dollar crop because of lack of water could the County actually refuse to allow them to drill ? The drilling of a well would further deplete ground water resources.

I am asking that you delay the rezone issue until the residents and property owners affected are truly educated as to the changes that will take place should the rezoning succeed.

I live on a farm. I chose to live around farmland . I did not have living around farm land chosen for me .

Respectfully,

Phyllis Oehlschlaeger