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**Sent:** Sunday, August 14, 2011 3:54 PM  
**To:** The Office of Mayor Chuck Reed; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; Office of Councilmember Nancy Pyle; Davidson, John; City Owned Property  
**Subject:** Rancho Del Pueblo - We do NOT need more houses

To Whom It May Concern:

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We want to express our opposition against the city's plan to replace the Rancho del Pueblo golf course to build more houses. Some of the immediate impacts will be:

1. Traffic, noise, and air pollution will increase significantly because many more people will use a limited number of lanes to go in and out every day. The current community on Hermocilla/King has 200 single-family houses. This plan has 570 units (almost 3 times more). King/Story intersection was expanded recently and it is already very busy. The exit rams from/to 680 at both directions back up significantly during peak times, which can cause traffic hazards for drivers on the freeway.
2. Crime will increase simply because of the higher density of people. If it gets crowded with many more people, crime will increase. The shooting with two men died in August 2010 at the newly built apartment (San Antonio Ct, next to Freeway 101) is a worrisome example. Mercury News reported this crime:

"The violence shook up neighbors in the section of the San Antonio neighborhood that backs up to the Alum Rock Avenue off-ramp from northbound Highway 101. They were already angry and fearful about the Fairways, a low-income apartment complex built with \$5.75 million in city money last year. They said they've complained about drug dealing, fights and gangs near the 84-unit complex, and that police and emergency vehicles show up there two or three times a week."

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci\\_15932775](http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_15932775)

3. Quality of life and public services will be negatively affected. We do not need more houses in this crowded area. New homes will need more schools, teachers, police-officers, fire-fighters, which the city might not have the money for. This plan will decrease and slow down emergency services, such as police cars, fire trucks, ambulances to our community.

As responsible taxpayers and concerned citizens, we believe there are other options

instead of building more houses at this golf course. We sincerely hope that our voice is heard and taken into consideration when a decision is made. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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