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Reference: General Plan Task Force

Subject: Land Use – Rural Agriculture Action AG-1.9

Susan the City required/forced Shapell to put in a grocery store in Evergreen Village where no grocery store wanted to go without substantial incentives. All of this was done to fulfill someone's fantasy of "strolling to the store to pickup a quart of milk". Then to protect the failing store in the Village the City crafted policies to limit grocery stores to 20,000 sf at the Evergreen College site to prevent a full sized grocery store being built where a Safeway wanted to build a 50,000 sf plus store. So the City forces grocery store to sites they don't want to occupy and then effectively prevents stores from locating where demographics show they can make money and could be viable. The City's actions were irresponsible and failed. The supermarket in the Village failed.

You now propose to take the same irresponsible actions in regards to agricultural lands in mid Coyote. Action AG-1.9. Action AG-1.9 is as or more irresponsible than the City's failed supermarket policy in Evergreen. Agriculture is no longer economically viable in mid coyote as presented in the Coyote Specific Plan process.

Land Use – Rural Agriculture

Action AG-1.9 Explore use of agricultural easements, transfer/purchase of development rights, or other options to keep Mid-Coyote Valley as permanent agriculture.

Please do not create more flawed policies.

Thank you,

Myron Crawford