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News from the GVA:

Just in case you haven't heard, there's an initiative about to be circulated in the county. It should have broad appeal for the county in general, but for the people on this email list, it should be *really* appealing. There are two policies in this initiative and you can it read for yourself (see attached), but basically:

- The 'Fix Traffic First' policy will require county staff to abide by the Caltrans determination of Highway 50 traffic levels. There will be no more redefining of the rules to get around the law: *if Caltrans determines Hwy 50 to be at LOS F (stop & go/gridlock), then El Dorado County must acknowledge it and stop approving major subdivisions.*

- The 'Keep us rural' policy will help retain the very valued open space lands remaining in and around the Community Regions, and prohibit changing low density residential land into high density. *High density projects can no longer be forced into incompatible areas.*

The proposals for Dixon Ranch, Central EDH (golf course rezone), Marble Valley, Lime Rock, and San Stino, will be stopped by this initiative if it is approved. This initiative is a pretty sure-fire answer to "what can we do to stop this?".

We have roughly 2 weeks while the county processes the request for a ballot title and summary. At that point, we will be ready with petitions in hand for signing, so we want to be sure we have the people to help fill those petitions! If you are able to walk your neighborhood with us, or man a signing table in a predesignated public place, then we need you. *We want to get this on the ballot for November*.

We will be contacting your HOA or people in your neighborhood to organize, but nothing stops you from contacting us to say that you can help! More to come..

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