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Happy New Year!

I would like to personally THANK all of those who have contributed monetarily or with your time to comment on projects not adhering to due process and legal requirements of Placer County and the State of California.

With your help a number of victories were achieved and progress was made!

- The Park at Granite Bay is in appeal and will hopefully win on grounds of a self-induced variance and lack of an approved drainage plan.
- The Whitehawk I and II projects were withdrawn and underwent required CEQA environmental review.
- The proposed Zoning Text Amendments changing coverage, heights, setbacks and giving developers a free reign to build without restrictions, were significantly reduced and not yet approved.
- With our research and assistance, residents adjacent to the Treelake Mini-storage Facility have 2 actions against the county for illegally-issued building permits and being allowed to continue to operate in violation of land use compliance.
- The Tiny Houses on Wheels zoning text amendment added park trailers, not considered acceptable as permanent dwellings, was withdrawn from approval and our hope is that it will be included within the EIR for the Placer County Housing Element as required.
- We appreciate the actions of the Granite Bay Community Association (GBCA) in securing legal counsel and an engineer to point out significant flaws in the Granite Bay Cumulative Traffic Study. This resulted in a County revision of the Circulation Element. Initial results show that our main roads are far beyond capacity. Workshops are scheduled in January and February for those who would like to participate.
- We support the actions taken by the GBCA to file an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of the Chabad Center on Douglas which is seeking numerous self-induced variances. This project will impact and set a precedent for new development along the Douglas Scenic Corridor. The Public hearing is set for February 5 before the Board of Supervisors.
- We have joined a coalition, The Alliance for Environmental Leadership, which includes 9 other organizations concerned with reasonable, responsible and respectful growth and development.

In this New Year, your continued support is needed to provide a united front for due process and legal compliance. Funding is needed to secure legal advice and expert evaluations.

Please join our efforts to **Defend Granite Bay** and maintain the rural, premier community that we choose to call home.

Larissa Berry - President
& Members of Defend Granite Bay

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