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Community Group Seeks to Defend Granite Bay Against Over-Development

Alarmed citizens seek to halt Placer County's sudden rush to approve rezones throughout Granite Bay and surrounding communities

GRANITE BAY, CA – Since 2012 only a handful of commercial and residential rezoning requests have come before the Granite Bay community. However, in the past 6 months more than 15 new development proposals have been submitted – all requesting re-zonings, variances, and amendments to the community plan. Why the sudden rush to approve these?

That's exactly the question being asked by the newly formed group of homeowners and business leaders, **Defend Granite Bay**. This local advocacy group is focused on defending the community from an unprecedented number of rezones and general plan amendments that they believe cannot be supported by the existing infrastructure.

"Many in our community feel that impacts on traffic, schools, and public services and preservation of the unique features of our community are being ignored by our Board of Supervisors," said President Larissa Berry. "These changes will forever alter the Granite Bay which we all chose as home: a rural, unique community with an award-winning general plan that includes diverse homes and lifestyles, open spaces and great schools for our families and future generations."

The group emphasizes that they are not "anti-development" – they encourage APPROPRIATE development that conforms to the Granite Bay Community Plan. This plan was democratically approved in 2012 with projections to full build-out by 2035. Accelerated growth impacts services such as fire, police, schools, water, roadways, and sewers triggering unanticipated system upgrades as maximum capacities are pre-maturely exceeded. Approval of spot rezones on sites zoned for large acreage single family homes with 2 and 3 story memory care campuses, zero lot line homes and home sites requesting 50% coverage will negatively impact our community in a cumulative fashion. Once the land is paved, it will be too late.

Donations can be made to secure technical experts, mailings, and other general expenses. A **GoFundMe** site has been created: <https://www.gofundme.com/2dqzsz8>

The organization has a **website** (www.DefendGraniteBay.org) and a **Facebook** page to communicate and provide timely updates.

About Defend Granite Bay: [Defend Granite Bay](http://www.DefendGraniteBay.org) (DGB) is a group of business and community leaders united in their resolve to protect their community from developments that are inconsistent with the Granite Bay Community Plan and the Placer County General Plan.