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Subject: Comment Submission for Countywide Community Plan Draft

Inland Empire Citizens Action Committee (IECAC) is a coalition of several groups in the Inland Empire. We reject the San Bernardino Countywide Vision and have signed resolutions condemning this because it embraces the progressive agenda of sustainable development (SD); hence, it embraces centralized planning as evidenced in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), which are recommendations being used by cities, counties and unelected Councils of Governments (GOGs) and stakeholder groups across the State. According to the County, the Countywide Vision is the foundation for the Countywide Plan; therefore, both are SD programs and by default, the Community Plans are, too.

Republicans

The platform of the Republican National Committee and California Republican Party are opposed to the agenda of sustainability and sustainable development. The San Bernardino Republican Central Committee has a resolution opposing this agenda. *Republicans need to be aware of this because if they support for these kinds of programs, they will opposing their party.*

Democrats

With the recent passage of the gas tax and subsequent passage of cap & trade adding direct costs to consumers of 75 cents with ensuing fee increases for vehicle registration, Democrats have lost their narrative on Climate Change.

The foundation for Climate Change is social justice to help the poor. Democrats can no longer make the social justice argument.

We realize that the series of meetings for the community plans are apolitical; however, we felt compelled to respond because there is considerable push-back in many cities and communities regarding SD as more people become aware of this scheme. Furthermore, since climate change has been politicized, cities need to be aware of this. For example, the current administration has:

- Pulled out of the Paris Climate Accord
- Proposed removing renewable energy tax credits.
- 100% Repeal Obama Clean Power Plan

We reviewed the Muscoy draft plan; however, we feel that many of the questions and comments pertain to all other community plans for unincorporated areas of the County.

The Countywide Plan: Review of Muscoy Draft Community Plan

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In 2015, the County of San Bernardino launched an effort to go further than any county or city has ever gone with a general plan by creating a web-based comprehensive “complete county” plan. General plans are almost always strictly rule books for guiding development and growth... Its web-based format provides a wealth of easily accessible data on how the County operates, and allow independent research using County data and information

1. What is meant by “comprehensive”?
2. What is meant by “complete county”?

Both of these terms are SD terms.

The Muscoy Community Plan appears to be a way to institute social equity

by offering discriminatory favor for special classes. This is accomplished through relative action plans, which cloak urban planning while seemingly promoting rural amenities and language. All of this is to be administered by “Champions and Action Leaders”, both unelected positions. The plan espouses providing services through non-profits and churches via “partnerships” through “Joint-Use Agreements (JUA)” — Never mind that communities via residents, clubs and churches have functioned just fine without the interjection of a government sanctioned community plan and agreements in the past.

The thrust of the plan seems to mask the primary goal of land inventories for zoning interpretations as evidenced by published maps, which includes High-Density Development (HDD) zoning. Of course, these promote SD — See page 15, Action Statement A.1.

Finally, the plan mentions partnerships throughout, endorsing by name non-profits, organizations and churches that can help realize the plan. Public-private partnerships are a way for government to favor business and nonprofits who provide their services for the general public via endorsements. Found in Benefit Corporations, this entities gain special favor if they agree to SD programs — This is called cronyism and discriminates against entities that do not support SD.

Over the past four years, in San Bernardino County, taxpayers have footed the bill for a nonprofit fundraiser called “Give Big”. To date, The Community Foundation has been paid \$375,000 to coordinate the event. It cost taxpayers 27 cents for every dollar raised. This program is an oxymoron because taxpayers already give in advance! — In our view, this program should be cancelled.

Page 6: The Action Plans Are Not Set in Stone

The Action Plans are to be used to guide community actions and are not “set in stone”. Champions and Action Leaders are suggestions, but your community has a better idea of the best Champion for individual actions. The Action process is a general set of tasks that can be modified by the Champion, Action Leaders and/or Action Teams to best fit your community. The community should feel free to make changes and find alternatives for completing actions.

3. Who specifies the job description for Action Leaders/Champions?
4. Where is the job description for the Action Leaders/Champions?
5. Where do these individuals get their authority and who do they report to?

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Page 6: Printed Version of Plan Not Available

This printed version of the Draft Community Plan is provided as a courtesy for simplifying community review, but may not be available once the online version of the plan is finalized.

Comment

Since all planning is relative and data-based and the County eventually will not provide hard copy reports of plans, there is a potential for misconduct – Web pages change all the time and URL links die. This denotes the most basic lack in control in our view.

6. Will the County supply reports at additional cost for those that don't have access to computers?
7. How will the County comply with Federal and State mandates for the impaired?

Page 9: The Plan as a Living Document

The Community should consider reviewing its plan annually to celebrate what was accomplished and make changes to the plan, as necessary, to ensure it is a relevant work plan. Communities should report back to the San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department, Planning Division as they complete actions to ensure their plan is updated online with success stories included on their website and at least annually to ensure their action plans are updated reflecting completed actions. As communities complete their Action Plans, the County will determine when to revisit the community to expand or modify their action plans.

Comment

This paragraph alludes that control lies with the community; however, the County is in ultimate control. Furthermore, the plan is being sold as a “living document”. This is very disconcerting because there appears to be lack of central control points as evidenced in the quote above. A living document by definition is a relative document

The plan is meant as a way to organize activities and provide overall direction to move the Community forward.

8. Forward is a progressive term. Why does the community have constantly move forward within the context of a facilitated relative community plan?

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Action Statement A.3: Establish joint-use agreements with Muscoy Elementary School and the PAL Center for the community to utilize existing soccer fields and green spaces.

Comment

Communities are already doing these kinds of arrangements.

9. How do communities benefit with a County sanctioned JUA compared to what they are currently using?
10. Who creates JUAs?
11. What is the legal condition of a JUA contract?

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Opportunities for joint-use programming can be identified through the community-based physical asset inventory...described in Action Statement A.1. By identifying opportunities for joint use, recreational facilities and programming can be expanded in Muscoy in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The community can facilitate expansion of recreational opportunities without incurring additional cost or constructing additional facilities.

10. |What are the specific mechanics of joint use agreements; who will execute the contracts?

Partnerships: Including Public-Private Partnerships

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Joint-use agreements (as described in Action Statement A.3) could create sustained partnerships between religious institutions and the community for the use of buildings and open space owned by churches.

11. What is meant by “sustained partnerships”?
12. Who would be parties to a partnership?
13. What is the legal partnership entity filed with the Secretary of State including dissolution provisions?
14. Who administers and controls the partnership?

Comment: Maps

15. Since the plan is relative data driven plan, what is to stop zoning changes without voter input and/or approval?