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I have lived in the Rock Creek Mesa community for 21 years. I came to Rock Creek Mesa for the aesthetics, for the peacefulness and quiet nights, stargazing, and the wildlife. Restructuring our "country" way of life to "big city" life is everything I moved away from. I can't imagine it differently. This will cause me great distress. The stress I will encounter from the barrage of noise from construction machinery and trucks, the pollutants from construction machinery and trucks, the overpopulation in a very limited space, the fear of negligence in fire safety, and fear of my own safety and well being.

I oppose the for the following reasons:

The cost of infrastructure to the community goes far beyond the builder's pockets. The aftermath of the zoning will require additional expenditures reaching in the millions of dollars. Such expenditures include:

- Restructuring our fire department: new equipment & vehicles/increased personnel/new building
- Restructuring Sheriff's Dept: increased policing/increased personnel
- Traffic Flow on Hwy 115: widening streets/extra lanes/perpetual repairs
- Schools: build new schools (Ft Carsen will not be able to take on much more, if any, new students)/loss of student bussing
- High density housing: fire will quickly spread to neighboring houses, destroying a whole community

Restructuring the community will eventually be the burden of the Rock Creek Mesa taxpayers. It is unconstitutional to enforce higher taxes for purposes of another's profit, especially, one who has no regard for the community, its people and its landscape.

In 2014, the average household income for this area was approximately \$27,000/annually. I can be certain it has not changed, if any, by much. The rezoning proposal will put the burden of these costs on taxpayers who live paycheck to paycheck. We expect our elected officials to act and respond accordingly by voting against the issue of rezoning and prevent the destruction of our beautiful community. It is unimaginable to think that they would vote otherwise. If they don't vote against rezoning, they are not true Coloradans.

It would be disconcerting to think our elected officials would vote to enhance the wealth of others, rather than to protect its community's way of life, their welfare (physical, emotional and financial), the safety of the community, our children's safety and education, and wildlife preservation. All must be considered when rezoning and restructuring the landscape, as follows:

1) Safety:Fire

A) Patio Apartments/Condos - Fire safety awareness.

- Tossing cigarettes off the balconies
- Tossing fireworks off the balconies
- BBQs on balconies

B) High Density Housing

- one house fire can burn a whole community down;

-fire will spread immediately to the neighboring homes and each home will spread the fire exponentially.

C) Natural Disaster

-Road Congestion/Roadblocks further endangering residents;

-Lack of Exits (Ingress and Egress) for the number of cars leaving simultaneously during evacuations;

-Increased risk of property loss (home and land);

-Increased risk of loss of life.

2) Safety:Policing

Increased crime rate;

Predators coming into the community;

-Children won't have the freedom and safety to play outdoors as they currently do;

-All Properties (Home and Personal) will have to be secured at all times.

3) Destruction of Nature and its Habitat

A) Natural Aesthetics

-Hwy 115 South is the most beautiful scenic highway in Colorado Springs wherein high density housing will tarnish such landscape;

-The increase in population will increase debris and pollution;

-The increase in population will take away the peaceful, quiet community life we currently experience.

B) Wildlife

-It's not summer without the community bear(s) and their pups or the roaming deer and their fawns;

-I work from home and my workstation faces my window. I see so many different birds, many I have never seen before. I have only taken an interest in birds since working from home watching them perch on my backyard tree. I have yet to identify all the birds I've seen. I have definitely identified the Mexican Spotted Owl perched on my branch staring me down. Also perched on my branches are blue jays and cardinals, and birds I can only describe as not belonging to this area.

C) Public Health Concerns

- Emotional Distress & Wellness

due from Overcrowding the area

due from Noise Pollution

due to Construction interference and noise related to non-stop machinery, equipment and trucks;

due Air Pollution from construction machinery, equipment and trucks.

Thank you for considering my opposition to this matter.

Best regards,

Christine Throw