

**DATE:** August 31, 2023

**SUBJECT:** OPPOSITION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT-COLORADO PUMPKIN PATCH/COLORADO KIDS RANCH

**TO:** Ryan Howser  
PCD Hearings

**FROM:** Alton & Amelia Gansky  
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Canterbury Drive is a narrow, winding, rural residential road. Most days, it is used by walkers, bicyclists, and horseback riders. During Colorado Pumpkin Patch season/events, the sheriff places a speed-monitor trailer in front of our house to deter speeding. This trailer is placed on top of a hill, producing a "choke point" of heavy, two-way vehicle traffic, making it dangerous for drivers, walkers, and horseback riders. With no shoulders on either side of Canterbury Drive and steep ditches, this is a very unsafe situation.

**We are opposed to any increase in Colorado Pumpkin Patch operations.** We have been made aware by the El Paso County Planning and Community Development, that the Colorado Pumpkin Patch owner(s) have already breached their current event permit: exceeded the 50-vehicle-at-a-time rule (300+ vehicles at a time have been photographed), have not provided a paved and/or grassed parking lot, planted trees to help mitigate excessive amounts of dust created by the vehicles, to name just a few violations.

**The county has defined Canterbury Estates as a "rural, equestrian community and all gravel roads will remain gravel."**

**If El Paso county approves a commercial operation, i.e. Colorado Pumpkin Patch/ Colorado Kids Ranch as a year-round, agritainment site, then the county will have to change the designation of the current Canterbury Estates and pave all gravel roads.**

Under the current Colorado Pumpkin Patch permit agreement, we request that a Highway 105 special-event entrance be created, with traffic directed by the sheriff's department, and paid for by the Pumpkin Patch. This temporary entrance for up to 50 vehicles at a time would not be a problem.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.