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RE: P231 Map Amendment Rezone 1825 Summit

Dear El Paso Board of County Commissioners:

My family became Black Forest residents in 1965. Until my mother passed in 2006, the Barron family resided in the original home of the Flying Horse Ranch. Once extending 6000 acres from the Black Forest to the Air Force Academy, when Highway 83 was relocated earlier that same year, it bisected the ranch home from its farmhouse and entranceway.

In the 1980s, my mother was active in the "Save the Black Forest" campaign resisting the town's incorporation into the city of Colorado Springs. One of the foundations of that effort was preserving the rural landscape with a minimum of 5-acre housing lots amongst its tree-covered landscape.

RR-5 zoning creates a 5-acre district designed for a low-density, rural, single-family residential development. That statute has preserved the privacy and beauty of the properties to the north and east, unlike the abominable sprawl of houses to the south and west, which blot out the land and overuse its precious resources.

In the area to be impacted by the proposed rezoning for 1825 Summit Drive, I now own a home on five acres across from the historic and uniquely beautiful Fox Run Park. While this proposal may benefit one family financially, such an action will be at the expense of every property adjacent to Old Northgate and on either side of Roller Coaster Road. It will not only lower the value of each landowner but, more importantly, it will forever alter the distinct rural nature of this community with more trees and wildlife than people.

For four decades, I have served as a teacher, counselor, and coach for our upcoming citizens. From experience, I can assure you that our future resides in our stewardship of what has made the Black Forest unique. Its 100,000 acres, dominated by tall Ponderosa pine trees, remains unincorporated for a reason.

Sincerely,

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Note: Letter is also attached. You have my permission to make this letter part of the meeting's record.