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>> Hello, I am sending a last note asking not to approve the Mountain Springs Recovery in Northern El Paso County. I am afraid of negative changes to my present neighborhood, and would like to bring up some additional facts for consideration.
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> Please remember that there is an existing treatment facility in Palmer Lake, called the Recovery Village at Palmer Lake, an addiction treatment center not located in a residential nor educational area. It appears to operate at about 50% of capacity.
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> Closer, to Mountain Springs Recovery, two little known existing businesses are currently operating nearby off Woodmoor Drive. Innova Recovery Services, at 1824 Woodmoor Drive, suite 101, serves the community as an outpatient clinic to overcome addictions. It is in a less conspicuous location. They have a web site at innovarecovery.com.
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>> Laughing Lion Herbs, located at 1875 Willow Park Way, suite 103, is now selling and distributing with Kraton and CBD oil . Web site - laughinglionherbs.com, a 24 hour vending machine with access code given online . This facility is right next to Lewis Palmer Middle School. These products seem controversial. Was this company approved by the county also? They seem to be running a lucrative mail order business.
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>> The Tri Lakes Community has not really welcomed drug related businesses. A Methodone clinic in the city of Monument clinic was opposed in recent years with a very active group. The City of Palmer Lake opposed the sale of Recreational Marijuana in the November 2018 election by a wide margin. The Tri Lakes Area has been noted to have the largest percent of Senior Citizens in the county, who are very much opposed to more people coming into the community with substance related problems, and changing their environment. Unfortunately, the newly proposed facility is in an unincorporated area, and local residents have been unable to share their concerns, which are overwhelmingly unfavorable.
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>> The proposed drug and rehabilitation center, operated by Sunshine Behavioral Health, now named Mountain Springs Recovery, seems misleading , as there are no Springs, nor is it in the Mountains, but is adjacent to a brewery that can be seen, and a Park and Ride and interstate 25, which could be areas of drug transactions. It appears to not be serving the local community, but more of a “ fly them in to be a money-making venture”. Something like this should be in a remote location. The newly developing fence will not deter comings and goings of their temporary residents, nor protect children passing by on their travels to and from school.
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> Originally, the Woodmoor Improvement Association had a grant to create a walkway to connect schools, but now it goes right by the SBH center.

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>> The Local paper , the “Tribune” headlined on November 28, indicated a need for more officers, because of an increase of crimes, and current stress on law enforcement groups. Please read the article. Here is a quote from Monument Police Chief Jacob Shirk.

> “ We are a major thoroughfare on the highway for drugs and narcotics that are being transported, and Monument seems to be an easy stop for them to stop and take a rest break or conduct their business in our town”

>> Consider the detriment to the community if this facility is approved.

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> Sincerely, Joan and Edward Ryan, Tri Lakes Area residents since 1981

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