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City of Calabasas
Planning Commission
City Council Members
100 Civic Center Way
Calabasas, CA 91302

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I would like to voice our opposition to the pet kennel property being considered for high-density housing units. I am sure the commissioners involved in community planning are, or should be, aware that Saratoga Hills and Saratoga Ranch communities are already well above the number of housing units using one ingress/egress the county of LA considers acceptable.

In fact we already have almost double the number of homes that should use only one access.

In addition to the traffic problems that would be exacerbated by increasing the allowable density the Quality of Life this city brags about would most certainly be reduced for the current residents. Our small little group of residences is already dealing with noise, dirt and congestion the 120 homes currently being lived in over what is considered optimum by the county for our single access. Just in case none of your commissioners are aware of it we have also been dealing with the Traffic Dirt and Noise from the landfill, which also uses the only Saratoga escape route.

As far as I have been able to find out there are no plans approved, or perceived as eminent, to create additional access. Until such time as there are additional avenues to evacuate in case of emergencies Fire/Earthquake etc. No additional housing units, high or low density, should be approved for our neighborhood.

The City of Calabasas has any number of options that would be more acceptable and safer than the Rancho Pet Kennel where the soils are very unstable as was proven in the 1994 earthquake.

If there is no problem with very high-density, low and very low income zoning, why not consider it for a property in our neighborhood.



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