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Mendocino County

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Planning & Building Services

Dear Planning Commissioners:

My name is Tim Karas and I am a resident of Ukiah. My comments concern the planning application for Garden's Gate Subdivision. The lack of housing in the Ukiah Valley is an important issue facing the Ukiah Valley. Many leave our county due to the lack of available housing stock.

As the leader of one of the major employers, Mendocino College, in Mendocino County, housing is a significant barrier to retaining and attracting employees. People leave after being frustrated in the inability to find housing to raise a family. Or they relocate to neighboring counties with more housing opportunities and commute long distances. This is not good for the environment, local schools, or businesses/shops. Additionally, especially for positions requiring advanced degrees or technical knowledge, the lack of housing is a deterrent to people accepting positions.

Thank you,  
Tim Karas