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Dear Atty. Livingston,





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We hope this email finds you well. We wanted to clarify that our delayed response to your letter dated June 7, 2024, was not due to disregard, but rather our efforts to navigate the situation with the time and sensitivity it requires. Since receiving your letter, we have met with several representatives from El Dorado County and wanted to be sure we could provide you with the most up-to-date information following those meetings. Our preference has always been to engage in open communication with the Department of Planning without involving legal counsel. Our primary objective is to obtain the Notice of Exemption and secure our permits, while addressing both community concerns—particularly from the Rescue neighbors—and the County's concerns.

In July 2024, we met with Supervisors Parlin, Laine and Hidahl. The discussions with Supervisors Laine and Hidahl were highly productive, providing us with valuable guidance and highlighting concerns we have since worked to address. However, during our meeting with Supervisor Parlin noted that she considers this now a legal matter, an interpretation with which we do not agree, and we are disappointed by it since this now limits further engagement. Despite this, we were able to gather sufficient information to guide our next steps and truly appreciated the opportunity to meet with her.

Our preference has always been to resolve these issues openly and directly, without unnecessarily involving either El Dorado County's legal counsel or our own legal counsel. We believe this approach will allow for a quicker resolution. We have requested a meeting with Karen Garner, Director of the Planning Department, for additional guidance and are awaiting her response.

We also want to share with you that we are working on a letter to Director Garner to address some of the key points you raised in your letter, as some of her concerns closely align with yours.

Again, our apologies for any inconvenience this delay may have caused and appreciate your understanding.

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