

June 12, 2024 Reno City Council Meeting - Item # C.4 LDC23-00021 (Valley View Estates)											
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Re: BDuplantis Opposition Letter to Agenda Items C2, C3, C4 and C5 (Valley View Estates)

Barry Duplantis <bduplantis@remsa-cf.com>

Tue 6/11/2024 9:33 AM

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Madam Mayor and Members of City Council,  
I would like to clarify that my opposition to Valley View Estates C2, C3, C4 and C5 is my personal opposition. I accidentally distributed the email from my office email portal this morning, rather than my personal email because I am in my office. While responses and transport volumes are high in this area, I am not expressing an objection on behalf of REMSA. REMSA will service the community regardless of what is decided by the City Council. I apologize for the confusion created regarding my email portal. Please do not hesitate to call me if there is further confusion.

Respectfully,  
Barry Duplantis  
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On Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 8:27 AM Barry Duplantis <[bduplantis@remsa-cf.com](mailto:bduplantis@remsa-cf.com)> wrote:

Madam Mayor and Members of City Council:

June 10, 2024

**Reference: Public Comment Regarding Public Hearing Items: C.2, C.3, C.4 and C.5 (Valley View Estates)**

My name is Barry Duplantis for the record. I am a City of Reno resident living at 10478 Claim Jumper Way and I am the CEO and President of REMSA which provides emergency services throughout our community, including the area of this proposed project. I've also been a CPA since 1985, and my fiscal management ability is evidenced in the organization that I lead. My signed letter is attached and highlights are noted below.

**I am strongly opposed to the Valley View Estates proposal due to detriments to public safety and community lives, traffic congestion and related issues, and unfavorable financial impact to the City. I believe in growth and innovation, but this project will create challenges that the City is not prepared or equipped to address, neither with equipment, resources or funding.**

**1. The Fiscal Impact Analysis of the Valley View Estates is flawed and misleading. It does not result in a net positive impact to the City. It is actually a net cost that will pass to all citizens of Reno via the street fund.**

**2. The Fiscal Impact Analysis states that this project results in a "net positive fiscal impact" for the City, but that is only if we assume 0% inflation for the cost to maintain streets for the next 20 years.** If we increase the estimated Street Fund Expenditures by the same 3% applied to the General Fund, the project Expenditures exceed projected Revenue in the fifth year and continue to be unfavorable for the City for every year thereafter. In other words, this project which is based on 44 homes turns negative in year 5 (by 2029, if this project is approved today) and it will cost the City more than it collects, a net cost of (\$408,500) based on 3% annual inflation. The project turns negative in year 5 with either 44 or 39 homes.

**3. Fire protection and preparedness.** The Analysis states that the 2021 Reno Fire Department Annual Report, Station 12 had 2,625 calls for service in 2020 which the report states are below the 3,000 calls that the station could handle. However, 2020 call volume was lighter because many people sheltered in their homes due to Covid restrictions and the area has experienced significant population growth since 2021 and station 12 call volume now exceeds 3,000 calls per year: 2022 had 3,389 and 2023 had 3,472 calls, which is over Station 12 capacity.

**4. Police protection and preparedness.** There is already much unmonitored illicit activity happening on Claim Jumper Way and Tellurium Mine Drive such cars and motorcycles speeding at night, vandalism of resident's cars parked in driveways, fireworks on the Virginia Range, vandalism of the horse containment gate on Tellurium Mine Drive, and postal theft.

**5. EMS responses and preparedness.** The proposed area is one of the toughest areas that REMSA serves due to the remote location, lack of access roads and streets, and non-linear configuration of access streets. Our EMS transports (responses were greater, not all callers needed to go to the hospital) to area hospitals from the 89521 zip code were 3,231 and 3,193 for 2022 and 2023, respectively. These figures are consistent with Station 12 fire responses.

**6. Traffic and Traffic Congestion:** The 89521 Zip Code includes an extreme number of apartment units, many of which are just completing construction now. Road projects are underway at the Steamboat and Veterans Parkway intersection, but these improvements do not appear to be sufficient to provide for smooth flow of traffic in and out of the neighborhoods. This proposal will add approximately 80 additional cars through the existing streets (Claim Jumper Way, Palisades Community, and Rio Wrangler) and this whole additional wear and tear on existing roads is not included in the project analysis.

Note: the approved Canyons Project has not started, and we do not know what the vehicular impact will be on Claim Jumper and the Palisades neighborhood and surrounding streets and roads. There are two primary entrances into the Canyons PUD and proposed Valley Estates (one via McCauley Ranch and the other via Western Skies) and both feed into Claim Jumper.

**7. Fire Insurance Availability for Proposed Homes:** This proposed Valley View Estates project is on land that transitions from rural to frontier terrain and these homes may have difficulty with availability and cost of fire insurance.

**8. Wildlife Inventory with Nevada Department of Wildlife and Geotechnical.** It is not clear that all the previously raised issues regarding this project have been addressed.

**9. Typography: Road construction on this land will likely require various types of bridges or crossings to navigate vehicles in a typical manner.** The costs and requirements of these structures are not acknowledged or addressed in this project. This typography is more frontier-like with only a few occasional flat spots and the Developer should be prohibited from excavating the mountain ranges that currently exist. Additionally, I understand that this area may be more prone to earthquakes. We experience tremors occasionally on Claim Jumper Way.

**Please do not approve this unnecessary and poorly conceived project. It will burden the City with these concerns and risks to public safety and community lives, traffic congestion and related issues, and unfavorable financial impact to the City.** As a taxpayer and citizen of the City of Reno, this project would be to the City's detriment, and it will drain the City of resources that could better serve the greater community. As the leader of our EMS services, I think this project is a mistake for our community. Housing remains a concern for our City, but this proposed project is not in the best interest of the City and its citizens. This is a tough service area for all our public service resources.

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