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**Subject:** Rancho Canada EIR

Hello Ron,

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Riverwood Community Association at 4000 Rio Road, Carmel, I have been appointed to represent our property owners in matters concerning the proposed Rancho Canada development.

I spoke with Chad Alino last week concerning the proposed west access to Ranch Canada from Rio Road and want to put our concerns in writing, but am unable to locate Chad's email on your web site.

The EIR states that

"Rio Road could be developed as either a through road, a local access road, or as an emergency access road." ("Chapt. 3.7, page 31). If we read the report correctly the project, as it stands now, envisions a local access road.

A local access road across the levy would create significant vehicle traffic (1300 daily trips, with 200 per hour peak - page 39 of the Rancho Cañada Residential Development Traffic Study Appendix D). The levy is elevated, so that the vehicle wheels would be at the same height as the windows of our units and pass within a few feet of some, creating an unacceptable noise and visual impact for our residents. Additionally, the steep climb from Rio Road onto the levy would increase noise levels and create a safety hazard. As far as we can determine, the EIR addresses none of these problems.

Our Board's position is that the only acceptable mitigation would be limiting access to emergency vehicles and pedestrian traffic. This is an agenda item for our next Board meeting. We would appreciate a response within 15 days.

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