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Subject: **93-SFB-GPB-CZB-ZOB-0243 & 97-SDP-0037** –
SUNRISE DOUGLAS COMMUNITY PLAN/SUNRIDGE SPECIFIC PLAN

Dear Supervisor Nottoli:

I am writing to you today to ask that you defer your decision to certify the EIR for the Sunridge Specific Plan until the community of Rancho Cordova, and the other affected community planning areas, have had an opportunity to review the latest revised conditions related to the water supply for the proposed project.

Over the last twenty years the watershed, within which the proposed project is located, has been extensively studied and monitored for ground water contaminants and habitat destruction. Much effort has gone into reclaiming and preserving habitat along the lower Consumnes, Deer Creek and Laguna Creek. Additionally, a great deal of effort has been invested in identifying and monitoring ground water contaminant plumes of TCE and Perchlorate spreading westward through the aquifer under Rancho Cordova and the proposed project area, from which future development will need to draw from for some of its water supply needs.

During this time, various EPA, State and County studies and EIRs were performed regarding this area, and as the process has moved along, each time new findings, new mitigation measures or project scope and/or conditions changed, the public was always afforded a reasonable amount of time to review and comment.

Now that a project has finally come to fruition, after years of study and analysis, it is even more important to continue in sincere support of public participation and review of the process. Considering the devastating effects water contamination has had on the quality of life and property values in Rancho Cordova, as well as property values for Aerojet, it seems impetuous and hasty to move forward without providing citizens within the affected community planning areas an opportunity to review the latest revised conditions related to the water supply for the proposed project.

The project proponents have worked a long time to comply with environmental standards, and the allowance of one more public review of their latest revised conditions will only help ensure avoiding future legal and political difficulties, as well as ensure that there are adequate mitigation measures to protect water users.

I hope you'll strongly consider deferring your decision to certify the Sunridge Specific Plan EIR until the communities involved have had the opportunity to examine the revised conditions related to the water supply for the proposed project. I would also implore you to meet with Neighborhood Eyes prior to the certification of the proposed project EIR and help members of our community and project proponents to find common ground on the question of an adequate and safe water supply for our community.

Sincerely,

Donald Childs Jr.
Supporter of Neighborhood Eyes