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Mr. Mike Novo
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Dear Mr. Novo;

I have serious reservations about the current General Plan, GPU4, and its DEIR.

GPU4 is legally inadequate because it understates most of GPU4's impacts on the environment, and the DEIR does not describe GPU4 accurately. For example, the DEIR does not accurately identify the total number of residential units that could be accommodated under the Plan (i.e., at build-out).

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GPU4 is based on the 1982 Plan which includes a buildout of 229,000 units. The GPU4 DEIR uses a buildout number of about 54,000 units. As a consequence, the DEIR dramatically underestimates impacts on transportation, water demand, air quality, noise, and public services. The law requires that 229,000 units at a minimum be used in the DEIR.

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The DEIR does not identify that GPU4 would allow subdivisions throughout unincorporated Monterey County. Impacts on biological resources, safety and agricultural resources are vastly underestimated. The assessment of alternatives to GPU4 draws the wrong conclusions because it does not accurately identify buildout for either the 1982 General Plan or GPU4. GPU4 would allow hundreds of thousands of acres of steep slopes to be converted, further endangering wildlife, oak forests; view shed and water quality countywide.

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In its assessment of alternatives, the DEIR identifies the Community General Plan Initiative as the environmentally superior alternative, but incorrectly states it would not provide enough room for growth. It also inaccurately states that it was developed by one organization without public input.

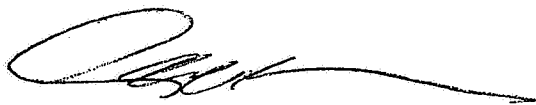
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The Community General Plan Initiative accommodates growth that meets AMBAG's population forecasts through 2030. The Initiative was developed by several non-profit public community interest organizations. It is based on the Community General Plan that included seven public workshops involving hundreds of members of the public. The Initiative provides for ultimate public participation - a vote of the people.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darryl Kenyon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Darryl Kenyon