SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF BERNALILLO STATE OF NEW MEXICO

MATTHEW CONE, ALBERT SANCHEZ, JUSTIN KNOX, and GLORIA BACA, Appellants,

VS.

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2nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
Bernalillo County
6/17/2019 8:33 AM
James A. Noel
CLERK OF THE COURT
Brittany Tso

No: D-202-CV-2019-03654 Judge: Denise Barela Shepherd

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Appellee, and

VALENTINE P. SAIS, RON A. PEREA, and RIO GRANDE HUERTA, LLC, Interested Parties.

# MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD UNDER SCRA 1-074(I)

Appellants through counsel move the Court under SCRA 1-074 (I) for an order that the record in this case ("Record") be supplemented as set out below. Appellee (herein the "BCC") and Interested Parties object to this Motion.

The Record as filed is 3,195 pages. However, the Record after page 843 is mainly duplication. For example, the transcript of the County Planning Commission ("CPC") hearing on February 6, 2019 appears 4 times in the Record (R 000567-000698; 001410-001541; 002246-002377; 003019-003150). Likewise, hundreds of pages of form petitions are duplicated various times in the Record.

The Record should be supplemented to include papers presented to the BCC (or the BCC's agents) for the BCC's April 9, 2019, hearing of Appellants' appeal to include:

 Letter dated March 6, 2019 on behalf of Appellants concerning alleged violations of the Open Meetings Act ("OMA") (the "March 6 OMA Letter").

- Response from the BCC's counsel dated March 21, 2019, to the March 6,
   2019 OMA letter (the "March 21 OMA Response").
- Letter dated March 22, 2019 on behalf of Appellants requesting admission of "new evidence", the "Planning Records" (the "March 22 New Evidence Letter").
- The "Planning Records" (146 pages) submitted with the March 22 New Evidence Letter.
- E-mails between counsel concerning receipt of the March 22 New Evidence Letter and the "Planning Records".
- 6. Appellants' application to invoke the "20%" rule.

Copies of the papers in Items 1-3 referenced above, and the first page of Item 6 above, are attached (to comply with the 25 page exhibit rule).

SCRA 1-074 (H) (2) states that the record on appeal shall include:

(2) a copy of all papers, pleadings, and exhibits filed in the proceedings of the agency, entered into or made a part of the proceedings of the agency, or actually presented to the agency in conjunction with the hearing, which shall be organized by date submitted to the agency beginning with the earliest paper or pleading;

As noted on the first page of each of the March 6 OMA Letter and the March 22 New Evidence Letter (from Appellants' by counsel to the BCC), these letters were actually presented to and received by the BCC's agents in conjunction with the hearing by the BCC. Copies of the "Planning Records" were included with the March 22 New Evidence Letter. The March 21 OMA Response was sent by the BCC's attorney to Appellants' counsel with copies to the BCC Chair and other BCC staff and the applicant's counsel. Item 5 (e-mails between counsel concerning receipt of the March 22 New Evidence Letter and the Planning Records) indicates that the March 6 OMA Letter and the March 22 New Evidence Letter were received on behalf of

the BCC. The first page of Item 6 (Appellants' application to invoke the 20% rule) shows that Item 6 was received by BCC staff.

The March 6 OMA Letter, the March 21 OMA Response, the March 22 New Evidence Letter, the Planning Records, and the 20% rule were referenced in the Record filed by the BCC in this SCRA 1-074 appeal.

Concerning the OMA issue, Appellants raised the OMA violations in their appeal to the BCC (R 718, 719) and their March 22, 2019 argument letter which referenced the March 6 OMA Letter (R 729). The BCC did not appear to discuss or consider Appellants' OMA issue at the April 9, 2019 hearing. Apparently, the OMA issue was decided (without a hearing) for the BCC by the BCC's counsel in the March 21 OMA Response.

Concerning the "new evidence" issue, Appellants through counsel referenced the March 22 New Evidence Letter in their separate argument letter dated March 22, 2019 (R 724-730). As set out in the March 22 New Evidence Letter, the "Planning Records" are relevant to Appellants' issues raised in their appeal to the BBC concerning OMA violations, the true "apartments" nature of the application, how the application should have been processed, and lack of due process. Appellant Justin Knox requested the admission of the "new evidence submitted on March 22, 2019" (R 774). Staff did not object to accepting the "new evidence" into the Record (R 791). The BCC Chair and BCC staff said the following concerning the "new evidence" (R 792):

CHAIR HART STEBBINS: Can you be a little more specific about what's in the envelope? I'm just curious. I mean, obviously we're not going to have time to read it within the hour we have left in the hearing.

MS. VEREECKE: Madam Chair, this is doc – and I haven't looked at it really carefully, but it is documents about communication among staff and communication between staff and the applicant that the appellant feels are relevant in their case. Although, they did not bring this up in their case. But, it's emails and notes from meetings that took place between the applicant and staff.

The applicants through counsel were "fairly neutral" to admission of the "new evidence" (R 792). The BCC Chair and the BCC's attorney said the following, concluding in the BCC Chair denying consideration of the "new evidence" (without a vote) (R 793):

CHAIR HART STEBBINS: Thank you. And I just want to ask staff, so the intent of entering them into the record would be to inform the Commission, which given the time is unlikely.

MR. GARCIA: Madam Chair, yes, that's the purpose of new evidence, if you find that it would help you decide this case. And this is just as a way of suggestion, just to take a quick look at and see if it's something you might consider, and decide at that point whether you would want to accept it as evidence.

CHAIR HART STEBBINS: This is up to the Commissioners. Is there any Commissioner who would like to accept this new evidence at this point in time? I think the Board's decision is that we do not consider it at this point in time.

The March 6 OMA Letter and the March 21 Response should be included in the Record because they were actually presented to the BCC's agents, and indicate how one of Appellants' appeal issues was handled. The March 22 New Evidence Letter (including the "Planning Records") should be included in the Record because the March 22 New Evidence Letter and the "Planning Records" were presented to the BCC, even if the BCC chose not to review them and denied any consideration of the arguments and materials.

Concerning the "20%" rule, BCC staff noted (R 764) that "the 20% rule does apply to the vote of the BCC if they wish to uphold the CPC decision" (R 000764). Appellants' application for the "20%" rule should be included in the Record because it was actually submitted to BCC staff.

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Motion to Supplement the Record Under SCRA 1-074(I), was mailed to Michael Garcia, Esq., Bernalillo County Legal Dept., 520 Lomas Blvd., NW, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Albuquerque, NM 87102-2118 and Blake Whitcomb, Esq., Hunt and Davis PC, 2632 Mesilla St., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, this 17th day of June, 2019, and was electronically filed through the electronic filing system for the Second Judicial District Court, which caused counsel of record to be served via electronic means, as more fully reflected on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

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Claim of Violations of Open Meetings Act in CSU2019-0001

Dear Ms. Hart Stebbins, Ms. Morgas Baca, Mr. Gradi and Mr. Hamm:

This office represents Matthew Cone, Albert Sanchez, Amanda Webb Knox, Justin Knox, Gloria Baca and Carlos Baca ("Appellants") in connection with this letter. Appellants are appellants in COA2019-0001, which is an appeal of a County Planning Commission ("CPC") decision, for a special use permit for 1300 Gonzales Rd. SW (CSU2019-001). Please place this letter in the record for COA2019-0001.

It appears a material zoning policy interpretation and other zoning decisions under the County Zoning Ordinance ("CZO") for the referenced special use permit application were made in closed meetings contrary to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act ("OMA"). This letter is to provide notice of the alleged OMA violations pursuant to Section 10-15-3, NMSA 1978.

The Bernalillo County Commission ("BCC") is a policymaking body under the OMA and is subject to the OMA. The BCC has delegated authority to the Zoning Administrator and to County staff under the CZO. For example, as to the delegation of authority to the Zoning Administrator, Section 3(A) of the CZO states:

Section 3. - Interpretation and conflict.

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A. Interpretation. The Zoning Administrator shall interpret the regulations and restrictions of this ordinance in accordance with the purposes and intent of this ordinance. Disagreement with the Zoning Administrator's interpretation may be appealed to the County Planning Commission and then to the Bernalillo County Commission pursuant to the Administration Section of this ordinance.

The Zoning Administrator is subject to the OMA for decisions made under his delegated authority to interpret the regulations of the CZO. It would appear that other County staff-related bodies with delegated policymaking authority such as the "Case Review Committee" ("CRC") also are subject to the OMA.

For the referenced special use permit application, the Zoning Administrator apparently met in closed meetings with County staff and the applicant's agents and interpreted the CZO that the applicant's development application should proceed as an application for a special use permit under Section 18(B)(23) ("Planned Development Area") rather than under Section 18(B)(32) ("Specific use") or a straight zone change. Closed meetings for the project apparently were held on June 15, 2018, September 6, 2018, October 26, 2018, and November 15, 2018. There may have been other closed meetings. The meeting held on October 26, 2018 apparently was a CRC meeting. Copies of notes taken by staff members Catherine VerEecke and Stephanie Shumsky, respectively, for the meetings are attached as Exhibit A and Exhibit B. The closed meetings formed public policy and determined the basic elements and conditions for the special permit use, and prepped the applicant for the CPC hearing.

The Zoning Administrator's interpretation that the applicant's requested use should be treated as an application for a special use permit for a "Planned Development Area" rather than for a special use permit for a "Specific use" or a zone change resulted in staff's recommendation of approval for a "Planned Development Area" and in a substantially different standard of proof for the CPC hearing.

As best Appellants can tell, Appellants and the public were not given appropriate notice of the meetings or of the Zoning Administrator's interpretation of the CZO.

Appellants request that if the Zoning Administrator is to interpret the CZO as to the applicant's requested use, that interpretation be done at an open public hearing pursuant to the OMA and the CZO; that any meeting of staff including the CRC with the applicant for substantive decisions relating to the application

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be an open public meeting compliant with the OMA; and that the County respond to this letter within the statutory fifteen (15) days.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

cc w/encl: Michael Garcia, Esq.

Blake Whitcomb, Esq.

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### Stephanie Shumsky

Subject:

CRC - East end of Gonzales Road Co-Housing SUP

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Start: End: Fri 10/26/2018 9:00 AM Fri 10/26/2018 9:30 AM

Recurrence:

(none)

**Meeting Status:** 

Meeting organizer

Organizer:

Stephanie Shumsky

Required Attendees:

Elvira Lopez; Robert Pierson; Catherine VerEecke; Blaine Carter; Julie A. Luna; Megan Marsee; Giovanna Jaramillo (ZN); Zoning Conference Room; Timothy Trujillo; Mari B.

Simbana; Nick Hamm; Gabriel W. Maestas; Tom Kay; Karl Redmon

Name of Customer: Peter Rehn (architect)

Phone number of Customer: 505-681-6836

Email of Customer: n/a

Address/Legal description of proposed site: East End of Gonzales Road

Parcel size: 3.7+/-

Zoning: A-1

Existing Special Use Permit or Conditional Use description: n/a

Zone Atlas Page: K-12

Proposed Use/ question: Co-Housing pre-app/SUP site plan prep (we've met with them several times) — the architect is preparing the site plan and may have specific questions for public works, natural resources, transportation and planning

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### BERNALILLO COUNTY POLICIES AND CONDITIONS SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA (PDA) FOR CLUSTER HOUSING BY RIO GRANDE HUERTA LLC

SITE LOCATION: MRGCD Map #40 Tract 88 A1A1 (at east end of Gonzales Rd. SW) Zone map: K-13-A Total 3.72 acres + Tract 87B1 + Tract 88A1A2 CASE NO:

CPC HEARING DATE: January 2, 2019

#### CONDITIONS:

The site is comprised of three vacant parcels, one large and two smaller parcels, that are currently zoned A-1. There are single-family R-1 lots to the northwest, west and south, and a residentially occupied A-1 parcel to the north of the site. The east side abuts the MRGCD Atrisco Drain and a public trail. The only access to the larger parcel is via Gonzales Road at the NW corner; the two small triangles are landlocked and accessed through a private home lot at the SE side. Re-platting will combine the three parcels into a single 3.72-acre Planned Development site. Gonzales Road will be the only access to the site.

There is no irrigation ditch access on these parcels. The sellers of the larger tract are part of the original farm family, but have been unable to farm the land, so it has been listed for sale for several years. The site has a non-operational well that may be

restored for agricultural irrigation and site landscape use.

The site is between Central Avenue and Bridge Boulevard in a Developing Urban Area and Residential Area 5, where a dwelling density of up to 9 units per acre is permitted, as adopted in the Southwest Area Plan. SWAP Policy 66, which updates the South Valley Agricultural District boundaries, prioritizes agricultural land preservation south of Lakeview Road, several miles south of this site.

PROPOSED USES: 50 P To This proposed cluster housing/co-housing project of 30 units is being created and driven by its future residents (Rio Grande Huerta LLC) using an eco-village model of Net-Zero energy use, Zero Waste strategies and maximizing water conservation. The building footprints shown on the site plan allow for all porches, terraces, breezeways, etc. that may extend from the buildings.

The site plan shows the 30 housing units in compact clusters, which will leave 35% of the site for agricultural uses and shared open space. Site agricultural uses include, but are not limited to, orchards, community gardens, a vineyard and berry patch, fishpond, greenhouse, chicken coop, and garden composting.

The site landscape will be primarily native and drought-tolerant species suited to the sandy alluvial soils of the property, preservation of existing large cottonwoods, and and sims maintenance of healthy existing trees along the site perimeter.

A community house, children's play areas, a pool, and landscape commons will be shared by the site residents.

The project will meet the Bernalillo County Water Conservation Ordinance (Section 30-241-30-251) Subject to further analysis and design opportunities that arise, water conservation strategies currently anticipated are:

Passive water harvesting on 45% of the landscape area,

Smart irrigation controller,

Soil-amendment program during installation of landscaping, and an

Exterior management plan to reduce water use, chemical use, and water runoff.

The County motor vehicle parking requirement of 60 spaces -- 2 spaces per unit-and bicycle parking of 1 space per 2 units will be met. Traffic impacts will be mitigated with ridesharing, shared car ownership, biking, and public transit use, part of the environmental low-impact philosophy of this cohousing community. (The Central Avenue bus stop is a seven-minute bike ride along the Bosque trail from the site.) There will be controlled access points to the trail at the NE and SE corners.

hat limits The proposed uses require no major or un-programmed capital expenditures by the County. Gonzales Road dead-ends at the site. Internal circulation is the developer's responsibility and meets fire department access requirements. The drivable surfaces other than the entrance apron and handicap parking spaces, are permeable or semipermeable to allow for aquifer re-charge permeable or paved

POLICIES:

The Southwest Area Plan (SWAP) policies recommend Cluster Housing Development to preserve open space, scenic views and some agricultural uses (See pages 26 & 47 of the SWAP). The changes and uses are not in conflict with the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan (2013), or the SWAP, or of any nearby uses.

The A/BC Comprehensive Plan's concerns and strategies regarding issues related to growth are more easily met with this zoning to address alternative & renewable energy, bicycling and pedestrianism, public safety, reinvestment in older areas, agricultural land use and scenic vistas.

The relevant policies adopted for Developing and Established Urban Areas:

Policy d.6) (cluster development)

Policy e (infill incentives) -

Policy f (clustering of homes, shared open spaces, oriented towards pedestrian and bike ways)

Developed Landscape:

p() Policy a, (the natural and visual environment respected, a determinant in development decisions),

Policy e, (design and materials shall be in harmony with the landscape, scenic vistas).

**Energy Management:** 

Policy a, b, c 3) (encouraging use of alternative, renewable energy and cluster housing for community energy systems) Transportation /7 Yansiti

The special use permit being requested is appropriate and advantageous to the community for several reasons, per Resolution 118-86 Section 1. C. & E (3).

PDA Cluster housing allows for much more open space and more efficient land use than suburban R-1 lots that have been developed in the South Valley, and:

Allows renewed agricultural uses as part of the open space. — Sith happy of the Preserves views to the mountains and the bosque for nearby neighbors.

· Helps buffer the bosque from neighborhood homes and activities. \_

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Promotes neighborhood cohesion and safety, with residents able to watch out for each other and for potential crime or vandalism. Some current neighbors of this property mentioned that the current uncontrolled access from the Bosque trail has been a serious nuisance for them. - how - transients , gat.

Assures high and consistent maintenance standards, as the cohousing association will manage the entire site.

Allows for efficiencies of utility use and lowers living expenses for residents.

Allows and facilitates sharing of labor, resources and community activities.

Allows for consolidated strategies for solid waste reduction, recycling and composting.

Allows for a range of home size, price and accessibility for a diverse population ranging from singles, families with children, to retirees. The developers have been in discussion with Homewise on possibly providing a subsidized down payment for a qualified buyer not able to pay the full down payment amount.

Allows this to be a diverse community in all ways—and to fit in to the South Valley's agricultural, natural, ecological, ethnic and cultural heritage..

#### Neighborhood notification and communication:

Outreach to neighbors and South Valley neighborhood associations has been extensive and varied:

- South Valley Coalition & Vecinos del Bosque NA meetings
- · Door to door petition to the neighbors within 200 feet of the project site
- Public Neighborhood Lunch in Valle del Bosque Park on September 9
- Public Open House in Vecinos del Bosque Park on November 18
- Ongoing conversations with neighbors and interested parties
- Neighbors' input has been heard and, when possible, adjustments made.

There also have been several Open House events in the past year to discuss what cohousing is and generate interest in joining this cohousing project (only the second one in the Albuquerque area.) Publicity has been through the news media, the www.cohousingABQ.org web site, social media, flyers, personal contacts and referrals.

Before filing this application, the applicants' agents mailed the official notifications to the applicable Neighborhood Associations per County Ordinance 94-4. (See attached notification confirmation.)

The project's professional architectural design team consists of Peter Rehn of RMKM Architecture, P.C., Jonah Stanford, AIA, of Needbased Inc., and Faith Okuma, AICP, RLA, of Surroundings. Cohousing development consultant is Marianne Dickinson of Acequia Jardin.

Respectfully submitted, Marlies Metodi, Project Manager Rio Grande Huerta LLC (Applicants' designated agent)

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2. Discussion of opposition; recommend work with neighbors; work to address concerns

3. Site Plan Feedback access from homes to parking lot.

4. Address concerns from neighbors in justification

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March 21, 2019

Hessell E. Yntema. III 215 Gold Ave. SW Suite 201 Albuquerque, NM 87102

Re: Your letter of March 6, 2019

Dear Mr. Yntema:

We have received your letter of March 6, which alleges that the Zoning Administrator violated the Open Meetings Act by talking with applicants in CSU2019-0001. It appears your client misapprehends the process this case took, since at no time did it proceed through the Zoning Administrator. As a result, these allegations are wide of the mark for several reasons.

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First, Mr. Nicholas Hamm, who happens to be the County's Zoning Administrator, was not acting as the ZA in this instance, but merely as a member of the Planning and Development Services staff, informing the applicants of the different approaches they could take in applying for their special use permit before the County Planning Commission. This is true because Mr. Hamm did not decide any aspect of this case as the ZA; rather, the matter proceeded from the Planning Department to the County Planning Commission, which made the recommendation of approval. Accordingly, Mr. Hamm was not a "public body" under the OMA when he offered options to an applicant.

Moreover, his meeting with the applicant was no more "closed" than were your client's meetings and discussions with PDS staff closed, when your client met with staff to discuss IPRA requests and the appeals process.

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Julie Morgas Baca

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Especially to the point, however, is the fact that PDS staff made no determination whatsoever to approve or deny the applicant's request at any of the meetings you mention, nor did they have authority to make any such decision—this was a matter for the CPC, which clearly held an open meeting. This decision-making or policy-making authority is an essential element of an OMA claim, and is notably absent here.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael I. Garcia

Assistant County Attorney, Adv.

cc:

Maggie Hart-Stebbins, Chair, Bernalillo County Commissioner
Julie Morgas Baca, Bernalillo County Manager
Enrico Gradi, Bernalillo County Planning & Development Services Director
Nicholas Hamm, Bernalillo County Zoning Administration
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

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Request for Admission of Planning Records COA2019-0001/ CSU2019-0001 (1300 Gonzales SW)

Dear Chairperson Hart Stebbins and Commissioners:

This office represents Matthew Cone, Albert Sanchez, Amanda Webb Knox, Justin Knox, Gloria Baca and Carlos Baca ("Appellants") in COA2019-0001, which is an appeal of a County Planning Commission ("CPC") decision, for a special use permit under the County Zoning Ordinance ("CZO") for 1300 Gonzales Rd. SW (CSU2019-001). Please place this letter in the record for COA2019-0001.

This letter is to request admission of "new evidence" relating to the County's decision-making for the applicant's application (herein the "Planning Records"). The Planning Records consists of 146 pages (enclosed and page numbered; references below are to pages of the Planning Records). The Planning Records were not presented to the CPC. Appellants obtained the Planning Records after the CPC hearing (held on February 6, 2019), from the County in response to requests under the Inspection of Public Records Act.

Appellants submit that the Planning Records are relevant to the appeal and the decision for the special use permit application. The Planning Records show, among other points, that:

1. The County's Zoning Administrator (Nicholas Hamm) apparently ruled that the application should proceed as an application for a special use permit for "Specific uses", which would be under CZO Section 18(B)(32). The Planning Records show the following: p. 34: "specific use"; p. 35: "SUP for R-2 uses per Nick", "SUP for Specific uses: 1) N/A 200' Support, 2) unique conditions"; p. 45: "Support from property owners w/in 200' required". However, the determination that a "Specific use" special use permit was required was later changed apparently by staff to that a "Planned Development Area" special use permit under CZO Section 18(B)(23) (with a different standard of proof more favorable to the applicant) would be required. The Planning Records show: p. 51: "need to change to Special Use Permit for PDA"; p. 55: "SUP for PDA Cluster Housing Why did NH not want this?"; p. 96: "Call it Planned Development Area";

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- 2. The application really is for R-2 uses in an A-1 zone (p. 34: "R-2 uses apartments"; p. 51: "driven by R-2 requirements"; p. 47: "with the special use permit we are seeking the (sic) add the multi-family categories of the R2 zone to the A1 zone");
- County staff and the Zoning Administrator met with the applicant's representatives in numerous closed meetings, to discuss and effectively decide policy, with delegated authority from the County Commission under the CZO, in violation of the Open Meetings Act; and
- 4. County staff improperly assisted, encouraged and coached the applicant (for example, pp. 104, 107, 127, assisting the applicant in contacting objecting neighbors and monitoring and responding to opponents; pp. 64-66 and 72-73, editing and revising the applicant's proposed submissions; and p. 145, releasing the staff report early and preferentially to the applicant).

The Planning Records generally show that staff rigged the CPC process in favor of the applicant. Appellants should be allowed cross-examination of Planning staff in connection with the Planning Records.

Appellants request that the County Commission accept the Planning Records into the case record for the hearing on their appeal scheduled for April 9, 2019.

Very truly yours.

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#### 20% Rule Form

# CERTIFICATION OF OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE (to be completed, when the 20% rule is invoked only)

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Albuquerque, NM 87105	
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