



Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

RE: follow up email on staff recommendation of 40%+ increase in TIM Fees for Zone 8

On behalf of the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce we are concerned that the County has lost sight of their adopted 2016 Strategic Plan; <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/StrategicPlan/Pages/Economic-Development.aspx>. The first goal, **Economic Development; enable a prosperous and vibrant economy.**

Six objectives for Economic Development in El Dorado County

- Attract, develop and retain businesses that provide economic sustainability and quality job creation
- Increase employment opportunities by improving workforce development skills
- Invest in infrastructure needs to improve and maintain competitiveness
- Strengthen the County's business-friendly reputation
- Develop and maintain an economic development plan that is time relevant and community and market oriented
- Provide diverse workforce housing options - balance jobs with housing

The Chamber is not an expert on the mitigation fee laws. The Chamber does have a good understanding of the barriers involved in starting a new business in El Dorado Hills.

The proposed TIM fee increase is a huge barrier to those trying to open a new business in El Dorado Hills. The recent action taken by the County to increase fire fees on new businesses is an additional hurdle on opening a new business as well.

The fee increases and adjustments to fees will be an impediment to our business community resulting in the opposite effect of your stated objectives.

We urge you to reconsider staff recommendations for the TIM fees for Zone 8, the area targeted for business attraction in El Dorado County.

Respectfully,

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