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Dear Supervisors,

I've lived in the highlands for almost 20 years now. We love this community because it's a great and beautiful place but also because San Mateo County is a smart and well-managed county.

Which is why I am so surprised and disappointed to see this circumventing of the rules that should be guiding approvals.

To keep this brief I will focus on the fact separately and in aggregate **the proposed changes cannot be dismissed as "minor modifications."** The grading plan, the size of dwellings, and the documented presence of endangered species are significant by any common sense and legal definition, and should therefore follow the review process for major modifications.

Some key points for your attention:

- 1) **The grading plan is now more than double** the original on a hill with documented slides and unstable geology. How is double defined as "minor"?
- 2) While the EIR stated that the site was not habitat for the White Tailed Kite, that bird in fact is a found here. Other residents will no doubt send you pictures of this magnificent creature.
- 3) **The developer has an unfortunate track record of misleading the County and the Highlands - please see the attached photo** comparison of elevations promised to the County vs what was actually built. This is just one example among many other violations of trust Why should this developer be gifted the benefits of a "minor modification" review when they cannot even live up to their earlier written promises in less sensitive areas of the Highlands?

I sincerely hope that you will address this issue. Reject efforts to slide under the radar and ignore promises made to the community.

Thank you for your attention.

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