

Mike Raber - City of Sedona: Comments on Plan Amendment Proposal

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We want to hear what you think. Please share your thoughts below.

If you have questions about a proposal, please enter your contact information so that we can respond.

1. Proposal Name:

(o) Pinon/89A Multifamily Plan Amendment Proposal

2.

What are your comments, concerns, ideas, and suggestions about this proposal?

Comments:

I am extremely alarmed about this proposal. State Highway 89A has wound up becoming far more congested and gridlocked as time goes by. At this point it fails to move the traffic it routinely has adequately. Now days traffic congestion is in West Sedona on weekdays and during off-season months in addition to during the high season. The traffic congestion and gridlock problems are detrimental to citizens and tourists alike. They are a health issue as well as an atrocious inconvenience.

How are residents living in Uptown supposed to get to the Medical Center in case of a heart attack or stroke before they die? How are people living in the Village of Oak Creek, who must drive congested, gridlocked SR 179 in addition to 89A, supposed to make it to the Medical Center in time to avert a medical catastrophe in case of an emergency? Allowing more than 12 DU/AC in West Sedona is an egregious precedent to set. The current 12 AC/DU high limit is abominable for traffic as well as for health, welfare and safety. The City must not be in denial about the traffic nightmares it already has due to the lack of roadway infrastructure.

I am opposed to the Pinon/89A Multifamily Plan Amendment Proposal.

3. Your contact information

Name: Jean Jenks
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4.

Would you like to receive notices about this proposal, such as public meeting dates?

(o) No

Thank you,
City of Sedona

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1. Proposal Name:

Not answered

2.

What are your comments, concerns, ideas, and suggestions about this proposal?

Comments:

Totally oppose high density multifamily zoning approval. Not what Sedona is about.

William Spring

3. Your contact information

Name: William Spring
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Mailing Address: 2305 Edgewood dr

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Would you like to receive notices about this proposal, such as public meeting dates?

(o) Yes

Thank you,
City of Sedona

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From: Audree Juhlin
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Audree Juhlin, Director
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>>> Michael Raney <mike@otesports.com> 9/5/2017 11:24 AM >>>

Audree,

Here is what I have: Please let me know if there are some changes you need or if there are any glaring spelling/grammar mistakes.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today in support of higher density zoning and the Pinion Apartment complex . Sedona is facing a unique challenge right now in terms of how the community will look in the near future. Prices are going up and the people that live here are moving out. It is harder and harder for people to make a living in town and be able to rent or purchase a home. This is making it impossible to attract new talented people to the area and retain the flavor that makes sedona what it is.

What am I talking about?

The median household income for Sedona according to the last census in 2015 for Sedona is \$55,135 per year. Meaning that half of the households make more and half make less than \$55,135. That also is a combined income of the house. If this median wage earner pays 25% of their income to rent then they need to be renting a place for \$1,149 per month. What do you get in Sedona for \$1149 per month?

Sedona Elite Properties as on 8/31/2017 has one 2bdr apartment in the Village Of Oak Creek that is under \$1149

Foothills Property Management has three 1bdr apartments starting at \$900 and going to \$1150

Sedona Properties has no rentals under \$1300 per month.

So in this example half of all the households in Sedona either have to rent 1bdr apartments for their whole family or move out. We are not talking about min wage earners here who make \$10 per hour or \$20,800 per year, we are not talking about the lowest earners we are talking about the bottom half of all households in town. What I am trying to illustrate is that we are not talking about low income housing that brings in crime and problems we are talking about housing that is affordable to our teachers, police, fire, and other professionals that are being priced out of Sedona.

In the last year my business has lost 6 employees due to the higher cost of housing. We also hired another employee that accepted an employment package and then could not find housing within 30 days ultimately giving up and not moving here. Cottonwood is not the solution for housing. While it is cheaper people want to live in Sedona for the same reasons we do. Sedona is never going to be the same price or offer the same things, but there should be an option for a professional hard working person to live here. These people understand that there are compromises to living here and that for the same price as their one bedroom apartment they could rent a much larger house in Cottonwood. We should encourage people to live and work here, quality of life is what will attract the best people for all of the businesses here and what will make our community well rounded and more interesting.

We will lose the flavor of Sedona if everyone moves out. We always want to preserve what Sedona is, but by not investing in the people that live here we are not preserving, we are changing it at the fastest rate possible. This is why I believe that Sedona should take every step to make this a well rounded community and one of these steps is allowing for higher density housing.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Raney

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Mike Raney

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