

South Tahoe
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

P.O. Box 7695
South Lake Tahoe, California 96158

April 6, 2015

**The Honorable Members of the
Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County**
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, California 95667

Re: Ad-Hoc Meyers Area Residents Concerns, Meyers Area Planning Process

Dear Honorable Members of the Board:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the South Tahoe Chamber of Commerce who voted in support of this communication at its meeting of April 6, 2015.

The South Tahoe Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors supports the request of the Meyers Group Ad-Hoc Committee (and members of our Chamber) that communicated with all of you via electronic mail on March 16, 2015.

The South Tahoe Chamber of Commerce supports a clearly defined, transparent, and inclusive planning process before any action is taken by the Board of Supervisors to approve a new Meyers Area Plan. We understand that the concerns for transparency, adhering to the letter and spirit of the Brown Act, and inclusiveness are not new issues as they have been brought to the Board's and staff's attention several times over the last year. We are looking optimistically to the newly seated Board to address them.

It is unfortunate that recent County Counsel opinion has precluded our newly elected Supervisor from participating in decisions affecting her District. We urge the County to seek an independent counsel opinion in this regard, seek an opinion from the FPPC if necessary, and seek judicial relief if necessary as was done in the case of "[Mayor] Jerry Brown v. Fair Political Practices Commission, No. A091305, 00 C.D.O.S. 8391, 2000 Daily Journal 11157, filed October 12, 2000." The intention here is to give a voice to our elected County Supervisor on matters of importance to her District.

At a minimum the Meyers Group and the South Tahoe Chamber support an unbiased and independent survey of the entire Meyers Community to determine their preferences for a new community (or "Area") plan. We understand that organizations like the National Research Center (NRC) can conduct such scientifically valid surveys for local governmental agencies in a collaborative process with all interested parties.

Finally, the South Tahoe Chamber supports the Meyers Group Ad-Hoc Committee request to have an item placed on the agenda of the Board of Supervisors to discuss the Meyers Area Plan, process, and concerns, and how to ensure the community will have elected representation for the Meyers plan update.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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

George Alm
President

C: Board of Directors
Meyers Concerned Residents and Business Owners
Interested parties