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David,

Thank very much for taking the time to write.

My short answer is, yes, I would probably support the proposed Home Depot project that I understand would also include a diverse range of smaller retail and restaurant businesses --but ONLY after appropriate traffic mitigation and other mitigations that are required under CEQA and ONLY after I've had a chance to listen in earnest to folks who live in the area.

I realize that my response may not be what you want to hear, but I assure you that I'm an independent decision maker free of any ties to special interests.

My desire for more/better economic development is simple: Carefully chosen, well planned retail/commercial development will deliver long-term strategic value to our community. Today a ton of sales tax dollars is flowing downhill to Folsom and other parts of Sacramento County.

If we don't capture some of those dollars leaving our county, we will continue to flounder economically, face even greater budget short-falls in the future, and suffer diminished services. And, we'll become more vulnerable to the kinds of development we absolutely do not want.

I've always said that El Dorado county's government (and its General Plan) are in desperate need of better vision and consistency. The best thing I can do as your County Supervisor is to enhance our general plan so that it does a better job of clarifying our long-term objectives, what the vast majority of residents support. We're definitely not there yet. As your supervisor I will be working with residents to reach community-embraced solutions on a host of decisions affecting our future.

I welcome any questions and hope for your support.

Best,

Harry Norris

p.s. I am sending a copy of this response to Mrs. Shelley Mills, since she also has asked about my views on the Home Depot project.