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**RE: DOWNTOWN FORD PROJECT (PO4-106)  
Corner of West El Camino and Orchard Lane**

Dear Ms Cosgrove:

I strongly oppose the relocation of the Downtown Ford Dealership to the corner of West El Camino and Orchard Lane. The South Natomas Community Plan (SNCP) calls for "Community Commercial" development at this site. The Development Services Department, Planning Division, is circumventing the SNCP by allowing a car dealership on this corner. As a nearby resident, I urge the Planning Division to stick with the SNCP to protect the quality of life for our neighborhood.

The Ford Dealership is inappropriate at this intersection for a number of reasons:

- A car dealership will preempt the opportunity for any future neighborhood-friendly services on this corner, such as a yogurt shop, an ice cream parlor, book store, pizza parlor, card/gift shop, or copy center. All of these retail businesses will provide real services and serve as gathering places for neighbors and children.
- A car dealership provides no services to the adjacent neighborhoods. The customer base for the car dealership will be people outside of the neighborhood.
- Dealership customers will be test driving cars on neighborhood streets. Who wants to live in a neighborhood where there will always be strangers driving around every day of the week?
- My neighborhood has both an elementary school and a middle school so there are lots of children walking to and from school. It is inappropriate and dangerous to have people test driving cars in this situation.
- A car dealership does not meet the definition of "Community Commercial" as outlined in the master plan. For a car dealership to go on this corner, the Planning Division should be ordering an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a change from the site designation outlined in the SNCP. The Planning Division is being evasive and manipulative in an effort to avoid such actions.

The people who live in this neighborhood and have children in schools near this corner hope to see this intersection developed into a neighborhood center serving the families who live here. As a local resident of this neighborhood, I strongly oppose the relocation of the Ford Dealership to the corner of West El Camino and Orchard Lane.

Sincerely,

cc: Mayor Heather Fargo, City Hall, 730 "I" Street, Suite 321, Sacramento, CA 95814  
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