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Land Use Advisory Committee
Statement of Interest Information Sheet

Name: Judith Riley

Land Use Advisory Committee area: District 5, Toro Land Use Advisory Committee

Number of years residing in that land use area: 36

Occupation: Retired

Past experiences pertaining to architecture, building, community issues, construction, environmental concerns, forestry, landscaping, land use issues or other matters are listed below:

1. Prior to moving to this area (36 years) together with my husband, Daniel Riley, we were owners and builders on two homes - the last one in Hillsborough, CA. During that timeframe I took classes in architecture, building, community issues and construction which led to growth of knowledge in environmental issues. Establishing a balance between building codes and HOAs were always an issue. When our property in Markham Ranch was purchased, we were determined to follow all code requirements and protect our piece of nature. We have always supported the land use recommendations in our beautiful area.
2. Upholding land use protections are of great interest to me. The resources in this community are sensitive and the natural environment must be protected. I want to be part of supporting and maintaining that protection.
3. When I first purchased our land on Markham Ranch, I was in awe of the ancient oak forest. We were given an award (thanks to Richard Rhopes) in 1988 for the proper planning of developing virgin land loaded with wildlife and native plants into a housing development in Sunset Magazine. It was a prestigious award at the time and a good balance of preserving the flora and fauna by blending buildings in clusters, avoiding major excavating, and building "ticky tacky boxes". Following building codes and land use restrictions are a "win-win" - it preserves value, saves the environment, improves fire safety and helps relieve community services.

Reason that I wish to participate as a member of my land use advisory committee:

1. Our area is considered the "Pastures of Heaven".
2. Geographically our area is unique.
3. Hearing of past anecdotal issues that have occurred- thank goodness we have a Land Use Advisory Committee.