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## Fwd: Opposition to Potential Land Use Code Changes

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To All Pitkin County Commissioners,

I am writing in response to the most recent proposed changes to the County land use codes. Over the last 25 years working in Pitkin County there seems to be changes to the codes every other month which I think has created more confusion than help. I think that the best interest to the people would be to identify what the people want but there seems to have been very little public outreach on this subject. The tourism and real estate businesses are the largest contributors to the tax base and local income throughout the valley, all the way to Grand Junction. I don't think that a 40% reduction in above grade allowable square footage is the answer the locals are looking for. The reduction of max square footage will erode sales and construction revenue county wide. Regarding "Sunsetting the TDR system": "don't fix it if it ain't broke". The TDR System has worked well for Pitkin County and the well-being of its residents. How can you dictate how people are allowed to spend their money?

Regarding the Medium-Term issues, you need to consider what people want and how they want to spend their money. Limiting construction and square footage will only stunt the Aspen communities economy, and does not fit in with why Aspen attracts a unique group of residents. Considering the political turmoil and the pandemic in this country, why is it time now to make more tumult?

Rick Halevy

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