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Planning Committee,

Having been a resident of Juniper Canyon for 15 years, I wish to state a very strong OPPOSITION to the building of the Dollar General store at the proposed Juniper Canyon Road location. This type of chain store is NOT a good fit for our residential area.

- 1) The increased TRAFFIC is a major concern. One egress & ingress has been a concern in the canyon for years. No RESPONSIBLE county commissioner would ever consider further endangering their citizens without first addressing the fact that Juniper Canyon population has outgrown the only ingress/egress that exists. I pray it does not take a tragedy for this to be addressed.
- 2) This is not a retail district! The parking lot and exterior store lights are light pollution and are not welcome in this residential area. It will have a greatly negative impact on quality of life and property values, especially for those living close to the proposed location.
- 3) Dollar General is known to pay lower wages than regular grocery stores & has been repeatedly cited by OSHA. A simple search will show it to be an unsafe, uncaring corporation.

"Dollar General has racked up more than \$21 million in fines from the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration for having blocked fire exits, dangerous levels of clutter and more Dec 7, 2023. "

"Citations were issued for four repeat and four willful violations for unsafe electrical cords, fire extinguishers that were not inspected, crushing hazards, and conditions that would prevent employees from exiting the store safely in an emergency. OSHA has proposed \$367,216 in penalties. May 23, 2023"

- 4) Negative impact to our existing water resources.
- 5) The septic and wastewater systems will negatively impact environment and/or traffic depending upon the system.
- 6) Fire department and medical emergency response in this area are not equipped for a retail site of this size.

Respectfully,

Frank and Kimberly Simpson

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