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**From:** Judith Williamson [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Karen Diemer; Brett Watson; Sofia Pereira; Susan Ornelas; Paul Pitino  
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Dear Counsel:

It is my understanding that the applicant now proposing The Village housing development has indicated that the project's financial viability dictates either (1) it must be an all-student dorm-type project, such as previously submitted, or (2) if mixed market housing, it must accommodate a much higher density.

If those are really, truly the only options the applicant will consider, I strongly urge the counsel to — immediately and unanimously— deny both project proposals.

Apparently the applicant now owns the old Craftsman Mall property, and it would certainly be in the City's interest to work out a housing arrangement at this site. But demanding this stark and unwelcome choice, between two highly undesirable options, is simply unacceptable.

The applicant may well be behind a rock and a hard place, and one can certainly sympathize — but that is not sufficient reason to acquiesce. The fulfillment of Arcata's housing needs does not hinge on this site, or this developer.

Furthermore — no matter what configuration or density the applicant may yet propose — recirculation of their previously proffered (inadequate) EIR, to address significant impacts to traffic, would be a basic imperative.

Please, please deny the current project alternatives, in either form.

Thank you very much for reading this,  
Judith C Williamson  
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