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EL PASO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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The Honorable Representative Matt Gray
Colorado State House; Transportation & Local Government
200 E Colfax Avenue
RM 307
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Rep. Gray & Committee Members,

The Board of El Paso County Commissioners is writing you to express its support of House Bill 19-1274.

Colorado Revised statutes, 30-28-103 and 30-28-133 authorizes the Board to appoint a County Planning Commission and directs the County Planning Commission to develop, propose, recommend, and enforce subdivision regulations for all land within the unincorporated areas of El Paso County.

While the Board has previously established processes for review, recommendation, public hearings, and appeals, we recognize that these processes can sometimes impose a costly and/or overly burdensome regulatory framework on both the applicant and the County. This is especially true for larger development projects and also for proposals that significantly alter plans previously approved.

Like many areas of the country, El Paso County is dealing with a shortage in affordable housing for its citizens. Passage of HB19-1274 would help to address this issue by giving the Board the power to delegate certain land use determinations to professional staff, thereby reducing applicant wait times and minimizing unnecessary government processing requirements.

Protections in the bill ensure that the Board continues to retain authority around the expenditure of public funds, as well as the approval of any exception to, waiver of, or deviation from any state or county requirement regarding the subdivision of land.

For these reasons we ask you to vote yes on HB19-1274.

On behalf of the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado


Mark Waller, Commissioner

