

**Letter to the Editor: Press Democrat, 03/18/2024**

**A 'gross overreach'**

EDITOR: The Sonoma Developmental Center proposal in its current state is a gross overreach. My argument is simply against the proposal to add 930 homes and a 150-room hotel, which adds about 2,500 people and 2,200 cars per day.

Not to mention the fact that two other approved plans just down the road near the Hanna Boys Center will add even more cars. All we have to do is think back to 2017 and see how difficult it was to evacuate from the fires on Arnold Drive with the current population, let alone add more cars to the mix.

This proposal also would ruin the wildlife corridor, which is critical to the natural environment in Sonoma, Napa and Marin counties. Effectively they are installing a cement wall that will impede wildlife from migrating back and forth between their centuries-old routes.

I urge the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to curtail severely this preposterous plan. Listen to concerned citizens. Aside from ruining the natural landscape, this could be a disastrous path in the event of another evacuation, be it fire or earthquake.

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