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Dear Editor:

Even though the Church of the Woods project has been under consideration for years, important decisions are about to be made. On January 23<sup>rd</sup> the Planning Commission endorsed the project. Now it goes before the County Supervisors in the fall – September 15<sup>th</sup>. This public hearing could approve the project and then we will have major changes to our mountain entrance.

The Project involves the development of a church campus on an undeveloped, environmentally sensitive property right on Highway 18 in Rimforest... The campus would include an assembly building/children's ministry, a youth center gymnasium, a maintenance building/caretaker unit, a 600-seat worship center, various recreational fields and parking. The facilities would be developed on approximately 13.6 acres of a 27.12-acre property.

The Project calls for 311 parking spaces. 311 parking spaces are an excessive amount.

The heaviest traffic would be on Sundays. This is a major day for tourists to be leaving the mountains. The installation of two traffic lights and the future of other stop light locations will cause traffic congestion on the mountain as tourists are leaving. Creeping traffic will lead to an undesirable experience and cause tourists to decide to go elsewhere. There is a potential of economic loss for the mountain communities.

I consider the above land use description an ill-advised over use of this property due to threatened species, the loss of vital, irreplaceable natural resources and wildlife habitat of significant ecological importance and traffic concerns. It does not fit in with our relaxed mountain ambience. Widening of Highway 18, traffic lights and tons of soil removed by heavy trucks is not what we want.

Sincerely,

Sue Walker

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