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Request for coverage

A Press Conference will be held at the entrance of Hidden Oaks Estates on Evans Road (between TPC Parkway and Green Mountain) on Monday, December 17th at 7:30 a.m.

Century Oaks Residents Fear Increased Traffic from Proposed New Schools and Subdivision is a Recipe for Disaster

On Tuesday, December 18th, Bexar County Commissioners Court will consider approval of the final platting of several Enclave units within the Century Oaks Subdivision. The plats include the addition of 1,100 new homes and two Judson ISD schools in northeast Bexar County. Evans Road currently provides the only access to the Century Oaks subdivision and the proposed new elementary and middle schools. Nearby residents and members of the Cibolo Creek Conservation Society contend that adding 15,059 car trips per day to this already heavily traveled stretch of two lane road will endanger all who use this road.

Dana Simpson, who lives nearby, worries that, "This creates a very dangerous situation on Evans Road as Bexar County has no plans to widen the road between TCP Parkway and Green Mountain. Traffic on this stretch of Evans Road is sure to become a big problem if two schools are built here in addition to all the new houses."

The road is heavily used by large trucks transporting product from two nearby cement quarrying operations. Concerned constituents of County Commissioner Kevin Wolff report that he stated that there was no money budgeted to pay for improvements that will be needed to make the road safe.

"When you are coming from Bulverde, if you are turning left into the subdivision where these 15,000 extra cars per day will be entering and exiting, you can easily be rear ended because of the curve in the road.", said nearby resident, Barbara Bailey.

The Cibolo Creek Conservation Society is also concerned about building to such high density on a site that contributes recharge to the Edwards Aquifer. A notice of Intent to Sue has been filed citing violations of City of San Antonio ordinances and the Federal Endangered Species Act.

"We believe that with the cooperation of Bexar County and the City of San Antonio, plans for the Century Oaks subdivision can be amended to a more rational plan for development that will not require huge expenditures by Bexar County tax payers.", said CCCS member, Jim Hardy.

Concerned citizens are invited to contact their County Commissioners and to sign up to voice their concerns at the Bexar County Commissioners Court meeting on Tuesday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the Bexar County Court House (100 Dolorosa).

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