

March 19, 2008

Reno City Planning Commission  
P.O. Box 1900  
Reno, NV 89505

Dear Commissioner:

Thank you for allowing citizens to comment on the Spring Mountain development project, which is Agenda Item VI.4 for your March 19, 2008 meeting. This item requires a zoning map amendment and has been designated as a project of regional significance. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the perspective of the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce, Northern Nevada's largest business organization.

The Chamber supports growth initiatives that take into account surrounding traffic/infrastructure needs and residents' ability to walk to work, shop, eat, and enjoy entertainment. Spring Mountain has worked extensively with every regional government entity to ensure that concerns are answered and needs are met. The plans for improvements to Pyramid Highway, new schools, and police and fire stations prove Spring Mountain's commitment to our community.

Spring Mountain has gone to great lengths to share their detailed plans with anyone who will listen. They met with Chamber officials several months ago and I know that they have been talking with groups all over the area. The plan proposed by Spring Mountain is consistent with the goal of attracting high-quality employers to our area. We must have a variety of housing options available in order to entice companies to locate and expand in our region. This project provides another excellent choice for consumers.

Finally, it must be made clear that this approval is not about annexation. Spring Mountain has stated repeatedly that it does not matter what jurisdiction they are located in. They have a track record of working with every jurisdiction in the area and will continue to do so.

The Chamber therefore strongly recommends that the Planning Commission and the Reno City Council consider prompt approval of Spring Mountain for the benefit of our community, both current residents and future Nevadans.

Thank you for your service to our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me in regard to this or any other issue.

Sincerely,



Douglas R. Kurkul  
CEO



RENO-SPARKS  
CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE