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Dear Planning Commission,

This letter is in regard to the public meeting on May 1, 2012 before the Planning Commission on behalf of our request to redesignate our properties from Rural Reserve to Rural Intermediate on Jensen/Peck proposal PL11-0240.

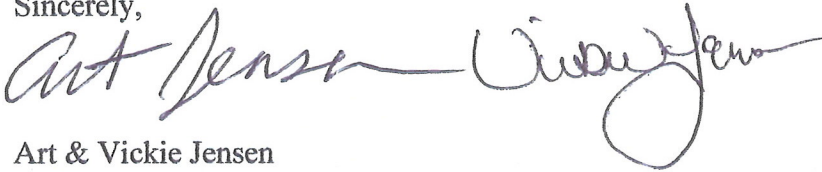
During the public meeting we were very concerned that there were 3 residences to the east and not boarding our properties (shown on map) who were concerned about losing the integrity of the rural atmosphere due to our proposal.

My wife and I have lived in rural areas our entire lives and want to continue that way of live. I own the cattle you saw pictures of during the meeting that were presented by 1 neighbor who opposes our proposal and I intend to continue running a few head, as I have everywhere I have lived. We felt fortunate to be able to purchase our parcel (P3504) from Dan & Rebecca Peck. We purchased our property with the understanding that there is a view easement that is filed with the County so any houses built have to be staggered to minimize blocking views of properties to the east. Pecks were very concerned about their neighbors who had lost views to larger homes.

We have owned our parcel since 2005 and have been making needed improvements for our future here. We have 2 address and driveways, one for our future home off Bayview Rd and one at the existing home built in 1958 off Bayview-Edison Rd. There is a redesigned septic mound at the old house and an approved septic site for the future home. Improvements also include paying \$20,000 in 2008 for a PUD main extension to the corner of Bayview-Edison Rd and Bayview Rd.

In closing we hope the planning commission takes into consideration the previous zoning of the property and the logical boundary that Bayview Rd makes for Rural Intermediate zoning. We have contacted our immediate neighbors boarding us and they gave us permission to say that they do not oppose our proposal and their property locations are shown on the included map. They are Jay & Nancy Overway, Michael & Kathy Jensen, Annabell Jensen, and Linda Mitcham. Full disclosure, the two Jensen families across Bayview Road from us are our relatives, and Annabell was actually born at her parent's homesteaded Bayview Road residence 90 years. One of the reasons we were even looking for property in this area was to move closer to our relatives while also staying in a rural area.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in dark ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Art Jensen' and the second, on the right, is 'Vickie Jensen'. Both signatures are fluid and cursive.

Art & Vickie Jensen

* No objection

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Map No.2
Art Jensen
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