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Re: City of Black Diamond Development Agreements

Dear Mr. Olbrechts:

We are in receipt of your notice that the hearings for the proposed development agreements are scheduled to begin on July 11, 2011.

At our pre-hearing conference, you stated that you would schedule the hearing at least thirty days after the release of the final draft agreement and the staff report.

We have not received the staff report, and believe that it has not been prepared. As you know, the draft development agreement and staff report are inextricably linked. We urge you to delay the scheduling of this hearing until after the staff report is available for review.

We also request that you schedule the hearing for sixty days after the receipt of the staff report. We have contacted our technical consultants and have been informed that their availability on short notice to review these voluminous documents and respond adequately is in serious doubt.

The Applicant and City staff have had unlimited time to analyze and prepare these documents. Indeed, their technical staffs researched and prepared them. To require other parties to have only thirty days to review these documents and prepare detailed written testimony puts us and our experts at a severe disadvantage.

Moreover, the ability of other agencies and jurisdictions to review and respond to these documents is also in doubt. Many of these agencies were not notified about the pre-hearing conference, and have not even received notice of the upcoming hearing. These agencies should receive notice of the hearings *and* be given at least sixty days to prepare their testimony. We would be happy to provide the names of agencies that should have been notified and should have been given an opportunity to respond.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of Save Black Diamond, the Sensible Growth Alliance, and other residents of the City of Black Diamond