

From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [#LandUsePlanner](#)
Subject: Ask a Planner - Web inquiry from Rebecca Morse -
Date: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:03:59 PM

Boulder County Property Address : 3825 Paseo Del Prado, Boulder
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Please enter your question or comment: To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of affordable housing programs and developments within Boulder County. As Boulder County changes and grows, affordable housing options are one of the ways we can clearly and proudly set our city apart as welcoming to all communities. I believe we should do everything we can to ensure that our county maintains housing options that are affordable for our most vulnerable citizens.

Since purchasing my home I witnessed the development of Northfield Commons, Kalmia 38, and the Wonderland Creek Townhome apartments/Habitat for Humanity homes, and now the 4525 Palo Park development. I am glad to see the expansion of housing in my neighborhood and affordable housing in particular. It means we can preserve open space elsewhere, something else that is important to me. Multiple studies show that affordable housing does not decrease home values in existing stable neighborhoods such as Palo Park and can even increase home values. More importantly, I want to raise my children in a neighborhood where they are able to interact with a diverse group of peers. Adding affordable housing to our neighborhood sends a clear message that we want to live and work in an inclusive environment.

Thank you for your time,

Rebecca Morse

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From: [Wufoo](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: County Commissioners Contact Us/Feedback Form. [#523]
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2017 4:16:27 PM

Name * Julia Wingert

Organization (optional) Twin Lakes Action Group

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My Question or Feedback most closely relates to the following subject: (fill in the blank) * Affordable Housing

Comments, Question or Feedback *

Dear County Commissioners,

Thank you for your service. I voted for all of you.

I wanted to write to mention that the group Twin Lakes Action Group is using racist propaganda to prevent affordable housing being sited near their community, a process they call "ghettoization." Also, on their anti-annexation page, they have a cartoon image of what's known as the "Mongolian octopus." It's an extremely racist, harmful, and socially destructive image that was used in the late 1880s and again in the early 1930s to paint Asian immigrants as "rapists and murderers." This particular image was used as propaganda in support of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

Not only is this toxic rhetoric offensive, it might make the public outcry worse when it comes to annexation. People fearing "public housing projects" with their scary images of the TV series "The Wire" attached is definitely a motivator for people to organize to resist perfectly good people moving into perfectly safe and normal affordable housing. Yes, families of color and white families and rich families (compared to the rest of the planet) need affordable housing because Boulder's costs are insane. We trust that BOCC and the City would site any such projects in areas that preserve Open Space, and mitigate the impact on county roads and services.

Please stay the course in conversations with TLAG or other groups, that affordable housing is necessary, possible, and happening in all of our communities, regardless of NIMBY attitudes.

Many thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [#LandUsePlanner](#)
Subject: Inclusionary housing
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2017 7:48:58 PM

Hello!

My family rents in the Twin Lakes neighborhood. We moved here after a very stressful and expensive housing search. We do indeed love it and are grateful for it, despite some struggles.

On our first night here, our window was broken, and we received a note with the hate symbol for "no mixed bloodlines." It's not new to us, and as a multi-racial family, it was nothing less than what we expect in Boulder County. We had just left Louisville, after all, where threats from our neighbor were persistent.

After moving to Twin Lakes, I began to interact with my neighbors and learned of the Twin Lakes Action Group. Their members have argued that affordable housing in Gunbarrel would cause "ghettoization," and they didn't not see the problem in using that word when I asked them to desist. They called me "ugly," for suggesting it. On their anti-annexation webpage, they have a cartoon image of what's known as the "Mongolian octopus." It's a harmful and socially destructive image that was used in the late 1880s and again in the early 1930s to paint Asian immigrants as "rapists and murderers." It was also used as propaganda in support of the Chinese Exclusion Act. If TLAG failed to recognize the overt racism in this image, I'm not surprised but quite disturbed that they are influencing any policy in this town. If they willfully used this image, then this group is saying they view annexation as an immigrant invasion. Before the swastika was so mutated by Hitler, many indigenous people including my own thought of it as a symbol for an octopus, which represents the ability to camouflage one's self. Hitler evoked the Jews-as-octopii image as well, and today, it is a covert form of communication between white nationalists. The image, the metaphor, and the behavior are all unacceptable for a local group claiming to represent this town. We as a family do not feel safe anywhere we go in this county knowing how much power those individuals have to run this town as they please.

When I did a reverse image search on that octopus, I found it was being used by other anti-annexation groups, including the one in [Castle Rock](#), and they all are in opposition to Affirmatively Fair Further Housing. Those websites are linked to or funded by [The Heritage Foundation](#), [American Policy Center](#), and [Stanley Kurtz](#). If TLAG is associated with or following the blueprint of these think tanks and other non-profits, their message is not at all about owls. My family is not welcome here, not in Twin Lakes and not in CU Boulder South, and our voting districts will be dramatically impacted by the decisions being made across the country in these anti-annexation lawsuits.

One TLAG member who just moved here two weeks ago from Queens, NY, suggested it would be noble for my husband, a local educator, to move our family to Queens because she, "needs this to be a quiet place." At this point, I suppose moving feels like our only option, but on a teachers' salary with a medically complicated child, even that goal is in the distant future. Until then, I hope you will do what you can to carry this water for us and keep our family safe.

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From: [Wufoo](#)
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Subject: County Commissioners Contact Us/Feedback Form. [#524]
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2017 10:18:22 PM

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Inclusionary housing

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