



September 1, 2009

Mr. Ron Sprague  
Chair, Kern County Planning Commission  
2700 M Street, Suite 100  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**RE: Hispanic Chamber's Support for Tejon Mountain Village**

Dear Chairman Sprague,

As the chairman for the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to voice our organization's support for Tejon Mountain Village.

Kern County should encourage and embrace new developments that respond to both economic and environmental concerns. Tejon Mountain Village achieves this objective with exceptional care.

It is clear that this community will become an economic stimulus for the region. An estimated 3,100 new jobs will provide long-term and sustainable employment opportunities for our County's strong workforce. The public Village Center and resort areas of the plan also represent a stronger commercial presence and tourism opportunities at the top of the Grapevine on Historic Tejon Ranch – the gateway to our wonderful County.

Tejon Mountain Village has managed to balance these economic gains with remarkable environmental sensitivity. The preservation of 80 percent of the plan as open space will protect and enhance one of the County's greatest assets – its natural beauty. The project's protection of natural resources – like air quality, water, plants and animals – will also help protect and advance the region's quality of life.

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce fully supports Tejon Mountain Village. We respectfully ask that the Kern County Planning Commission do the same as it considers the proposal at its September 10<sup>th</sup> hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Jimenez', is written over a faint, circular watermark or stamp.

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