

Concerned Citizens for Custer County (C4) Charter

Purpose: To inform, seek input, and organize concerned citizens; present their positions to Custer County Commissioners and other officials on select issues.

Mission: Represent the general interest of County citizens in a non-partisan and public manner on key issues affecting Custer County citizens; provide a public forum to exchange ideas and develop positions on key issues.

Motto: “Continuing to keep Custer County Special”

Issues and Positions:

(Note: positions drafted by the steering committee; subject to change by the C4 membership)

Issues:

1. Local government operations and processes:

a. County Commissioners may not be representing the majority opinion on select issues.

b. Public attendance and involvement in County government events.

2. Land use:

a. Water.

b. Minor Sub-divisions (MSD) and Cluster Developments (CD).

c. Planned Unit Developments (PUD)

(1) Humboldt Peak LLC PUD proposal

(2) PUDs in Zone I & II

Initial Positions:

1. Government must be open and representative of majority positions with respect for minority views.

a. Bd of Co Commissioners (BOCC) must first know and then accurately represent the view of County citizens in all decisions.

b. The BOCC must make a serious effort to engage the public by encouraging citizens to attend public meetings and then actively seek their input on key issues.

2. Land use is a critical issue in the County. It must strike the proper balance between individual property rights and the collective rights of all citizens.

a. Water is arguably the most valuable and least understood commodity in the County. Therefore, it must be a paramount consideration in any land use action and policy.

b. The BOCC decision to exclude Zones I&II from MSDs and CDs is appropriate. But, before including provisions for MSDs and CDs in County regulations, the planning commission should first document the need for MSDs and CDs and then define the potential impact on the County. If proper research and analysis indicates MSDs and CDs are appropriate for the County, then draft regulatory provisions and seek public comment.

c. (1) To avoid establishing an open-ended precedent for PUDs in Zones I&II, the proposal should not be considered without a separate document specifying detailed decision criteria that list restrictions on the PUD beyond what is in the Zoning Regulation.

c. (2) In keeping with the BOCC decision to exempt Zones I & II from MSD and CD considerations, the Zoning Resolution Reg should be changed to exempt PUDs from Zones I & II