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I find having to consider all the amendments and technical edits as a single recommend/do not recommend as unwieldy. I am not convinced that the various committees/commissions will effectively be able to add conditions that are appropriate if they desire to support one amendment and not another.

The Rio Grande Neighborhood Association supports the following Amendments:

C Civil Enforcement

It does not seem that violations of the IDO should be handled in criminal court.

D Cluster Development

This amendment distributes open space around clustered houses prevents a high density appearance in the development.

F Cottage Development

It seems to make sense to allow cottage development for in fill in UC-MS-PT areas where an acre of land may not be available.

G Drive up Windows

We can not support the drive up window amendment as originally proposed by Councilor Jones. We could support the amendment with the conditions that are proposed.

#### I Maximum Extent Possible

We support this amendment as it makes the regulations more precise. Maximum extent possible can lead to interpretations and is subject to being unevenly applied across different developments.

#### J Liquor Retail

We support this amendment as we think it will help protect residential areas.

#### Q Procedures

We support this amendment. During this past year we have received very sketchy descriptions about what is being proposed, such as "we plan to build a fence." We then have to have multiple emails sent back and forth to even determine if what they are proposing meets the current IDO. Requiring basic information would make it less burdensome on NA to review proposed projects. Also even though NA have 15 days to request a meeting, applicants often pressure the NA to schedule a meeting in a day or two so that they can meet a filing deadline.

#### R Light Site Regulations

We support this amendment. Residents should be protected from light pollution where it is from inside or outside the building.

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