

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Development should improve us

We see "development" as "bad development," but it doesn't need to be that way. Development can improve roads and create parks and build new schools that benefit new and existing residents. We see bad development with more traffic, flood risk, fire danger, school crowding and environmental degradation because it is more profitable for developers. This doesn't include regional problems like water consumption and sewage treatment. The Washoe commissioners support developers' preferred plans that put the least burden on the developers at the expense of the existing neighborhoods and put the county taxpayers at risk. Ultimately, it is the county that is held responsible for development problems once the developers have disbanded their temporary corporations. Washoe County has area plans and zoning de-

veloped to protect the residents and the area, but these are simply overruled by the commissioners in support of developers who fund their campaigns and offer them sweetheart deals.

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