



North Tahoe Citizen Action Alliance

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Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
128 Market Street
Stateline, Nevada 89449

To: Mr. John Singlaub, Executive Director, and Members of the Governing Board

In our letters of August 11, 2008 and August 20, 2008, the North Tahoe Citizen Action Alliance (NTCAA) articulated our concern about the equality of the Tourist Accommodation Unit (TAU) policy currently implemented for development at Lake Tahoe. The League to Save Lake Tahoe, Sierra Club, Citizens Alliance for Responsible Government, Kings Beach Business and Citizen Alliance, Friends of Brockway/Crystal Bay, and the Friends of the West Shore supported our concern and reinforced our request for an equitable revision of this policy.

NTCAA also reinforces California Lt. Governor John Garamendi's letter of October 10, 2008, where he states, *"The transfer and expansion of TAUs that is currently taking place blatantly ignores both the spirit and intent of the rules and definitions of TAUs. Allowing these new large subdivision structures increases population and traffic and reduces air quality in and around the Lake. Such significant pressure on Lake Tahoe's fragile ecosystem undermines our ability to attain environmental thresholds we have worked so hard for decades to achieve."*

NTCAA also understands that the Regional Plan Update will address the current TAU policy. NTCAA first requested a review of this policy by the Governing board in September 2008, but this has been delayed now to November 2008 or possibly later. At the recent Regional Plan Update Workshops discussion of the TAU policy was not allowed. Meanwhile new projects are being prepared for submission to the TRPA requiring the supersizing of TAUs, e.g. the "6731 Tahoe, LLC" fractional ownership development for Tahoe Vista.

Lt. Governor Garamendi also states: *"I know TRPA management would prefer to defer the TAU issue until the adoption of the new Tahoe Regional Plan. This option is not viable since these massive projects continue to be approved in the interim while the timeline for adopting the Regional Plan continues to be delayed."*

Can Lake Tahoe continue absorb the damage done by the delay of the TRPA to revise the TAU policy? NTCAA is certain that it is not in anyone's interest to have another "Shorezone Policy" timeline.

Sincerely,
NORTH TAHOE CITIZEN ACTION ALLIANCE

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald J. Wotel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "G".

Gerald J Wotel, President