

August 23, 2007

TO: Board of County Commissioners of La Plata County  
COPY: Nancy Lauro Director, Community Development  
Joanne Spina, Interim County Manager

The League of Women Voters of la Plata County would like to both thank and congratulate you for the adoption of the new Land Use Code. We have been involved in the effort from the beginning, having a member on the Citizen's Review Committee and as observers and testifiers at the public hearings. Your outreach to the community has been a model of good government. The persistence of Nancy Lauro in listening to and taking into account every voice that was raised in opposition or support deserves recognition.

Ultimately, passage of the Code was required by all constituents; our obsolete code was simply not up to the task imposed by the growth in population, the increase in development, and the changing nature of the county.

As this Code starts being applied, there will no doubt be a few unintended problems: we urge you to ensure that the process for changing parts of the code is commensurate with the size of the change being requested, and that the process is not an onerous one.

And, as we have previously pointed and, and you have agreed, please complete the written document with an easy-to-use index.

With sincere appreciation,

Ellen Park,  
President, League of Women Voters of la Plata County