



### ***News from the Helotes Heritage Association***

Dear Readers,

If you recall, about two months ago, Helotes City Council approved changes to zoning of the land being planned by EDC (Economic Development Corporation) referred to as Old Town Helotes. These changes specified high allowances for impervious cover and watered down the tree ordinance. The effect of these changes is to allow EDC, with impunity, to cut down trees in Old Town Helotes and replace them with parking lots and buildings as high as four stories.

EDC now wants to extend its business development farther up and down Bandera Rd. beyond Old Town Helotes. With this extension would come the gutted ordinances that were originally put in place to protect the environment and culture of Helotes. These actions, if approved, would circumvent the oversight of City Council and allow rapid commercial development of more and more of Helotes as EDC expands its influence.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will be discussing this issue at their meeting tonight at 7 pm at City Hall. It is important to make sure that any planning and development of Helotes be sensible and appropriate for the long-term growth and future of our community. It is equally important that ordinances not be gutted or circumvented for the purpose of enticing out-of-town developers simply interested in turning a quick buck with no regard to the citizens who live here. Please attend this meeting if possible.

Sincerely,  
Ron Green  
HHA, President