

## Jennifer Rivera (Administration)

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**From:** Katie G. Ahmed (Planning)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2026 7:37 AM  
**To:** Bob Austin  
**Cc:** Jennifer Rivera (Administration); Anael Dominguez (Administration); Kaitlyn Elliott (Planning)  
**Subject:** RE: Group Home on Mountain View

Good morning,

Thank you for your comment. This will be forwarded to the Board for their consideration.

Thank you,

Katie Ahmed  
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Planning and Zoning  
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*Please note, as of January 20, Community Development and Infrastructure departments, including Planning and Zoning have been temporarily relocated to 2829 Browns Bridge Road, the Hall County Government Center Temporary Annex.*

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**From:** Bob Austin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2026 2:26 PM  
**To:** Katie G. Ahmed (Planning) <[kahmed@hallcounty.org](mailto:kahmed@hallcounty.org)>  
**Subject:** Group Home on Mountain View

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TO: Katie Ahmed

From: Bob Austin

4550 T Moore Rd

My name is Bob Austin & I have lived on T Moore Road for over 10 years. I would like to add my voice to those that vehemently oppose the zoning variation for 4337 Mountain View Road. This is not a commercial area and this business will have about \$450,000 in annual revenue. This combined with the increase in traffic is reason enough to say no but there are numerous other issues.

The proposal to cram 30 unrelated strangers into seven bedrooms sounds more like a bad reality show than a well thought out plan even if the profits are good. Add the addictions and the inherent associated problems and those of us that live in the area will be dealing with the fallout.

For the sake of brevity I will close with a few questions

In regard to the stated “voluntary participation,”- Wouldn’t most people in trouble legally “volunteer” if it reduced an incarceration we were facing?

Why is it OK for an organization to set up a business without proper approvals and licensees and knowing full well it is violating zoning restrictions to then ask for a variance in arrears?

Why would a commercial enterprise that will make big profits be allowed to set up in a purely residential/agricultural area?

Why would a zoning variance would be granted when it increases traffic, adds dozens of vehicles parking right up on the road and places over 30 individuals with addiction issues largely unsupervised in a quiet residential setting?

Thank you for recommending the variance be declined.

Bob Austin

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