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## **Four perspectives on growth, plus yours** **Panel will discuss responsible growth in Tulare County**

Tulare County Citizens for Responsible Growth and College of the Sequoias will sponsor a public forum on growth on Wednesday.

Issues such as the direction of development, effects on our economy and farmlands, water supply, air quality, transportation and public safety will be discussed.

The forum has invited four panelists representing a diverse range of backgrounds and expertise.

Each of the four panelists — Mike Knopf, Greg Kirkpatrick, Laurel Firestone and Jeff Steen — has provided a statement of their guiding principles. They are presented below for readers to become familiar with their positions. Readers are also invited to submit questions.

Moderator for the forum will be Brian Newton of Tulare County Citizens for Responsible Growth. The panelists will be invited to make an opening statement. They will be invited to answer prepared questions from Newton, then spoken and written questions from the audience.

The panelists will conclude with closing statements from each. The public is invited and admission is free.

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