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Subject: FW: Planning Commission Public Comment for Agenda Item 1 - July 13th 2020 meeting
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:44:59 PM

The following communication pertaining to the Planning Commission meeting, has been received for your review and consideration.

From: Marlha Sanchez [mailto:mamadragonrising@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:37 PM
To: eComment <ecomment@santa-ana.org>; Villegas, Juan <JVillegas@santa-ana.org>; Sarmiento, Vicente <VSarmiento@santa-ana.org>; Cruz, Yesenia <YCruz5@santa-ana.org>
Subject: Re: Planning Commission Public Comment for Agenda Item 1 - July 13th 2020 meeting

Good afternoon,

I wanted to add my voice to this, since this is the first I've heard about this proposal. I am greatly concerned that the community outreach and input component is missing here. I am also a resident in Ward 5.

I object to this proposal because I have seen first hand how when people do not have any input on the things that affect them most (when decisions are being handed down from outside and "above") it is very disempowering and people begin to feel and act out desperation. Especially when they have tried to communicate their needs and wishes for their lives and homes.

I hope that you can look at how things have been handled in the past and take what has worked while being open to making changes that will benefit those most in need. I'm tired of seeing our city sold off to the highest bidders while our families get pushed further and further into poverty and the fringe of this beautiful city we all call home. I hope that you as our elected officials/voices would help us reach new heights of what is possible. Be innovators and leaders in uplifting our children and leading the way to constructive alternatives.

High cost apartments in this area will only serve to create deeper division between the haves and have nots. This is not what we need. Especially now when so many are out of work and or sick. I hope that you will take this opportunity to co-create a sustainable future with residents for Santa Ana.

Please don't discount my voice or other residents voices just because we have a different perspective (there is value in that diversity). Please don't disregard us because we have different experiences (there's hidden insight in those different experiences). Please don't mock or toss us aside because we didn't have the same education or because we are poor or because you don't think we are in the majority. All of us should count and matter to you. We are part of your city too. I don't want to be priced out of where my family has lived for over 60 yrs. We've already had to stop going downtown because everything is geared towards higher income people. Where do you think all the displaced families are gonna go? Even if all the poor people have to move out there are so many consequences that are quite far reaching. Maybe it won't be a problem in your city any more. But that doesn't mean it's not a problem. I'm not opposed to building more housing and other projects that will grow our city. But growth doesn't mean replacing current residents with those who can afford high end living. Growth means that you aren't treating people as disposable. Growth must be sustainable and we must include residents so that we can feel included and empowered in where this city and our lives are going.

Thank you,
Marlha Sanchez

On Fri, Jul 10, 2020 at 1:35 PM Nathaniel Greensides <mynici90@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Planning Commission,

I am opposed to the recommendations that the Commission aims to put to the City Council.

I am really concerned that agenda item number one on the July 13th, 2020 agenda, does little to nothing to provide proper notice and information to the residents of the properties which the commission plans to recommend for rezoning. I am additionally concerned that the 9 residents who appeared at the informational meeting regarding this redevelopment proposal back in March 2018 were not reflective of the specific properties which the Agenda Item and proposals will affect.

A recent resident-led effort blocked the development of 2525 N Main Street under the rationale that any City redevelopment proposals should seek better input of the communities any redevelopment will be taking place. Park Santiago holds a different demographic than the Santa Anita neighborhood. As such, I am concerned that the City is prioritizing the desires of the most privileged residents, private developers, while disregarding low-income, mixed-status, multi-generational, renter households of the City (this agenda item/proposal specifically regards such residents of the Santa Anita neighborhood).

Please do not continue with the recommendations as proposed on the agenda. Please ensure that the residents, whose lives you will be directly impacting with this private developers proposals, have a chance to offer their input regarding changes in their neighborhood and community.

Best regards,
Nathaniel Greensides
Ward 5 Resident

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Gracias,
Marlha Sanchez