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My name is Melissa Palmerin. I live in ward 3 and I oppose the approving the general plan. We need to postpone the general plan. 38 years ago, was the last comprehensive update of the general plan. Four years isn't enough to determine the next 25 years of our lives, especially when the outreach has been minimal.

Y'all speak as if health, equity, sustainability, culture, and education are the pillars of what the city council stands for. Yet, are satisfied with the bare minimum for our residents, will the city council favors profit. The favoring of short term profit, instead of community growth reeks all over this general plan. Industrialization, increase police presence, lack of policies for affordable housing, gentrification, displacement, eradicating our history, and the lack of addressing the pollution, and contamination in our communities is the basis of the general plan. Every residents needs to know about the general plan. We have seen via canvassing for city council members that reaching residents in every ward is possible. There is spoke, social media, phone banking, flyers, and advertisement. The general plan commission has had about four years to contact every resident, yet more than half of the population does not know what a general plan is. I live in ward 6, one of the environment justice communities. There are no community centers where I live, no libraries close by, lack of open space, and rent is increasing. Yet, this commission has determined that luxury buildings, displacing workers, gentrifying, and minimizing the ability for open space is what is needed. There is no promotion of healthy foods, reducing exposure to pollution, increasing physical activity, or enhancing civic engagement. The changes you claim to be making are not for the residents of today, 80% of residents make less than \$56,000 a year. The proposed policies will bring an influx of people in an already dense population and increase the cost of living. The Santa Ana as many of residents know it, is being destroyed. We do not need an increase in luxury apartments, administrative offices, industrial/flex buildings, sky rise buildings, or district centers when our residents only have 4% of open space, lead contamination, lack of affordable housing, 2 libraries, and lack livable wages. 17 of our neighborhoods are labeled as environmental justice areas. Making indoor recreation (policy CN-1.17) will not solve the inequity in our communities. Gentrifying the communities to bring tourism or wealthier people will not solve inequity in our communities. Supportive housing (policy PS 1.9), is nor affordable housing. There is no policy directly talking about affordable housing. Changing these policies will. Y'all can't say our core values are health, equity, sustainability, culture, and education when we have policies within this general plan that directly contradicts these. Policy EP-1.1 states protect industrial uses. Policy EP-2.5 states sufficient industrial land. The Land Use Element as a whole contradicts those 5 core values. Each element is lacking. There are organization within Santa Ana who can help revise the 11 e elements to better support the current residents. Here is a list of a few: Rise Up Willowick, OC Environmental Justice, SA Youth Ballot (connected to the needs of the youth), Chispa, Santa Ana Building Healthy Communities, VietriseOC, Madison Park Neighborhood Association, Transforming Justice OC, and many more.

