

On Aug 19, 2017, at 10:56 AM, Elyse Barnett <elyseann.barnett@gmail.com> wrote:

Ms Mayor,

In recent months I have learned our hospital ED departments have been repeatedly forced to turn away ambulances: An important study found NO SURVIVORS of heart attacks if delayed more than 15 minutes to ED admission. Also learned, only three beds at Good Samaritan for ALL non life-threatening illness: wait times up to 90 minutes for TRIAGE NURSE (use Internet search). El Camino is Los Gatos Community in new name: MDs may be fine, but RNs continue to LIE & HIDE information from physicians, start shouting "you are trespassing" after 60 minutes: I can provide documentation & proof at least two times, literally endangered life of patient.

I know Los Gatos is not required to have medical care: In San Miguel, where I will be Aug 29-Oct 15, ambulances drive expats one hour to nearest hospital providing more than minimal care. However, I believe we may have liability if realtors and city web site refer to our TWO hospitals: we have a LOTTERY system, providing a "possibility" of hospital care without being transported to Valley Medical and other hospitals in surrounding communities. With construction of N40, ambulances will no longer be able to transport in a timely fashion as 320 homes and commercial property should add to existing reality: 4-6 cars can join wait for lighted entrance to freeway (can ambulance go around these cars, uncertain as I do not know of shoulder area to on ramp C17).

Contact me after Oct 12-15th: Hospitals paid me to examine health care delivery, NIH provided several million to lower infant mortality in 1989 EPA: I stepped in to be PI with brilliant outcome, even if corruption would close Drew Medical months later.

If there are any means to block N-40 due to lack of medical services, I have degrees and experience as medical anthropologists to lay out dangers. My last visit to Good Samaritan for BP high enough to carry risk of stroke: no beds, sit close to nursing station & IF you begin a massive stroke, physicians will come to waiting room to care for you on the floor: "safer than returning home" with such a high blood pressure. If we cannot block construction as medical care is NOT part of building/planning department review: time to visit Woz and other residents to build new hospital.

Sincerely,
Elyse Barnett-Musen, PhD, RN, NP

Sent from my iPad

Joel Paulson

From: David Weissman <gryllus@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Laurel Prevetti; Joel Paulson; Robert Schultz; Judy Peterson
Subject: new homes near freeways

Los Angeles is finally getting serious about the health consequences of such sitings. So should Los Gatos, for the "health, safety, and welfare" of our citizens

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=6d573db7-e6cf-4e65-bfc4-a16b7e93e413

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L.A. says no to plan for homes near interchange

City panel rejects builder's bid to change zoning, in part over potential health risks.



AIR QUALITY quality officials have warned against building new homes within 500 feet of freeways, noting that residents have higher rates of asthma and other illnesses. Above, the Da Vinci complex in downtown L.A. (Mel Melcon Los Angeles Times)

By David Zahniser

A key committee of the Los Angeles City Council rejected a plan Tuesday for putting 15 homes near a freeway interchange, in part over the potential health risks from car and truck pollution.

The council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee unanimously declined the request from businessman Ali Awad to change the zoning on the site, a

move that would allow housing to be built. The site sits next to the 110 and 91 freeways and previously was owned by the California Department of Transportation.

California air quality officials have warned for more than a decade against building new homes within 500 feet of freeways, noting that residents in those areas have higher rates of asthma, heart attacks, lung cancer and pre-term births. A recent Times analysis found Los Angeles has nevertheless experienced a spate of home building in those locations, with thousands of units going up.

Councilman Bob Blumenfield said he was “very uncomfortable” with the project — and the possible environmental issues that future residents would face.

“People will be in the backyards,” he said. “It’s not like the [freeway-adjacent] apartment projects we see where they put in the inoperable windows and ... you have the air filters. The backyards are right up against the freeway.”

The project still must be heard by the City Council. But its prospects are much dimmer in the wake of Tuesday’s vote.

The proposed subdivision had previously been rejected by the Harbor Area Planning Commission, which is made up of mayoral appointees, and the neighborhood council for the area. Residents in L.A.’s Harbor Gateway neighborhood also argued that future residents would be exposed to noise and unhealthy air.

“How this is up for discussion is beyond me,” said Harbor Gateway resident Craig Kusunoki. “It would be irresponsible to put people in this situation.”

The project site is about 100 feet west of the 110 and 150 feet north of the 91, according to one city report. A project map submitted last year for the subdivision showed that some homes would sit within 60 feet of a swooping carpool ramp.

Planning officials said they had sought to mitigate the freeway impact by pushing for a landscaped buffer and a six-foot wall to shield the noise. They also required that each home have air conditioning systems with higher performing filters than those required by the state.

With those features, the developer argued, air quality in the new homes would be better than in other existing residences.

“There is no danger to be in that proximity to the freeway,” said Emilio Gutierrez, a land-use consultant for the developer.

Harbor Gateway residents had been fighting efforts to put homes on the site for years. In 2012, the Planning Commission voted to reject a larger, 24-unit

development in the same location. At that time, a planning aide to Councilman Joe Buscaino spoke against that project, saying the location was unsuitable for housing.

Buscaino, who represents Harbor Gateway, stayed silent on the project this time. He declined to send a representative to Tuesday's hearing to weigh in on the development.

Rosalie Preston, who sits on the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council, said she was "ecstatic" with the committee's decision to reject the proposal. But she voiced unhappiness with Buscaino, who sits on the board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, an agency that frequently objects to freeway-close developments, on the grounds that they would expose occupants to toxic exhaust gases and other harmful pollutants.

"I am disappointed," Preston said. When the project was discussed in 2012, "his planning deputy was here and worked on behalf of the residents to make a good decision."

A Buscaino spokesman did not respond to requests for comment from The Times.

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Times staff writer Tony Barboza contributed to this report.

From: Donna Wojtkowski <rdwojtkowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 5:39 PM
To: Sylvie Roussel
Subject: Re: North 40 Study Session
Attachments: N40 SP Amend - Half Pg Ad 10-3-17 Special PC Mtg.pdf

Thank you for sending this out. My comment is the city should have part of the orchard as a historic site. Sunnyvale has their historic orchard by the Murphy house and Saratoga has an orchards by their library. Orchards were part of our Valley's history. I will be at the meeting.

Donna Wojtkowski

On Sep 22, 2017, at 4:39 PM, Sylvie Roussel wrote:

Dear North Forty Interested Citizens,

The Town will be holding a **Study Session** regarding potential amendments to the North Forty Specific Plan on **October 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** Please see the attached ad for more information.

Thank you.



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Joel Paulson

From: Lucy Amico <ciaolucia@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Joel Paulson
Subject: North 40

I would like to add my voice for a Community Garden as part of the plan for this property. It has always been such a Pleasure to see these beautiful orchards. Having grown up in this area, I do miss the beautiful orchards and farms. Having a community garden would be a small consolation as well as a reminder of earlier times.

Thank you,

Lucy and Richard Amico

Sent from my iPad

