

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Mero

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to state my strong opposition to the proposed building of 4-5 story apartment buildings in residential areas. Any such changes in neighborhoods must first survive environmental impact studies regarding traffic, parking, sewer systems, noise, the lack of privacy and sunlight for adjacent dwellings. ALL of these conditions must be studied and approved with regard to the people who have bought into and lived in neighborhoods which, when we purchased them, had the assurance, or so we thought, of having dwellings similar to our own, (single family), and not scores of people using our streets for travel and parking, looking down on our yards and obstructing sunlight to our homes. There are plenty of structures, especially now since the pandemic, which are sitting idle and could be converted into apartments. Another option would be to tear them down and create apartments and condos. These would not impact the quality of single family neighborhoods as much. (There will still be more congestion in an already increasingly congested city.) Your jumping to stick relatively huge buildings into areas that were never intended to support them in a mad dash to solve a problem will create a lasting and degrading impact on neighborhoods and on the residents who have long lived in their homes and supported your salaries.

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Name: Mary Dignan Hill

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose the building of 4-5 story apartment buildings in residential areas, specifically my neighborhood of Lake Balboa. Mayor Bass promised to work with residents before imposing changes that would affect them. This change is a violation of her campaign promise. Our neighborhoods were not built to support this kind of building. There is not enough parking, our sewer lines are already on the fritz (at least yearly there is a sewer line at the end of my street that breaks causing flooding in the street), and the homeowners in these areas should not have to deal with this level of building, construction noise, and most importantly, the final result... lack of privacy, sunlight, and the environmental impact. (This is not to mention the immediate loss of equity that most homeowners are counting on to retire one day.) Please work with professional urban planners to put more housing in the areas where it makes sense. There are so many vacant office spaces along Van Nuys Blvd, under-utilized mini-malls where mixed-use would make sense, and lots of other spaces along the corridors of our valley that remain vacant or under-utilized. It looks and sounds like this change in zoning benefits developers and builders without giving any consideration to the homeowners in our neighborhoods.