

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider this motion. This land was zoned for public facilities on residential use. Councilwoman Padilla pushed this through and we were never given an opportunity to speak on this approval. She failed to attend or have her representatives attend our Neighborhood Council when it was on the agenda or community meetings when we had hundreds of attendees and signatories on a petition against the development. I reminded her that this land had been designated for public use in regular city land use meetings and I reminded her of the needs it had been designated for. Needed Fire Station, Community Center, Library or Steam Center and it's location adjacent to the Birmingham School Complex with 7 schools and more than 6,000 students within 50 feet and whose primary access and egress would be shared with this developments access and egress she agreed with me of the need for those improvements. She said we would have to wait for the funds. Now I see that additional funds are being requested because the developer is not confident that the proposed tenants would be able to pay their rent. The developer has distributed to the local stakeholders a flyer warning us of a recent murder occurrence related to a bridge shelter in Glasses Park. We are a quiet single family neighborhood of homes. This development does not belong here. These proposed buildings would be by far the tallest and largest in all of Lake Balboa. The only residential structures on the South side of Victory Blvd. in an area that was designed for Public Facilities, in the Sepulveda Basin which is an area intended for Recreational use and green space. This would set the wrong precedent on this land.