

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in the hills, less than a quarter-mile from the proposed 398-home development on the Woodland Hills Country Club. I know many of my neighbors are against the proposed development (some assert that they are only against the "fast track" process, but even they would acknowledge that they're against the development no matter what track it's on). But I support it. Los Angeles needs more housing; the short supply of housing is the biggest reason housing is so expensive here. Those of us who were fortunate enough to buy a home here shouldn't deny others the same opportunity. The opponents are saying that they're not against development, they are only against this particular development. That is the very definition of "Not In My BackYard" (NIMBY)! They are trying to scare people by pointing out that this is a very high fire risk area, but there are many streets that go north from the proposed site. I have no fear that my family and I will be able to escape from a future fire, and, in any event, this particular development is not going to be the difference between life and death. Will there be more traffic? Sure. That's not enough of a reason to deny 398 new homeowners. That same reasoning could have been used to block development of the very homes that the project opponents are living in right now. Other NIMBYs are saying that the project will change the entire fabric of the neighborhood. But how? That hyperbolic argument is used every time multi-family housing is proposed. I grew up on a street with all single-family homes -- except for four large apartment buildings on the corner, half a block away. The neighborhood was still great! This fear of multi-family housing is similar to xenophobia. I am not a developer and have no connection to the developer of the proposed project. I simply believe we need more housing and more residents in Woodland Hills. I see local businesses that need customers, and when I walk around the neighborhood, I see remarkably few people. I urge the City Planning Department to approve the project.