

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident near Acama Street, I am deeply concerned about the public safety impacts of the proposed affordable housing development at 11143 Acama Street. While I understand the City's obligation to meet State housing requirements, I appreciate Councilmember Nazarian's recognition of our neighborhood's concerns by introducing this motion to fund traffic and emergency access studies and include those findings in the administrative record. My biggest concern is safety. Acama Street is already a narrow residential street, and this development would SIGNIFICANTLY increase traffic, parking demand, and congestion. I worry about whether emergency vehicles, including fire trucks and ambulances, would be able to reach homes quickly if every second counts. Families, children, seniors, people using wheelchairs or strollers, cyclists, and everyday drivers all rely on this street being safe and accessible. I am also troubled that the City is relying on inaccurate information during its Expanded Administrative Review. The review identifies Acama Street as 60 feet wide, when residents have documented that it is actually only 30 to 32 feet wide. Decisions about a project of this size should be based on accurate facts, and I urge the City to correct the record before moving forward. Because the permitting process is already underway, any traffic or emergency access studies authorized by this motion should be completed as quickly as possible so they can meaningfully inform the City's decision. I respectfully ask the PLUM Committee to advance this motion to the full City Council without delay. Our neighborhood deserves a thorough review based on accurate information and a commitment to protecting public safety.