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Public comment for tonight's item.

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From: Stephen West [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2023 10:44 PM
To: Benjamin Matlock <bmatlock@yucaipa.org>
Subject: Case No.22-150/PDP/FDP/TTM 20375

Please read at the City Council meeting for April 17th at 5 pm.

Dear Yucaipa City Council,

We live at [REDACTED], on the North Bench since 2004.

We are against the currently proposed plan for the Serrano Estates on the Yucaipa Ridge Road.

We were very disappointed in the planning commission's excuses for voting for this project that violates the RL-1 designation. Everyone that voted yes for this plan made a lot of excuses to ruin the North Bench. We are not against developing this area. We are against developing it the wrong way. Changing the rules on the RL-1 designation to make it one gross acre to mean whatever they want is obviously false. When this area was going to be developed with 33 houses on the 51 acres, it was approved without an issue. Each lot was one acre minimum, like it was supposed to be. Now we hear false claims about SB 9, that does not apply to this area and "mitigating" factors that are not explained to the citizens of Yucaipa, but because of these excuses, we are told that going against the RL-1 designation is OK. This is not OK and we are watching the steamrolling of a plan that no one that lives in the North Bench and other do not approve of. We have expressed this view to the planning commission and the City Council over and over and over and over again. If this plan gets approved, it will be the demise of the North Bench into vineyards and cluster housing to eventually only cluster housing after the vineyards are forgotten or are pulled out to make more money on houses. Once the RL-1 designation is dropped, there is nothing to stop the rest of the area to be destroyed and congested into cluster and small lot houses. This is not Rural living.

We have watched a very controversial upheaval of our city manager and a dark horse candidate

waiting in the wings to be slipped right in. We see Orange County donors to our city council elections and city council members that are suspected to have a conflict of interest. It is frustrating to watch what appears to be a conspiracy to stack the deck and find city leaders that are known to thwart city plans to build as many houses as possible to maximize profit at the expense of a beautiful piece of land known as the North Bench.

Why do we have a city plan for this area for RL-1 if we do not follow it?

Stick to the plan!

Sincerely,

Stephen S. West, M.D.

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