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To the City Council: Mayor Oscar Goodman, Lois Tarkenton, Steve Wolfson, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese, Larry Brown, Ricki Barlow, Steve Ross.

I am opposed to GPA-27135 general plan amendment concerning the Tapestry Group Project to be discussed at the City Council Meeting on June 18, 2008.

This parcel of land is a few feet from home at 7001 Pindarri Way located in The Coves on Tenaya near Westcliff. As a resident of this city, I have watched the population growth for 26 years and along with many others have tolerated much adversity to accommodate the needs of the "new" residents. We have endured traffic congestion, pollution and construction noise.

The locals that have been here for so many years have been loyal citizens that have helped make the city what it is today, a great place to live. We want to preserve what little quiet we have in our neighborhood. The small parcel of land should remain as it is, a future park, a walking/jogging trail or just a lighted green space which could connect with the trails. The city can keep this land as it is now, for the purpose of recreation and public use. The residents of this area have nothing but buildings and cement and no place to walk to and enjoy the outdoors from Durango to Rainbow.

Our entrance gate on Tenaya meets Pirates Cove, which is a small tree lined street that ends at Buffalo. In less than a mile there are 128 units at the Coves Townhomes, 3 condo complexes, an apartment complex and 88 homes in less than a mile towards Buffalo. These hundreds of residents deserve a plot of land where they can walk their dogs, ride bikes, skateboards, etc.

We have barely been able to open our windows and sit outside after 2 years of the Construction noise and dust from the widening of the 95 freeway at the staging area at our back yard. The Summerlin Parkway widening is about to take place and the Tenaya over pass is about to be built with more noise at our front door. If this complex is to be built, the project manager is quoting another 12 to 14 months of construction. This project would be adding to the congestion of the proposed 40,000 sq. ft church to the east of this parcel which will also house a clubhouse and special events center.

We all know that affordable housing is necessary in these hard times, but in this housing market slump, there are so many apartment vacancies. The rents, in fact, are at the same rates proposed by Tapestry Group in this neighborhood. If this land needs to stay under the affordable housing agreement, the best use would be for Seniors. There is definitely a waiting list, not vacancies for seniors. They would be within walking distance to supermarkets, shopping and a bus stop. The Silver Sky assisted living is a fine example of what could be built on this parcel, if a park is not part of the plan.

Protest

My career with Clark County Parks and Recreation taught me how important recreational activities are for families. Please allow these residents an opportunity to enjoy such little leisure time they have.

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