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Dear Council Members;

I have owned the house at 3909 Sequoia since 1982. I have seen many changes in the area since then. Most of them for the bad. When the low income housing was built in 1980's we had to put bars on the doors and windows after being robbed 3 times in 4 months time. Before then I could leave the house unlocked and never be afraid. We could not take it after several car thefts and decided to move our teen age daughters to a safer area in 1986. Over the years it has become a mexican area and my house has been un-rented for a long time because the applicants can't meet a good credit check and the other paper work requirements a good landlord has to use to protect themselves from the there two months and leave in the night renters. Then you not only have the damage to your property but you have their utilities bills to pay as the owner of the property. Now I got three (3) bars on either a 4.06 acre or a 8.92 Acre park right across the wash from this house. The police do not patrol this area now because of the gangs (I assume). You never see a police car in that area unless it has

been summoned for a specific reason. There are a lot of empty houses in this area for sale or just not rented. You called a carry out liquor store to open on the small shopping center on Iwena and the local. Taking all these things into consideration I can only see problems. Since our parks are at night, a meeting place for drug deals and gangs I can only see problems in the surrounding home areas unless this were to be a fenced and locked at sunset park. I'm afraid all I can see is a place to attract the kind of people that you don't want around at night near your home. I have two 6 year old grandchildren and we love going to a park on Carey east of Halls. Just is a fun place for them during the day. Late afternoon the older teens start coming and it is time to leave. Have any of you gone to any park at night? In these tough times there are more and more homeless on down and out people in all areas of our city and county. The shelter there on main St. are not that far away. If you are going ahead with this please fence and lock it down at night and have the police patrol the area surrounding it. How many shootings

and gang related problems in areas that are in a regular patrol area take place at or around our parks? If undercover police were in the parks at night the jails could be filled very quickly.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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