

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Topanga Apartment proposal at 10243 Topanga Canyon is not an appropriate location for this structure. There is the Devonshire/Topanga Specific Plan that restricts the height in this area to 45 feet. Six stories with a roof top terrace far exceeds this limit. There is no other structure this high in this part of Chatsworth and what prevents cell towers from being placed on the top of the building adding to the height? West of this location is a single family neighborhood. This structure would loom over the homes and take away their enjoyment of their backyards and homes by allowing a roof top terrace for the residents of this building to lounge and relax (as stated in one of the proposals for this development). This roof top terrace would not be necessary if they were not trying to squeeze a building of this size on a small lot. We understand the need for this type of housing. To ruin what we have worked so hard for and for so many years to preserve and construct a building that is out of character with the rest of the area because the City did not handle a problem that they have had for years is not right. There are properties in Chatsworth that are owned by METRO which could be used for a development like this but METRO is not willing to let them go. On one of the properties they park buses, easily re-located. The site is appealing for a project for affordable housing. A Los Angeles City fire station is across the street and a Sheriff's substation adjacent. The Design Review Board of the Specific Plan has turned down many projects that have come before them because of the height restrictions. How do you justify that the City can just wave a magic wand and all the rules go by the wayside? Compassion is the buzz word from people who are for this development. Where is compassion for people who have put their life savings in their homes to live in Chatsworth because it is an area with eight Los Angeles Cultural Landmarks and a generally rural, serene and safe area? Once you would build a structure such as this in Chatsworth, you will open up to a flood of developers in this area, not for this type of housing but apartments which will not be affordable for most other than a few low income and extremely low income units. Please put politics aside and support Councilmember John Lee as he searches for more suitable locations for this development and not rush to a decision that will have a severe impact on a 131 year old community.