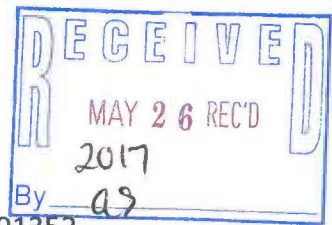


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Good Morning Councilmembers,

CF 17-0565



I am Gary Aggas, I was born and raised in Sun Valley and live at 11211 Cohasset St. 91352.

I am speaking here today representing myself because there was not adequate notice given to the Neighborhood Council to bring this to a meeting. We just found out about this when we read the agenda on Thursday.

This is a quality of life issue for Senior Veterans who will reside at this location.

I am a Vietnam Era Veteran. I have volunteered at the Sepulveda VA, as a Peer Support Facilitator for the last 12 years.

I was the President of the Sun Valley NC when this exact project came to us from the developer as an Eldercare Facility. Our NC vigorously opposed it BECAUSE THE SITE IS BOUNDED ON TWO SIDES BY THE I-5 FREEWAY. The back of the property over looks 8 lanes of freeway where the I 5 Freeway and the 170 Freeway meet.

The OPEN SPACE portion of the site is backed up to the Northbound I-5 Freeway and the the building is 8 ½ feet from the Sheldon Street off ramp of the I 5 Freeway.

Air Pollution at this site is horrendous from DIESEL TRUCKS going to and from our ports. Particulate matter from Diesel fumes is a known carcinogen.

The Zoning Administrator, in his letter of determination, mandated that:

- 1 The windows on this building had to be sealed so the residents could not open them and let the outside air into the building.
- 2 The developer would have to add a large filtration system so the inside air could be cleaned and re-circulated.
- 3 The proposed outside swimming pool be COVERED in a glass bumble so that the older residents would not have to breathe the outside air while using the swimming pool.

In short the air is not breathable at this site.

I am in favor of an apartment complex for Senior Veterans in Sun Valley that is NOT ADJACENT TO THE FREEWAY. Please table this AGENDA ITEM so you can find out the problems with this site. DON'T BUILD HOUSING ON THIS SITE!!!

Sincerely,

Gary Aggas
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Supervisor/Lead Peer Support Facilitator, Sepulveda VA
Vet -To-Vet International

Honorable Council Members,

I am Garry Fordyce, serving on the North Hills West Neighborhood Council. Serving on the Patient Advocate Council at the Sepulveda VA. A member of the Disabled American Veterans having served in Viet Nam speaking as an individual.

I support Veterans housing. I do NOT support this project in this toxic location.

Children and seniors are the sensitive receptors of respiratory illness. Veterans have already been exposed to the toxins of war. To further expose Veterans to high levels of exhaust and diesel emissions where they reside can only lead to a slow death by toxicity.

Helping Veterans should not further harm Veterans.
Serve Veterans -- Protect Veterans -- As they have served you ! Now, you can thank them for their service !

I ask the Council to table this motion and require a proper health study in honor of those who have served.
Part of honoring a Veteran is to "Do No Harm" !

Thank You

Respectfully,
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Councilmembers;

My name is Mike O'Gara I have lived in Sun Valley for 43 years. I have been the chair of the planning and land use Committee of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council since 2010 but today I am here speaking for myself, a proud four year Veteran of the US NAVY.

This is a dreadful mess we have presented here.

This is an Eldercare facility that was approved for 96 elder people in 2013.

BUT not before the Zoning Administrator, in the "Letter of Determination" for the project put some horrendous restrictions on it, to try to protect the future residents from air pollution at the location.

Knowing the effects of TOXIC fumes from diesel trucks on "Sensitive Receptors" (small children and seniors) He wisely mandated that the Windows in this facility must be sealed so that the residents could not open them and allow the toxic air from outside into the building
He also required that the developer place a large filtration system inside the building to recycle the air

The developers had included in the project an outside swimming pool so the elder people could recreate outside.

The ZA required that a GLASS DOME be built over the swimming pool.

The back of this property overlooks the slow lane on the northbound five freeway (I-5) the lane most diesel trucks travel in. TWO FREEWAYS come together behind this location.

Within one thousand feet of the building there are eight lanes of freeway Traffic from the five freeway (I-5) connecting to the One- Seventy freeway (Hollywood freeway).

How can anyone in good conscience vote to house Senior Veterans in such a toxic environment. THAT'S THE QUESTION BEFORE YOU TODAY.

If you vote to build this project at this highly compromised location, you will place these Veterans in "Harms Way"

They will be placed in an environment that medical professionals have determined will increase their chances of winding up with respiratory ailments that will shorten their life span.

Councilmembers this is not the way to reward Veterans or anyone by exposure to that risk.

Especially on the start of Memorial Day weekend. A day to honor Veterans who have served our country.

Please table this agenda Item until you can learn more about this location.

Please build these apartments in a healthy location in Sun Valley

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