Plutarch’s “Life of Lucullus” has this line:

"The first messenger that gave notice of Lucullus's coming was so far from pleasing Tigranes that he had his head cut off for his pains; and no man daring to bring further information, without any intelligence at all, Tigranes sat while war was already blazing around him, giving ear only to those who flattered him...".

Getting rid of infrastructure monitoring is the City Council’s emulation of Tigranes. That’s right, if you don’t like the news kill the messenger.

The truth is that the infrastructure can’t support the population increase that was projected in the recently voided HCPU. And for that matter it doesn’t even support the current population. So what is O’Farrell’s solution? Eliminate the reporting requirement from the community plan.

Knowing if the infrastructure can support the population is vital to a community plan. The language in the General Plan should be strengthened to make it unambiguous that the monitoring is a requirement and that funding for an annual report is a necessity. Angelinos must be informed about the decrepit state of our infrastructure.

The motion says: “Consideration and ultimate adoption of the HCPU was preceded by extensive public outreach...” Not so. Notice was given only to those within 500 feet of a land use change. If you are interested in a real reform then include a requirement that everyone in the community plan area receive notice of land use changes occurring anywhere in community plan area.

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