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Regarding El Dorado Hills Apartments at Town Center East

I want to express my enormous concern and dissatisfaction with this proposal! EDH Town Center should be, first and foremost, just that... a town center for the entire community. Town center benefits residents with their shopping and dining needs and desires. This should be a gathering place and a commercial area for everyone's benefit. We like the concerts, farmers markets, 4th of Julys and other celebrations, etc. It is like a version of the past with town centers or town squares. Apartments (or residences of any kind) are not part of the profile that benefits the EDH residents.

The impacts to aesthetics (taller buildings and parking structure) is just plain ugly, regardless of any commitments on what the architecture and grounds would look like! Additionally, the traffic is already bad on all sides of this area, during commute hours and various other times of day and during celebrations. I work near the center and must face this traffic daily. The residents of this community enjoy the sense of community, entertainment, convenience and attractiveness that the Town Center provides.

Since it won't be coming to a vote by EDH residents, wouldn't it be timely and refreshing in these days of growth, to actually listen to existing residents and keep this important aspect of the community intact for what they desire? If apartments are needed in the community, surely there are far better locations. Can we focus on the real community planning benefits vs the tax benefits in this case; can't we wait for the lot to be used for other commercial space or just leave it?

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Town Center Apartments- Request for Delay in Planning Commission Hearing

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Hi Roger.

As you point out, the December 14, 2017 Meeting is a legally advertised public meeting. However, that same legal advertisement does state that the staff reports on the Project will be available 2 weeks in advance of the PC hearing on the Project, and that was not true with respect to the FEIR. The DEIR and the FEIR are often the only documents that the public reviews for a project - the DEIR allows the public 45 days to read, analyze and make comments. Surely in the interest of transparency and full and timely disclosure, more than 8 days should be allowed to read the FEIR.

One obvious question is why wasn't the FEIR available with all the other documents 2 weeks in advance?

The Town Center Apartments Project is a controversial and contentious one here in El Dorado Hills. There are passionate people in favor of the Project, and equally passionate people against the Project. However, whatever side they are on, they should have adequate time to read the final documents. Everyone is aware that lawsuits have been filed about this Project- why not delay the public hearing as requested? Then no one could complain about inadequate notice and time to read the documents. My concern is about the process, and I think that the 210 page FEIR being available only 8 days before the hearing is a failure in the process.

Even though the Meeting has been legally advertised and scheduled, I have seen both the PC and BOS agendas changed, modified and rescheduled up to the last minute. What is accomplished by having the PC have this on their agenda on the 14th, and then continue it to a later date? Why not poll the Planning Commissioners and if they want to reschedule, do it sooner rather than later?

Respectfully,

Tim White, Chair- EDHAPAC

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