

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council: Please note: IT IS NOT WITHIN THE INTENT OF A CITY'S GENERAL PLAN TO AMEND IT, EVERY TIME THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING WANTS TO APPROVE AN ILLEGAL NON-COMPLYING PROJECT. THE MERE SUGGESTION IMPLIES THE PURPOSE OF A CITY'S GENERAL PLAN IS TOTALLY USELESS IF YOU KEEP CONFORMING IT TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL PIECE MEAL PROJECTS. IF A PROJECT DOES NOT FIT IN TO THE EXISTING ZONE OR WITHIN THE EXISTING SCALE, CHARACTER OR IS GENERALLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN WHICH IT SEEKS TO BUILD, IT NEEDS TO SEEK OUT A MORE APPROPRIATE LOCATION. IT'S A FAIRLY SIMPLE PROCESS WHEN FOLLOWED. HERE, YOU AGAIN HAVE GONE TO FAR BY TRYING TO CHANGE THE RULES TO ONCE AGAIN MAKE DEVELOPERS HAPPY. NOW WHILE SELLING OUT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, YOU ARE STEPPING IN TO OUR OPEN SPACE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT AND TERRITORY. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF WHERE OUR CITY MUST GO IN RESPONSE TO THE CHANGING CLIMATE. IS NO ONE WHO WORKS FOR THE CITY READING THE STUDIES? IS NO ONE WHO WORKS FOR THE CITY WALKING AROUND OUTSIDE? WE NEED NOT MORE HEAT ISLANDS. WE NEED NOT MORE CEMENT. WE NEED NOT TO DEMOLISH MORE TREES AND SACRED HABITAT THOUSANDS OF SPECIES RELY ON FOR FOOD, SHELTER AND EXISTENCE. THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING HAS NEVER UNDERSTOOD OR RESPECTED THE FIRST THING ABOUT LIVING ORGANISMS AND WHY DEPLETING OUR BIODIVERSITY IS KILLING THIS CITY AND NEGATIVELY IMPACTING ITS RESIDENTS (ALSO KNOWN AS VOTERS AND TAX PAYERS - PAYING YOUR SALARY). ALTHOUGH WE HAVE STATE LAWS THAT REQUIRE THEM TO NEVER LET PROJECTS LIKE THIS EVEN GET THIS FAR, THEY HAVE REPEATEDLY SHOWN WHO IT IS THEY TAKE THEIR ORDERS FROM. AND WHERE IS THE CITY ATTORNEY WHEN ALL OF THESE "AMENDMENTS" ARE PROPOSED? WHERE IS OUR

CITY ATTORNEY WE JUST ELECTED TO "CLEAN UP" CITY HALL AS SHE SO EAGERLY ALLEGED SHE WOULD DO. SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBER YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION WOULD BE ONE EXAMPLE THIS COUNCIL COULD USE TO SHOW YOUR CONSTITUENTS WHAT COMPLIANCE LOOKS LIKE AND ALSO: WHAT PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT LOOKS LIKE; AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT SMART PLANNING LOOKS LIKE IN THE TIME OF CLIMATE CHANGE. CAN THIS COUNCIL IMAGINE WHAT OUR CITY WOULD LOOK LIKE IF EACH MEMBER OF THIS COUNCIL TOOK THE INITIATIVE YAROSLAVSKY TOOK? INSTEAD OF THIS COUNCIL MAKING ALL OF THESE IRREPARABLE DECISIONS FROM BEHIND YOUR DESKS I WOULD URGE YOU TO VISIT THE DEVELOPMENTS YOU APPROVE IN ORDER TO WITNESS WHAT THE DESTRUCTION LOOKS LIKE. LIVING CREATURES - LIVING AND BREATHING ORGANISMS INHABIT THESE PARTS AS WELL AS ALL OF THE NOOKS AND CRANNIES THEY CAN FIND IN BETWEEN THE MINIMAL SPACES BETWEEN BUILDINGS. WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE FOR THIS COUNCIL TO BECOME EDUCATED ON THE CRITICAL COMPONENT THAT IS NATURE AND WILDLIFE - ALSO KNOWN AS "THE ENVIRONMENT".