

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon. We live in Porter Ranch in the Sorrento community, and wish to leave a statement expressing our opposition to extending the development agreement for our community. The environmental impact is immense and how we continue to ignore it is beyond us. In just the past 18 months, we have seen a drastic increase in coyote activity directly through the neighborhood, we have seen two bobcats, two mountain lions, and so far just this summer FOUR rattlesnakes in ours and our next door neighbors' backyard! We are very negatively impacting the natural desert environment around us, and as a result, are putting residents already here in increasing danger as wildlife has nowhere to go and continues to move closer and closer to homes/pets/children. My 7 year old daughter was the one who found the rattlesnake, and her five month old puppy was right there with her. We are extremely lucky they are both alive. We didn't see a single coyote or snake in the first year we lived here....then construction started across the canyon and wildlife interaction has increased exponentially. Also, in a record drought we cannot afford to lose more trees and plants and produce more pollution as a result of developmental expansion. This is another impact that affects us all as less green space makes it easier for wildfires to spread, endangering existing residents not to mention the impact of residents breathing in construction dust, pollution from trucks, etc. We have a beautiful home that for a while seemed to be able to co-exist with the nature around it, but that has gone away. We are now clearly encroaching on their space, leaving mountain lions, bobcats, snakes, and coyotes nowhere to go except in our streets and yards, putting our kids and pets at enormous risk. We are asking you to please reconsider ANY new development before the wildlife starts to disappear completely and residents are put in harm's way. There are enough homes here - we cannot continue to exploit our beautiful desert landscape any more. Enough is enough. I beg the committee to put what's right above money.