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Sent: January 29, 2025 11:38 AM
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Subject: Planning Committee meeting submission (Tuesday, February 04, 2025) Re: Files UHOPA-24_009, ZAC-24-030 and 25T-202407

Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Residential Development and Parkland Removal

Dear Members of the Planning Committee,
I am writing to formally express my concerns regarding the proposed residential development referenced in the above file numbers, particularly the development over designated parkland off McNeilly Road. I am deeply concerned about the potential loss of this vital designated green space, as well as the increased traffic and strain on existing infrastructure that further development may bring.
This neighborhood has already experienced significant growth, with a rising number of young families with children moving into the area. The ongoing residential development along Barton Street and McNeilly Road, which includes 542 residential units (391 of which are townhomes), has likely been planned with the expectation that existing designated future parkland would be preserved. More importantly, as our community continues to expand, securing and maintaining adequate green spaces will become increasingly challenging. It is critical that we protect these spaces now to ensure the long-term well-being of residents.
City-designated parklands play a crucial role in fostering a healthy community, providing recreational opportunities, preserving natural ecosystems, and helping to mitigate the effects of **climate change**. The removal of parkland from future planning and development would be a significant loss to the neighborhood and its residents. I urge the Planning Committee to reconsider any decisions that would lead to the reduction of our community's green spaces.
Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to responsible urban planning.
Sincerely,
Joyce Camara