

00:56:15 Jennifer Martin-Roff: What is the town hall meeting on?
00:57:29 Katie Rodolico: Chris - we can't see the room because of the shared screen. Can you unshare?
00:58:25 Katie Rodolico: Jennifer - the town hall is a city budget town hall. Specific to district 6.
00:58:57 John Mattison: Move your cursor to the boundary between document and people and drag the boundary to the far left. You can also go to "View" and select "speaker" for a near full screen of the speaker podium.
01:04:52 Zach Burton: District 6 Budget Town Hall
May 15, 2024 6-8pm
9605 Scranton Rd. 92121

Everyone is welcome, see you there!

01:19:47 Melanie Cohn, Biocom California: Thank you to the students for your comments. You are an important part of future planning for this area.
01:22:48 Mina Nguyen: Thank you Melanie, for welcoming us. We are excited for the opportunity to be a part of future planning in this area.
01:23:22 Dannie Zhu: Thank you everyone!
01:26:37 paulettewilliams: Will we be getting copies of the revised plan. Where will they be available.
01:36:57 Melanie Cohn, Biocom California: To be clear, as a member of the plan update committee, these comments do not represent a consensus of that committee.
01:41:37 Bargiora Goldberg: ...or the consensus of UC property owners.
01:46:16 GRL: Does it include the lack of infrastructure, the highly dangerous lack of ingress/egress for the community (anyone here in 2007?), the fact that 60% of the SB-10 requirements going to one of 52 SD Co. communities? The reason for that wildly disproportionate distribution? (Larger donations for politicians, WAY GREATER profit for developers.)
01:49:41 GRL: And does it include the certain death knell of Rose Canyon? The pressure will force a bridge to La Jolla Colony and probably a road to connect with I-5. So much for the support of the "Friends" of Rose Canyon.
01:52:27 GRL: I guess all the seniors reliant on the 2 shopping hubs are out of luck! And what is so environmentally friendly about forcing all those residents to drive to the Colony or Clairemont for groceries and other services.
01:52:34 Lisa H: Losing accessible retail services locally will mean people driving to other communities for these services - how does this promote the climate action plan?
01:53:33 GRL: "Affordable housing" will disappear almost immediately. Those who think otherwise are kidding themselves.
01:54:26 GRL: So much for the bill of goods that's been sold to vulnerable UCSD students.
01:55:57 GRL: BTW, I am not an outside crackpot. Been here since 1968 and I've been to this movie before.
01:56:49 John Mattison: @GRL Well-stated. We were lied to repeatedly by representatives of the City Planning Committee, who stated that we were compelled to locate that 60% of the entire San Diego new housing into a VERY small geography which is already subject to severe traffic congestion. It is difficult to imagine any other explanation for that profoundly disproportionate allocation than the one highlighted by GRL above, i.e. profitability for developers aka

campaign contributors to the majors office. There is urban planning evidence that infill housing in areas of high desirability has completely failed to enhance affordable housing. The suggestion that this high density proposal is intended to provide affordable housing is nowhere supported by urban planning literature or experience. The plight of unfortunate UCSD students is a direct consequence of dramatic escalation of student body size without commensurate increases in housing.

That is another planning failure that should not be thrust upon the local community.

01:58:17 GRL: If you want truly affordable housing, you will structure it very differently. This is a model that will end in the usual conclusion: GREED wins again.

01:59:47 John Mattison: There is abundant open space that could be converted into affordable housing for students northeast of the UCSD campus, but apparently it is not as profitable for developers as is the "infill" plan which significantly degrades the existing communities where they have been recommended, and seriously aggravates pre-existing traffic and safe ingress and egress for any emergency services.

02:01:34 Lisa H: Take out the in lieu option altogether.

02:06:37 John Mattison: Did we ask for adequate parking provisions for the new high density housing in the Sprouts and Vons shopping centers?

02:07:29 GRL: Or do planners think they will be willing to walk 2.5 miles to the available public transportation?

02:09:54 Linda B: Recommendations by Help Save UC asked for at least one parking space per dwelling unit at the Vons and Sprouts shopping centers for new residential units but thus far the City has rejected requests to require parking for new residential units. The policy position is that new residents will use public transit.

02:12:19 GRL: I am a progressive person who acknowledges the need for density housing. NOT a NIMBY. But this is such an obvious money grab by politicians and their sponsoring developers it's ridiculous. DIVERSE DISPERSEMENT of new housing REALLY near public transportation is what's needed.

02:12:26 John Mattison: Failure of the city to include bare minimum parking space requirements is yet another gross failure of our city planning department to address these basic issues. Wishful thinking that people, many of whom are seniors, will walk long distances to hop on profoundly inefficient public transportation systems is not a plan, it's just a sham response to an entirely legitimate request.

02:12:54 GRL: WORD!

02:20:14 John Mattison: Andy Weise's last comments are true gems: Abundant literature reveals how poor planning like the proposed high density plan for UC leads to more quantity of life and MUCH lower quality of life. Read Dan Buettner's "Blue Zones of Happiness", and how Boulder Colorado approaches city planning. The San Diego planning department recommendations, supported by the mayor's office, is a model for how NOT to create livable communities where healthy people can thrive.

02:20:52 Bargiora Goldberg: why did UCPG plan offer 10K units instead of the city's plan to add 30K? this is like going to war and offering the enemy 1/3 of the area before the fight started.

02:21:19 Bargiora Goldberg: CA population is shrinking not growing.

02:24:11 John Mattison: @BG: Exactly right. The only way to stave off the abusive behavior of the city to our community is through direct legal action.

Capitulating to 1/3 of a wholly illegitimate proposal is indeed an unnecessary capitulation.

02:27:10 Bargiora Goldberg: JM: are there like minded others who wish to fight this thing rather than let the city rape UC?

02:27:50 John Mattison: We're likely to see a strategy of stalling while the state planning process is engineering the complete undermining of the EIR requirements for any projects alleging to provide affordable housing. These plans masquerade as affordable housing motivated, but without evidence that those goals will be achieved:

<https://lhc.ca.gov/little-hoover-commission-offers-recommendations-for-ceqa-reform/>

02:29:24 GRL: Well said, Mr. Weise. What you are too diplomatic to say is that this is by design! They (politicians and developers) clearly want the flexibility in the future to further their goals - more building, profit, and elimination of precious natural places.

02:31:01 John Mattison: @BG: Please email me at johnmattison7@gmail.com to discuss your question. The vast majority of UC residents is in favor of a more aggressive approach. The city has not been taking our concerns seriously because they have consistently ignored the interests of the community.

02:32:36 GRL: Why isn't Ms. Cohn showing her face:?

02:33:28 GRL: Lack of courage of her convictions? I agree with her points but not with how she applies them.

02:33:35 iPad (6): Andy Weiss, thank you so much for the hours of hard work and for sharing your knowledge and expertise. I deeply hope that your recommendations will be followed.

02:35:41 iPad (6): I think your comment on bait and switch is right on target.

02:36:33 Veronica Hollstein: thank you Andy! athis does represent my vision. I am a Hispanic mother of 3 school-aged children, also a Subcommittee member. Most families with children in the area are also in agreement with the Subcommittee recommendations. Thank you for the detailed report.

02:38:41 paulettewilliams: Yes, Geoff!

02:43:09 Zoom user: Thank you Andy and Subcommittee members for a well thought out analysis of the city plan and not letting them just MAKE us accept "as is" without residents changes and inputs.

02:43:50 John Mattison: We have a critical shortage of affordable housing in areas where many modest-income jobs are being created in across coastal California. The solution in non-coastal areas with inexpensive real estate is to build mixed-use communities with appropriate affordable housing. That principle is well established. However, applying that approach to areas with the highest priced real-estate in the country is unrealistic. Locations like the SF Bay Area have at least attempted to address this conundrum by providing efficient public transportation (i.e. BART) as a cornerstone of their planning. San Diego is a model of ineffective, inefficient and inadequate city planning for public transportation. If we had a BART like system that worked, we could easily support affordable housing with efficient public transportation to places of employment. Attempts to solve that problem with infill housing alone have been unmitigated failures in areas like UTC/La Jolla, where real estate is inherently valuable.

02:45:19 iPad (6): Are we stuck with the Complete Communities Plan?

02:48:30 Karen Arden: Thank you Andy for all the hard work by you and the committee. Your recommendations are well considered and should be adopted by the

city planners.

02:51:58 John Mattison: the previous comments about the demographics of UC are profoundly distorted by inclusion of the rapidly exploding UCSD student population. Those UCSD students ABSOLUTELY deserve to have access to affordable housing, but alleging that inclusion of their age demographics into any argument for UC infill hyper-density housing is preposterous. There were plenty of opportunities to provide appropriate student housing in balance with rapid escalations in UCSD student populations. Yet another planning failure. It is the combined failures of UCSD student housing planning with KNOWN projections in student population, combined with a poor public transportation infrastructure that have created the true crisis in affordable housing adjacent to jobs and educational facilities. Burdening local communities with destruction of quality of life rather than providing enlightened planning for public transportation and student housing is not a legitimate solution to a problem created by poor planning.

02:54:29 Rolf Dieter Hollstein: Support this great comment about UCSD student housing! Increasing on-campus student housing is more affordable for students and decreases the housing pressure on University City. A win-win solution.

02:58:32 iPad (6): How are we supposed to get out if there is a fire?

02:58:38 Karen Arden: SDUSD has stated that space should be set aside for a new elementary school that will be needed. This is not addressed in the draft plan.

02:59:07 Lisa H: Spot on, Linda B

02:59:54 iPad (6): The EIR is totally inadequate.

03:00:14 pablolanatta: I agree with everything Linda Beresford Mentioned. Thank you Linda

03:01:16 Lisa H: Ageist!! Where do you suggest we are warehoused?

03:02:45 Chris Margraf: When older folks eventually lose their ability to drive, living in a denser, more walkable, safer, and transit-oriented areas will be hugely to their benefit. As it is with lower-income people and students.

03:02:49 jennifer dunaway: SDUSD stated in their response to the UC Plan Update that a new elementary school is needed at La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee, and it shall be placed and funded by developer fees prior to any new units. The City did not integrate this into the Plan or analyze it or place the school site in the DEIR. Why?

03:13:04 Chris Margraf: If I could unmute I could explain in more detail if you'd like

03:34:39 Lisa H: Chris you are a hero!

03:35:00 Lisa H: Nielsen that is

03:35:43 iPad (6): Thanks to everyone for their hard work and perseverance.