



Museum House Public Hearing – April 7, 2016

Samples of resident emails sent to Planning Commissioners

“Enough with this development!! We voted to stop this on Measure Y. This is a sneaky "end run" around what the residents of Newport voted on !! STOP !!!”

“NO, NO, NO!!! NO more General Plan amendments to accommodate more density! NO more density, creating more traffic! NO more development when we residents are on a 25% water reduction! It’s time to grow a pair and say NO to the Irvine Co, and have a little respect for our existing neighbors and residents.”

“I know that progress is important in any community, but over-building in a community as beautiful as ours is a mistake. The huge apartment community on the corner of San Joaquin Hills Road and Jamboree will certainly pour a great deal of traffic and congestion onto our streets. Enough is enough! No more – especially a large multi-story structure.”

“We feel that the changes the city is proposing for the "museum house" would be a mistake. Too many units in too small an area. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that this would create more traffic on our streets and use more resources. What ever happened to the drought awareness?”

“My concern is the traffic that will be generated around such a huge site. You have taken care of the parking but that does not address the traffic impact by the people living there, visitors and tourists to the area.”

We oppose the 26 story high rise at Newport Center since it does not conform to the general plan and will result in more traffic, pollution, congestion and other adverse effects on the people of Newport Beach . . . We will be keeping track of this project and those on the planning commission and city council who foolishly allow this project to go ahead on any basis that is inconsistent with the general plan.”

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“ . . . There are already a large group of high end condominiums being built on San Joaquin Hills Road in Newport Center. This of course means more traffic and demands upon infrastructure. The increase in demand for WATER alone should be a red flag. We haven’t even been able to keep up with the state requirements! Adding more homes will only make that situation worse. I have to say that sometimes I wonder what the Planning Commission and elected officials are thinking. EVERYTHING IN MODERATION should be their new motto . . . Sometimes I feel that the citizens of this city have very little say over what happens to us. It is very disappointing and it makes me feel very jaded about the process.”

“I am saddened to hear that there is another proposal for high density condominiums - the Museum House. There is already high density housing going on at Fashion Island and I am dreading what the traffic is going to be like near Jamboree and San Joaquin. What is happening to our beautiful, relaxing city? The residents do want our city to be turned into downtown Los Angeles. . . Who is allowing this to happen? Why is this happening? Is it all about the money?...”

“The published **NB General Plan, explicitly disallows buildings of the proposed height and residential density.** What is the purpose of having a General Plan, when any developer that makes campaign donations can over run the Plan and intent of Newport Beach residents? . . .”

“PLEASE, PLEASE don't allow Newport Beach - a BEACH town with many years of seaside pleasure, beauty and history - to become a Century City or Miami Beach of high rise apartment buildings...”

“I strongly object to . . . building a structure on museum grounds which contradict the growth/density/traffic mandate shared by voters who defeated the 2014 Measure Y by a 70% margin. Many of my friends object also, but they may not write to you, but surely will not vote next election for [those] who support this measure.”

“...The prime beneficiaries of these projects are developers, many of whom don’t live in the area, and entities, like the museum, looking to parlay assets into a windfall. No amount of reconfiguration can possibly accommodate the future flow of traffic related to this development... A city should not consider the financial interests of commercial interests over that of its tax paying citizens.”

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