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From: Cevallos, Pedro
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Cevallos, Pedro
Subject: FW: Lake Forest City Council to vote on low income housing project at Raymond Way and El Toro Rd

From: Richard Gosselin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 9:33 PM
To: Council <council@lakeforestca.gov>
Subject: RE: Lake Forest City Council to vote on low income housing project at Raymond Way and El Toro Rd

Dear Lake Forest City Council,

I have recently learned the City Council has voted in favor of moving forward with the low income housing project, and that another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, if it were not for COVID-19, I would be attending your meeting to voice my opinion against this project, and I am nearly at a complete loss of words.

How is it the City Council cannot see the issues this project will create to Lake Forest, construction of a project of this size will cause traffic issues, noise issues, parking issues and later crime issues.

I am a Project Manager by trade, and I have worked enough construction to understand that heavy equipment is needed for such a project, construction start time may be 7:AM or 8:AM start, but that is the physical start time, workers need to prep the equipment, engine run up's usual start a good 30 to 60 minutes prior to work, this is load diesel engines running up.

Construction needs to demo the existing buildings, haul all the debris away, prep the site with water lines, gas lines, electrical lines, sewage lines, which will also disrupt existing services when prepping.

Once the low income housing is completed comes parking issues, as parking is costly, and is seldom over estimated, residents will then start parking where ever they can, in the local residential neighborhood, or the nearby commercial parking spaces.

Lastly comes crime, look at any community where low income housing has been set up, you will find crime has also increased.

I have lived in Lake Forest since 1986 and I have seen us grow from the small community of El Toro to the peaceful city of Lake Forest, and this project will not benefit our city, but will only take away from what we have, a city where people want to live.

If you do chose to continue this project, I will leave you with one last thought, the local residents will vote those who chose to destroy our city out of office on upcoming elections, and that you can count on.

*Sincerely,
Rich Gosselin*