

April 7, 2024

Dear mayor, council, staff, and public,

Several residents have submitted changes for the housing element report, but I have not seen their comments reflected in the document to the state. Now it appears that the April 8 meeting is simply intended to approve the contents without concern for or reflection on any comments from the public. These concerns are in part as follows:

The three sites mentioned (Vista Lobos, N & S lots of Sunset Center) are not reasonably subject to redevelopment, for reasons elucidated in prior letters. We need these locations for parking. Additionally, it is not practical to think that underground parking will be cost effective for any developer.

Alternative sites suggested, Mission school and Flanders Mansion lands, have not been seriously addressed. Is it possibly because Karen Ferlito was a founder and is still closely associated with Land Watch, which promotes only urban development, despite each of the above two alternatives being within walking distance of the downtown?

Victoria Beach presented alternatives based on Church land, and Rich Pepe said he could manage 12 units, apparently as yet uncounted.

The wording in the proposal regarding the three properties mentioned in the second paragraph above is disconcerting, as it is promised that they will be acted upon within 5 years. Please reconsider the proposed property development sites.

Sincerely,

Karyl Hall, resident

