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Subject: City Council Agenda Item #33 11/17/15 - Equestrian comments

Dear Mayor & Council members:

I am opposed to this zoning change as it may relate to the Oil Operators Inc parcel north of Wardlow Road and the relationship that parcel has with the equestrian trail to it's west and the Wrigley equestrian community to the south.

These type of zoning changes allowing for higher density developments on areas that have traditionally been open spaces and adjacent to or inclusive of equestrian facilities are not good for our community. This change in zoning allows development with high density and is one more example of the methodical decision making that continues to have negative impacts to the historic equestrian user group, and the trails and open spaces that group needs to survive.

How is high density housing adjacent to the historic open spaces and trails along the LA River considered a "greening" of the river or enhancement of existing trails?

Part of the Oil Operators Inc parcel was once a public equestrian facility serving the West side community, but due to down zoning, the stables were demolished and no EIR or mitigation plan was provided to replace those much needed equestrian facilities.

In addition, similar privately owned open parcels have been lost to a change in zoning to high density housing without consideration to the existing equestrian and others in the community and all the associated negatives.

See my comments from 10/20, 11/3 & 11/9 City Council meetings on more details about how these types of decisions are not in the best interest of the equestrians and many who live in the 7th & 8th districts.

Respectfully opposed.

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