

Heather Flores

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 1:36 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: Agenda Item 1, Nov. 3, 2022

-EXTERNAL-

To: Long Beach Planning Commissioners
Re: Agenda Item I, Nov. 3, 2022 agenda

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council accept **Categorical Exemption CE21-156;** and **Recommend that the City Council approve a General Plan Amendment (GPA21-004), to change the PlaceType designation of 2600 California Avenue from Open Space (OS) to NeoIndustrial (NI).**

I urge a No vote for both of these motions.

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The project site has a current General Plan Land Use Element PlaceType designation of OS. The existing OS PlaceType supports recreational space such as public parks and does not allow for commercial or industrial uses, such as offices. Although the existing I Zoning District allows for medical offices, the land use PlaceType does not.

While the adoption of the Land Use Element is fairly recent, the proposed General Plan Amendment is still appropriate because it corrects a City error in designating this privately owned and commercially operating parcel.”

My comments:

This site is currently **zoned Institutional and is Open Space** in the Land Use Element. As the staff report states, Open Space Place Type is for **Public Parks**, not commercial or industrial uses. Zoning should not be changed because a land owner wants a non-conforming use.

This land already has walking paths and landscaping. The plans call for cutting down mature trees and digging up possible Native American burial sites, with no CEQA evaluation. The site should remain as Open Space. At the very least, if the Place Type and Zoning are changed, an Environmental Impact Report must be required for any development.

Sincerely,
Ann Cantrell

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From: jill brennan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 1:59 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: 2600 California Avenue, proposed land use change

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Dear Commissioners,

1. This land is Park land. The Westside has very limited Park space. Please deny this zoning change. Vote No.
2. Several medical suites near Long Beach Memorial are sitting empty. There is no need for a new "medical" building. Vote No.
3. Sean Hitchcock has violated City Policy and destroyed environmentally sensitive wetlands in the past. Vote No.

Jill Brennan
LB Parks advocate

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From: Anne Proffit [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 2:30 PM
To: PlanningCommissioners
Subject: I agree with Ann Cantrell

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To the planning commission:

I realize this is one of Garcia's pet projects, but it's time to stop giving him everything he wants. This is intended to be PARKLAND for the PEOPLE of this city, not more industrial space that will be unused once the pandemic era is over.

She said it better than I ever could:

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