

From: [Mirtha Becerra](#)
To: [Dave DeGrandpre](#)
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to Expo Parkway Project
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Hi Dave,
For your records:

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Subject: **Opposition to Expo Parkway Project**

Good morning Mirtha,

I am writing in opposition to this project for all of the reasons noted by prior commentators. I know traffic has been brought up, however, the increased burden on an already overloaded Reserve Street needs additional consideration. The additional vehicles from this subdivision will only add to the gridlock on this highway. It seems goals of reducing air pollution in the valley have been stated time and again through the years, however, execution and decisions by staff regarding traffic flows on Reserve have not aligned with these goals. Staff decisions have been made to include bike lanes on this 2 mile stretch of highway from West Broadway to 3rd at the expense of right turn lanes to help keep traffic flowing. There are nice, wide green boulevards with underutilized sidewalks on both sides of Reserve that could be widened to accommodate bicyclists and to allow for their safe passage through this area. An idling vehicle puts more pollution in the air than one that is moving. Adding the vehicles from this subdivision will virtually shut down this stretch of highway.

I know this subdivision has been supported by the mayor from the very beginning including his marching out the various affected department heads to support his desire at the meeting last week.

If you feel you have to approve the subdivision please limit the rezone to 700 units to assure the taxpayers in this area that he won't make another run at increasing the number of units in the subdivision in the future. What is the purpose of rezoning the subdivision for more than the developer has requested to build?

His agreement to keep the subdivision at 700 units means nothing...put this question to rest now so we don't need to worry about him in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Greg Olson
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