

### Regarding the Proposed Mckinley Village (P08-086)

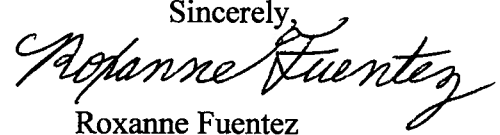
I am opposed to the proposed Mckinley Village. A previous project proposed for this area was strongly opposed by the surrounding neighborhood and defeated by City Council. This area is not suited for any type of development. It is surrounded by UP railroad tracks and Highway I-80. There are only two access points to this area— Lanatt Street, which goes from Elvas Avenue to the top of the train levee, and a 28<sup>th</sup> Street access point. Any type of high-density development in this field would dump a tremendous amount of traffic into the adjacent East Sacramento Area so as to seriously affect the quality of life for residents of this neighborhood.

This area is six feet lower than the rest of East Sacramento and is surrounded by train levees and a freeway and adjacent levee, creating a bathtub effect whereby this area can fill up with water during heavy localized flooding.

There was fruit orchard on this property tended to by a family for decades, which bloomed every spring with bright pink blossoms— creating a visual delight for everyone passing. There was a public uproar when some of the trees were cut down, so the cutting was stopped. However, a year or so ago, neighbors noticed that bulldozers came in during the night and ripped out the entire orchard. That is why Part 1 of the Environmental Questionnaire states that “there are no trees on the site.”

Also, Part 1 of the Environmental Questionnaire states that water pools on the site. This would indicate the presence of seasonal wetlands with frogs and other wildlife and require further environmental review.

I believe this land should be kept as an open space area, and replanted with some native trees and shrubs bordering on the grassy field and wetlands, so as to be wildlife friendly and provide an environmentally and visually pleasing open space area for Sacramento. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
  
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