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Hello Council Members,

I have attached a letter with a few of my thoughts about the 145th and 185th subareas design.

I appreciate you taking the time to read it.

I hope you all enjoy your weekend!

Be well.

Peace,
Meghan peterka

February 20, 2015

Dear City Council Members,

After leaving the last city council meeting I attended, I was saddened by what I saw, heard, and felt. I believe in a greater tomorrow. I think that the plan for the 145th and 185th subarea stations lack a true vision of great design. The procedure that the city undertook to inform and engage the community also was inadequate. I trust that what you have heard in the last couple of months opens you to think about how we can create a design that honors the earth and those that reside in these areas today and tomorrow. I would like to share with you my vision and wants.

I envision in the two subarea stations that are being considered for rezoning a design that honors the topography and environment. It has been mentioned, many of the areas around South Paramount Park and Twin Ponds Park are already vulnerable and have been developed, when they should have been reserved for water catchment and park space. I see shorter buildings, like row homes, which have a green space around each building for the resident's personal use. I see already established trees incorporated in the design of the rezone. I see mostly non-permeable surfaces that are planted with habitat with water catchment in mind. I see central meeting spaces to invite those in these complexes into the greater community. I see walking paths in these areas that connect the central meeting spaces. I see trash and recyclable receptacles in many areas to minimize litter. I see benches placed in quiet locations around these areas. I see a design that will be a precedent to future communities.

I want to know that the builders of these homes will create Lead standard homes. I want to know that there is a process to hold builders and investors accountable for neglect and additional services that will be needed to support the residents of these homes. I want to know that there will be a process to protect and support these residents from investors who raise their rents beyond the ability of the renter, or neglect their investment. I want the investors of these homes to invest in our community annually, by providing funding for opportunities for the general community or infrastructure. I want every resident, whether renter or owner, to feel welcomed in our community and invited to participate.

The concerns that I have are for the environment and for the people who will live in these areas. I want to know that they both will be protected.

I am grateful that you are taking the time to listen. I am hopeful that we can create a plan that will honor and support all of our wants and needs.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Meghan Peterka