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Dear Members,

I will be following with a later letter regarding points I would like to address in the 145th St. and rezone area FEIS. Most likely I will not be able to address these points prior to tonight's scheduled meeting, for a variety of issues.

I would however like to comment on what appears to be a missed opportunity to meet with the community most directly in the path of the rezone by scheduling such an important meeting on the same day as a well attended community activity; The Ridgecrest neighborhood "Ice Cream Social" which will be held tonight in Upper Paramount Park.

In some ways it could be seen as an attempt to keep citizens from participating in the final parts of a process that is to have a huge impact on their lives. The meeting could have been easily cancelled and rescheduled long ago. As it is there is a petition being circulated to put off this meeting of the Planning Commission until Sept. 1.

In other ways it truly is a missed opportunity by both the Planning Commission and the Council to actively visit an area many likely only know in passing and to actively engage with the residents therein. Goodwill lost is hard to get back, especially when so many residents feel they have been stepped on and overlooked.

It is easy to make plans based on some amorphous beliefs, and just as easy to protest such plans for the same reason. It is only by coming together in a non-threatening environment where un-scripted interactions are possible that allow us to truly hear each other more clearly, to see more clearly.

Such opportunities have been lost too many times in the process. In the final planning stages, it is sad to see yet another such opportunity, lost.

Respectfully,

Cathy Aldrich