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I live at 15008 9th Pl. NE; my property abuts the Paramount Park Green Space. I have lived there for almost 36 years.

I have attended a few planning commission and city council meetings. I even attended one of the first community meetings informing us of what was happening! My perception is that at least 85% of those community members who spoke, spoke against the massive zoning change at the 145th st substation. At one planning commission mtg I heard a member say that my little culdesac showed little interest as reported to him by a senior planner. I know that, at that particular time, at least 8 people from my culdesac had spoken publicly against the rezone. Somewhere along the line, information is being incorrectly reported.

We have now learned that the actual station sight will be changing, moving north a bit. It changes the complexion of things. The light rail people will not have their design done until sometime in the fall, November I believe. Also in November we have ST3 on the ballot, which includes an infill station at 130th. Won't that have an effect on the 145th st station? Or, at the least, prompt you to consider how much should be done at 145th?

I voted for light rail. We need it. But I did not vote to have my community destroyed. I am against the massive rezoning. I feel, that at this time, it should be restricted to that area around 5th that will be directly affected by the light rail station. It will confine the redevelopment to a smaller area, having less impact on the community. Miranda said at a planning meeting that rezoning at a later date would be cumbersome. Tough nuggets. If it makes for a plan where the growth is controlled then so be it. That's her, and your job. Major growth is predicted. I get that; accept that. But it can and should be controlled. What you are proposing appears to amount to a possible free-for-all for the developers.

Beyond saying that I am against the rezone, I have a couple of questions. One--why have we gone through all of this the last 3 years? Why the community group meetings? Has it all been just a damn game to you because the present plans really aren't all that different from the ones in the beginning! And two--How and when do we say what we have to say in order for you to HEAR what we are saying? Given the voices that have spoken up to this point, how do you manage to keep coming up with some kind of reconfigured massive rezone?

I'm angry that you've put us through this. I hope others in the community are angry too, and remember that anger when they fill out their ballots.

Oh, and to the planners who "listen" to the community regarding what they would like to see--I would like to open my front door and be able to walk to a little bistro, coffee shop, grocery and plant nursery; open my back door to a mini farm with a big veggie garden and orchard, greenhouse, a couple of Pygmy goats and a couple of horses. I did a reality check on that one. I suggest you do the same.

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