



COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Open Space Zoning in Pasadena Should be Protected

The Housing Department of the City of Pasadena is trying to develop low income housing on zoned Open Space (OS) land that Pasadena owns but development of any kind of structures on Open Space is not allowed in Pasadena. We treat Open Space zoning on land in Pasadena as a very special designation to keep it as green space.

On January 23, 2012, the City Council approved the Open Space and Conservation Element of the New General Plan that included the following goal, "**Pasadena cooperates as a community to conserve natural resources and protect open space.**" So to consider a construction project on our open space is contrary and hypocritical to a policy approved by the City Council. So why do we have a New General Plan if we do not follow our own rules.

Remember the greedy developers that wanted to develop the open space zoning land under the power lines of the Edison corridor for self-storage. The Pasadena Open Space Preservation group was started to protect and to be the voice for open space zoning and protested the City Council for considering the self-storage idea and finally the Council reversed their position not to allow structures in the Edison Corridor.

Now, our Housing Department is desperately trying to promote

development on our Open Space zoning on Kinneloa Avenue and Milton Street which goes against what our residents want in Pasadena and that is to protect zoned open space. Once you develop it, open space is gone.

My position is that we don't sell out our residents to developers for any kind of development on zoned open space. Not for commercial, residential, retail, low-income housing, high-income housing or self-storage. It doesn't matter how you package it, you just don't sell out our residents for money opportunities of our zoned open space.

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