

Dear City Council,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent developments surrounding the Old Mill construction proposal in Cottonwood Heights. As a constituent and a concerned member of the community, I believe it is crucial to address several significant issues that have arisen from the latest discussions and proposals.

Firstly, after reviewing the latest updates presented at the recent meeting, it is clear that there are serious reservations regarding the proposed development. The concept plan includes a suggestion for a new walking trail on the north side of the river, which seems redundant considering the substantial investment the city has already made in establishing a historical trail in the area. This raises questions about the necessity and practicality of such duplication of efforts, which could potentially undermine the existing infrastructure.

Moreover, concerns have been voiced regarding the projected increase in traffic along BCC Road, compounded by the proposal's potential impact on pedestrian and cycling safety. Given the city's commendable efforts to enhance these aspects of community life, it is disconcerting to anticipate heightened risks in these areas due to the proposed development.

Furthermore, environmental considerations must not be overlooked. The prospect of extensive vegetation removal and the disruption caused by construction activities, particularly in an area susceptible to seismic activity, raises valid safety and sustainability concerns. The preservation of natural habitats and mitigation of environmental impacts should be paramount in any development plans.

Additionally, while acknowledging the need and inevitability of development in this area, it is essential for our community to prioritize the successful creation of a balanced society. This entails thoughtful consideration of factors such as housing density, infrastructure capacity, and the preservation of our cultural and natural heritage.

In closing, I urge you to consider these concerns seriously as the decision-making process progresses. The community's well-being and the preservation of our city's unique heritage should guide any development initiatives undertaken. I look forward to your insights on these matters and am eager to discuss further steps that can be taken to ensure our collective voice is heard in this important dialogue.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue.

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