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FW: [External] Overlook to Alessandro bridge connection

From: <happyjaq@charter.net>**Date:** November 4, 2015 at 2:15:40 PM PST**To:** "'pdavis@riversideca.gov'" <pdavis@riversideca.gov>**Subject:** [External] Overlook to Alessandro bridge connection

Good Afternoon Councilman Davis,

I recently received an email notification regarding a meeting that was going to take place regarding November 17th and the Overlook to Alessandro potential connection. I will not be able to attend the meeting so I thought it best to voice my concerns to you. I have resided in the Alessandro Heights community for 14 years in the area of Bradley and Westgate. I have certainly seen it change over the years, especially in respects to traffic.

I have great concerns over the connection of Overlook to Alessandro and the traffic my community as a result would be left to deal with. There is no doubt that when you look at Overlook Pkwy from Washington that is was built to handle volumes of vehicles. However, once connected to Alessandro only Overlook Pkwy would be able to manage the traffic not the subsidiary streets extending from it. Drivers will use side streets to cut thru trying to find alternative routes in an attempt to avoid traffic jams or believe a residential street route is faster. This would funnel traffic to my neighborhood along Bradley as well as Hawarden. The Pulte housing community connecting Kingdom Drive from Overlook to Bradley has already increased traffic, not to mention the housing community built at the East end of Bradley.

Washington St would have a huge increase of traffic to the North and South. It is not built to manage the amount of traffic the Overlook/Alessandro connection would create. Victoria intersections would also see an increase in vehicles. It currently backs up at the four way stops as it is. If connected Overlook would be as busy as Van Buren Boulevard eventually. Regardless if you try to improve Washington or extend Overlook westerly to Madison and the 91. I realize you likely receive lots of complaints regarding traffic in the City and the difficulty to get across town and how busy Alessandro is. I just do not see creating the Overlook/Alessandro connection being the answer. If the bridge is approved I will end up selling my house and having to move because I could not tolerate the increase traffic of such proportion. I enjoy my neighborhood the way it is. This community does not need an easier access. With progress and change is sacrifice. Please don't sacrifice my community for it.

Jackie Williams

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Ref: Connection of Overlook Parkway

We are residents of Alessandro Heights in Riverside with our property adjacent To Overlook Parkway.

At the present time, traffic is already a concern with the drivers ignoring the speed limit and non area drivers using Overlook Pkwy. The connection of Overlook Parkway would destroy a large portion of the city with a huge number of traffic problems, noise, pollution, gang related problems, graffiti, burglaries, devaluation of present property values which presently provides high property taxes to Riverside and much more.

Please do not even consider a yes vote on this project.

Riverside could be a beautiful city and a profitable city if you concentrate on much needed assistance in so many other areas instead of all the money that would be spent on this project and then the money spent on the consequences thereafter.

Thank you.

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Re: P11-0050
Crystal View terrace/Green Orchard Place/Overlook Parkway Project

Ms. Jenkins,

I have been a resident of the City of Riverside for 25 years. As a long time resident, I have had the opportunity to watch our city grow and change.

Riverside's uniqueness is its greatest asset. Open spaces including the Greenbelt, the revitalization of downtown, its number of colleges and universities, diverse population, historic preservation efforts including Victoria Avenue, and many distinct neighborhoods set Riverside apart from other Southern California cities.

I want to be on record in absolute opposition to any discussions about connecting Overlook Parkway. To create a major thoroughfare that will cut through multiple neighborhoods by beginning/ending at the 91 Freeway is irresponsible of city planners. Such a connection will devastate the neighborhood of Casa Blanca and that is unacceptable. Additionally, if this road were so critical to the traffic patterns of the city, then it should have been built long before newer neighborhoods became well established around it as well.

Victoria Avenue is a rare jewel in this city and sets Riverside apart from other cookie-cutter cities throughout Southern California. For city planners to even consider a high volume of traffic to cross and impact this historic street is short-sighted and irresponsible.

The connection of Overlook Parkway will primarily serve as a short-cut for drivers to avoid freeways. This will dramatically increase traffic on local city streets and will have a direct impact on Casa Blanca and Arlington Heights residents. I ask that city management advocate for what is in the best interest of local neighborhoods.

This is the most significant quality of life issue facing residents in this part of the city, and I expect that city planners will represent the interest of the current residents of the locally impacted neighborhoods over any outside pressures to connect Overlook Parkway.

Sincerely,



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