

Dear LA County Department of Regional Planning,

I am writing to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Royal Vista Residential Project No. PRJ2021-002011. As a concerned member of the community, I appreciate the opportunity to express our views on the project and its potential impacts.

The proposed dense development, which could reach up to 800 units when considering the Sunjoint development on Lake Canyon, poses a significant risk to our community's well-being. This risk is evident in the anticipated surge in crime rates, the addition of at least 2,000 vehicles causing congestion and emitting pollutants, and the irreversible damage to our wildlife habitat. This habitat, including a crucial corridor to the Puente Hills SEA conservation area just 1.2 miles away, is at stake. In addition, the existing permeable ground plays a vital role in filtering pollutants, replenishing the Puente Basin Aquifer, and mitigating the urban heat island effect by cooling the surrounding area.

Air Quality:

Concerns arise over Valley Fever risk due to excavation during construction near the proposed site. A previous case during a similar development led to a resident's diagnosis and ongoing treatment. Excavation dust is also linked to respiratory issues like asthma and mucormycosis. The extensive 3.8 million cubic yards of grading, equivalent to 10,277 haul trucks on major roads, raises worries about traffic control on Colima Road and East Walnut Dr. South, especially during school hours. A four-year construction period may extend to eight with the Sunjoint development, impacting residents significantly.

Royal Vista Golf Course, a vital carbon sink, borders the City of Industry's Good Transit Corridor, absorbing carbon near the 57/60 Freeways. The SCAQMD recommends a health risk assessment for mobile sources, and uncertainty surrounds its inclusion in the EIR. Residents propose a fund by the developer to upgrade windows and AC units for homes lacking proper ventilation, given the aging infrastructure and increased home-stay due to remote work post-pandemic.

Particulate Matter Exposure:

Freeways emit significant PM2.5 and PM10, causing respiratory and cardiovascular problems. Prolonged exposure raises health concerns as these fine particles can penetrate deep into the lungs and enter the bloodstream, posing health risks such as respiratory issues, aggravated asthma, bronchitis, and heightened cardiovascular disease risk.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns and your commitment to ensuring that the Royal Vista Residential Project aligns with the values and needs of our community.

Sincerely,