

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 comprising nearly 400 units (upwards of 800 units including the Sunjoint proposed development on Lake Canyon) poses a significant threat to our community's quality of life. This threat manifests in heightened crime rates within our city, an influx of at least 2000 additional vehicles clogging our roads and emitting pollutants, and the irrevocable destruction of the wildlife habitat, including the vital corridor to the Puente Hills SEA conservation area located just 1.2 miles away. In addition, the current permeable ground filters pollutants, replenishes the Puente Basin Aquifer, and mitigates the urban heat island effect as it cools the surrounding area.

**Solar Panel Glare:** It is crucial to address potential impacts on residents due to direct glare or reflection. How will the glare from solar panels be minimized to reduce reflection on current homes, especially those situated on higher elevations?

**Lighting on Walking and Biking Paths:** The DEIR lacks information on the type and height of lighting along proposed walking and biking paths. We are particularly concerned about bright lights projecting into neighboring private backyards. It is essential to address potential impacts on residents' privacy and well-being.

**Bright LED Streetlights:** Considering the adverse effects observed in a recent Upland development with LED lights too bright at night, we request careful consideration of the choice of LED streetlights. It is vital to avoid disrupting the natural patterns of local bird populations due to intense illumination resembling daytime during nighttime hours.

**The Value of Open Space:** Open space holds significant importance for our community. It provides essential recreational opportunities, greenery, and tranquility, contributing to residents' well-being and quality of life. Open spaces play a crucial role in rainwater collection, mitigating flooding, and replenishing groundwater. They contribute to climate change mitigation by reducing urban heat islands and providing shade. Trees in open spaces absorb carbon dioxide, aiding in carbon sequestration.

**Water:** Another section of the golf course is sold to Sunjoint for 420 homes, and Walnut Valley Water District has issued a Will Serve Letter for 360 homes, not considering the Sunjoint project. Given this, a water supply assessment study per SB 610 should be conducted by Walnut Valley Water District for developments exceeding 500 units. The large number of units in the project will accelerate the mandated reduction of water usage up to 50% over the next 10 years, as well as raising our water rates.

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,