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Dear Jessica and City planning staff,

I just read this on Next Door Coffey Park- "At the April 3, 2018 City Council meeting, a resident of the Coffey Park area requested that the Council consider amending the -RC Combining District to allow lots smaller than 6,000 square-feet to use the residential small lot development standards, which include reduced setbacks, among other standards. The Council directed staff to bring a proposal back."
My thoughts and input as a fire victim and survivor:

This is NOT necessarily a GOOD thing for Coffey Park. It will IMPACT how the area feels as far as how crowded and dense it is. Just drive through new neighborhoods where this has been allowed to FEEL it.
I know there are CC&Rs that Condiotti set up for areas of Coffey Park that set standards for the areas west of Coffey Lane that he built in an effort to KEEP the area NICE for all. I thank the builder for doing so! I gave those CC&Rs to the City "resilient rebuild" planning department in December for documentation after hearing disturbing media comments made about proposals for high density housing in our Coffey Park.
Right after the fires, County Supervisor, Shirlee Zane, "talked" about high density housing in Coffey Park and it did not go over well! At the time, and even now, I thought maybe our City Council members and other members of government, like our Board of Supervisors, who may live on larger plots of land, should make their neighborhoods high density and reduce their setbacks first and then decide whether or not they LIKE it and only THEN rethink a proposal for reduced setbacks in our neighborhoods.
With so many people still going through the trauma of October 9th, loss of so much.... our homes, pets and vehicles. I believe, our local government focus should not be on rezoning, but on emergency services evaluation and preparedness. Higher density equals even more gridlock when trying to exit in an emergency. We had to abandon our "exit" vehicle and walk the 3 miles out to my sister's home, as traffic was not moving in the neighborhood of Coffey Park and we feared for our life.
In really making an effort to help our area rebuild, I would welcome my County and City government focus to be on advocating at higher levels of the State and Federal Governments for ALL insurance companies to do the "right thing" and pay out on our policies, in an area of the Country, where they know the square foot price is high to rebuild and will take every penny of our policies and more! The UPHs and other nonprofits need your advocacy help also to help us!
I believe the local focus should also be on making the area nice for residents who did not lose their homes in Coffey Park and surrounding areas.
For example, making our City park (Coffey Park) nice and safe to walk and play in as soon as possible, (it will boost morale for ALL), routine street sweeping and additional help with removal of burned trees and garbage, (such as burned and melted recycling and garbage cans). We no longer have accessible yard waste cans to throw our tree branches in. The neighborhood organizers have put together a day this weekend that we can put things in a dumpster, but there needs to be more of those days.
Just my thoughts almost 7 months out and missing our beautiful HOME of 30 years everyday.

KEEP COFFEY PARK and surrounding areas BEAUTIFUL!

In closing, unfortunately, I know many of us are busy battling or preparing to battle our insurance companies, while we try to rebuild, live life, and are not keeping track of local news, so I applaud you for putting it on the newsfeed for Coffey Park.
Please also consider having the Council meeting information regarding proposed setback changes publicized on local radio, newspaper, Coffey Strong, and all the government websites for fire victims.

Respectfully,
Mary Lou Erickson, Perk Place

Enjoy the beauty of each day!
Mary Lou