

List of Public Comments Regarding the Fairplex

Putting Neighbors/Neighborhoods First

- Suspend F-Zone and create something that takes into account the stakeholder's interests. This includes residents of four closest neighborhoods: Mountain Meadows, Ganesha, Yorba, and Hacienda
- Suspension of F-Zone puts residents first. It's about residents and not about a business that has taken federal, county and city funds and has been allowed to bring drugs, alcohol, traffic and death to the City

Noise, Trash, Drugs, etc.

- PON is not anti-LACFA. They are against noise, drugs, oversized developments and the lack of representation for the adjacent residents.
- Traffic is terrible for closest neighbors. They sometimes can't even leave their own homes.
- Worried about marijuana, alcohol, drunk drivers. Need checkpoints. No safe place to cross McKinley. Sidewalks too narrow for stroller/wheelchair. McKinley not ADA compliant. F-Zone traffic flow issues
- Noise coming from Fairplex has been terrible. Former mayor couldn't even get to Fairplex one day.
- Residents are forced to park on their lawns to avoid having their cars hit. They are then fined.
- If people do not like the traffic, get on a committee with the Fair to work toward improving it.

Community

- If Fairplex wants transparency, inclusion and partnerships, they need to include immediate community and its leaders.
- Strategic planning committee and process needs to include Pomona residents and officials.
- There is limited representation of residents and taxpayers who live in the immediate area at Fairplex.
- If folks would pick up the phone and meet to resolve these issues this forum would not be necessary.
- Fairplex has a rich history of giving back to the community which has not wavered in spite of the recent public and political attacks.

Events

- LA County Fair, a tax exempt entity, should not be able to hold events that are a hazard to the community and its children.

- Most Fairplex events are ok, but reputation is tarnished when Fair comes around.
- City needs to have more oversight of all events at Fairplex
- Fairplex needs to evaluate all events with the welfare of youth and families and the respect of the community at the forefront of all discussions. Fairplex makes Pomona a destination and its healthy and positive growth should be encouraged.

City

- City needs more involvement in the planning process with public input including consideration of traffic impacts, parking needs, screening of visual problems, environmental impacts, and City licensing of alcohol and marijuana establishments on property.
- City needs to have more control over things that go on in the F-Zone.
- City should have the power to approve or deny events held at Fairplex.
- It's not up to CEO to impose a moratorium, but to the City. It's up to the City leaders who were elected by the people.
- Pomona is a Charter City and it has control of its local ordinances, especially zoning, and it should not abandon its authority and control to the Fairplex, a non-profit that evolved into a for-profit entity with 90 percent of the board members living outside of Pomona. Structure is corrupt and it needs to change.
- The City should continue to observe the F-Zone because it is a vital asset to the City of Pomona. The City must protect this asset and resolve issues and make corrections going forward.

Raves

- There was good will in the F-Zone prior to raves.
- No amount of good at Fairplex can bring back the two girls who died.
- Girls made the choice to do drugs. Not Fairplex's fault.
- CUP requested was only so that the sound could be louder later into the evening. Fairplex misled the Planning Commission by telling them it was Industrial Zoning, not Residential Zoning.

F-Zone

- Suspend F-Zone allows for retooling and a new vision of the F-Zone. Old vision is no longer valid.
- F-Zone needs regulations for marijuana sales, street rehabilitation, provisions for emergency lanes and a plan to keep traffic off of neighborhood streets.
- F-Zone needs to provide police protection for neighbors.
- The F-Zone affects everything the Fairplex is doing and it is an important and vital entity that has been in place since 1970.
- City Council should not repeal without a replacement strategy.
- The language of the 1970 Zoning Code was more ambiguous and would not necessarily provide the City with greater oversight or control.

- Current 2004 F-Zone allows Fairplex to have a rave as long as they turn off the outdoor public address system at 10:00PM. The only reason Fairplex requested a Conditional Use Permit was for the event to be extended one additional hour (10:00PM to 11:00PM)
- City Council should look at the zoning that was in place prior to 2004 and see that the Fairplex would not be put out of business. Once the 2004 F-Zone is suspended, she would encourage the City to look at the changes that need to be updated to make it a 2017 F-Zone.

Fairplex

- Fair needs to earn people's trust.
- Fairplex and the City need to learn from mistakes, grow, and change.
- Although there have been drugs at Fairplex, there are a lot of good things happening here.
- Non-profit evolved into for-profit. Gave away civil rights. Ran by county leaders. Contracts under relatives names. Focus on now.
- When one buys a house next to Disneyland, one does not get to complain about the fireworks, traffic and noise because it comes with the area. And we do not see Anaheim putting a referendum on the teacups because that city knows it is a huge economic driving force for them. It should be the same here and treat the Fairplex like an economic force and powerful cultural image that it is for all of Southern California.

Positive

- The little inconvenience of traffic is by far dimmed by the wonderful things the Fairplex does for this City.
- Fairplex is a gem to this City.
- It's great that new CEO is willing to listen and make changes.
- No one complains that Fairplex is contributing to the community.
- The new Fairplex CEO has been transparent, open and honest and willing to work with the community and why would Pomona want to muzzle what has been a driving force in the City in so many ways.
- It is very important to have a place like Fairplex that empowers and educates at the same time.
- For years and years Pomona has suffered from lack of foresight and small thinking. We should not continue that trend and let us not repeal the F-Zone but work with the new leadership that is more than willing to help Pomona move forward.
- There is more than \$500 million in investment happening in the City. Fairplex plays a vital role in economic development. For the Fairplex to remain a strong partner, it requires a good and strong relationship between the Fairplex and the City. Fairplex and current Council are committed to this relationship.
- Fairplex hasn't always been the best neighbor, but doesn't believe in getting rid of F-Zone. There are a lot of good things at Fairplex. Best approach is to rethink parameters and see what needs to be kept and changed.

- Fairplex is bringing the world to Pomona. There are an unbelievable number of events that kids in Pomona would never see unless they attend the Fair.
- CDC is a great school. Fairplex offers great things. Things could be tightened up to get to a happy medium. Fairplex needs to partner with the City to reach this point.
- Good things happen at Fairplex, especially for children.
- Fairplex is an important part of the community and the ordinance may need some fine-tuning, but the F-Zone is a great thing for Pomona.