

## F-zone input

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Hi Mr. Saurez,

Thank you for handing me your business card at the Planning Commission Meeting on May 9th. I have waiting for the opportunity to give input, and would like to do so in this email. These are things I've been thinking about for the 20 years I've lived here that would improve our neighborhood. We live outside the 1000 foot perimeter of the fairgrounds, but we still are affected by large events at the fair.

And I do agree with Fairplex that some of the language in the the current proposed Zoning is vague. So I'd like to give input to specific language that needs to be addressed in order to help the surround community. Of course, it is not exact language, but I am just conveying the issue that need to be addressed.

I'd like to see following built into the F-zone:

1. There needs to be provision for dedicated lanes for emergency vehicles during large events. The OC Fairgrounds have such an agreement with the city. This is how I learned that it can and should put in place. It may not be in the city code, but there is an official agreement made with the city and the OC Fair. We are long overdue for this. And it needs to be transparent, not a back room agreement with the Fairplex.

2. The Hacienda Park neighborhood streets need to be close to non-resident traffic during large events over 10,000 people. If you have been to a Galaxy game at the Stub Hub Center, you will have noticed that the neighborhood across the streets has large barricades and signs asking for people not to enter their streets and to respect the neighbors of the stadium. Preciado, Hacienda, and Alameda need the same provision. On weekends of the fair for example, there is traffic lined up on Preciado in front of my house and I can hear everyone's loud music blaring from their cars as they wait to turn right onto White Ave. It can go on for hours, and people sit waiting in their cars and look into my windows. Waze likes to divert traffic into our neighborhood, and frankly it just needs to stop. Also I've seen prostitutes in front of my house during concert weekends like the Warped tour.

3. McKinley between White and Park had missing sidewalks. This is not necessarily an F-zone issue, unless we can have a provision for a fund for the upkeep of sidewalks and streets in our neighborhoods. Perhaps a fee per Fair visitor could be put towards the beautification and accessibility of our neighborhoods that take the wear and tear of Fairplex traffic? Right now, McKinley is not accessible to wheelchairs. We also need a light and crosswalk at Alameda, as it is unsafe to cross the street. This would also help to calm traffic. I would like to see a walkability (as opposed to traffic) study for our neighborhood to get the best plans in place. Plus on weekdays, there is a considerable amount of semi-trucks and large trucks using McKinley that come from Fair events, like the RV shows, Cornicopia, and drag races. On

Monday mornings after large events, you can see many heavy vehicles using McKinley eastbound to get to the 10 freeway onramp.

McKinley is very wide right now, so there is plenty of space to add sidewalks.

4. Traffic plan in place for large events. I haven't see a plan in place for the 20 years I have lived here that works. Fairplex keeps failing and then apologizing, "we really tried our best." But shouldn't the city take responsibility for having a plan in place for dealing with traffic? The city definitely need to take leadership of this and not depend on Fairplex. It will help everyone involved in the long run.

And finally, as to terminology, my understanding is that events happening at the fairgrounds other than at the time of the LA County fair are called "interim" events. This is a term used throughout the industry. I'm not sure why Fairplex has not used that term before when it is used in other zoning language though out the country.

Thanks for listening and reading this. I really appreciate you taking the time to work on this zoning issue.

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