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Re: F-Zone

Dear Mayor Sandoval and City Council members:

I am a 29-year resident of Pomona, and I am very excited about the future potential of our city.

I base my enthusiasm on many things, but here are three in particular:

1. I am absolutely confident in the capacity of our youth to contribute to our city's future prosperity by becoming leaders and professionals of all types through the higher education they are receiving at our outstanding local universities and elsewhere.
2. The "Starfish" proposal that was recently prepared for submission to Amazon crystallized the many assets that our region has, which are elements that can be mobilized into exciting future developments, and demonstrated the culture of authentic collaboration that exists among all the major institutions in our city.
3. The Developers' Summit held on September 28, sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, attracted over 200 developers and investors who were intrigued to learn about the development possibilities in this region. I left that summit very excited about the possibilities for our city.

In all of these possible efforts, Fairplex is a community partner and major player. Under the forward-thinking leadership of Miguel Santana and with plenty of input from Pomona residents, Fairplex has developed a strategic plan that includes being an economic engine for this area.

I live just south of the 10 freeway, about a mile south of Fairplex. I realize that those who live in closer proximity to the campus than I do are more impacted by traffic and noise. However, I am aware that in response to those concerns, Fairplex has taken many steps to ameliorate those issues, including establishing a new drop-off location on White, which removes a great deal of traffic from McKinley. Fairplex has also set up a hotline for local neighbors to report any issues, and it is my understanding that this hotline has received fewer than 20 calls in the year since it was set up and publicized. It is my understanding that Mr. Santana has reached out multiple times to Protect Our Neighborhood to engage its members in dialog about their complaints and solutions to them, but that PON refuses to respond to this outreach. To the extent that PON refuses to engage in discussions about their complaints, it appears to me that they are not criticizing in good faith, but rather have some sort of political agenda. Whatever that is, it is amounting to an effort to fetter Fairplex's ability to be the economic engine and community partner that it has the capacity to be.

It would be a shame if the City Council allows itself to be convinced by people who will obstruct our city's progress and will hobble one of the most creative forces we have in our city. I urge you to vote NO on the F-Zone amendment.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie Campbell