

From: [JULIE](#)
To: [Study of Potential Disadvantaged Community Designations](#)
Subject: Disadvantaged community NOT
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 11:06:38 AM

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I live in the Valley Vista/ Norway tract (North Ventura Ave.). We are not disadvantaged here in this neighborhood. We breathe clean air..the ocean breeze that comes up through this canyon. The open space in this area provides us with a sense of well-being and freedom to move and enjoy nature. It is safe out here because the traffic is very minimal and crime is low. North Ventura Avenue is comprised of middle-class hard-working people and yes some low income. Being low income is not a bad thing especially when you live in a nice place such as this.

My concern and other neighbors as well, is that the DDC report by the VCRMA will be used as an excuse for the County to come in and build more housing and whatever else, and take away what we have, Open space.

The DDC Report specifically states on page 3 a. That the "California environmental protection agency shall identify disadvantaged communities for investment opportunities...."

Does this mean what it really sounds like? We know that Vta County has an agenda to build build build, and investors are out there prowling like hungry lions.

Please don't take advantage of the so-called disadvantaged.

County of Ventura Planning Commission Hearing Case No. PL23-0033 Exhibit 9 - Public Comments received for Planning Commission Hearing for October 5, 2023

From: [Laura](#)
To: [Study of Potential Disadvantaged Community Designations](#)
Subject: DISADVANTAGED RESIDENTS
Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023 11:26:34 PM

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Attn: Jessica- Senior Planner
Re: Designated Disadvantaged Communities Project DDC

If the county is trying to be insulting well it has succeeded. I have lived in the Valley Vista neighborhood for 34 years and the last thing I feel is disadvantaged!!

“Valley Vista” got its name because of the gorgeous views. I thoroughly enjoy my home and surrounding area. My bike rides and walks out Canada Larga are peaceful. Several months out of the year I enjoy the green rolling hills. The views are gorgeous all year round of the hills and mountains. At night the dark sky offers beautiful star gazing. Watching shooting stars and the twinkling lights in the peaceful quiet neighborhood. We live just far enough away from the city lights to experience this. Also when it's June gloom and foggy at the beach we enjoy the sunshine where we live.

This area is known for excellent “bird watching.” There is a large variety of birds and animals in the area. There are red winged black birds, yellow cardinals, red cardinals, hummingbirds, doves, blue jays, sparrows, wood peckers, great blue heron, peacocks, finches, owls, African collard dove, American crow, Turkey vultures, robins, Baltimore orioles, ferruginous hawks, Indian peafowl, Mt. Blue bird, road runners, and many more.

There are farm animals we enjoy cows, goats, and sheep. We enjoy a lot of wild life out near the country road. The wild coyotes, hawks, owls, deer, skunks, raccoons, boars, rabbits, roadrunners are enjoyed by myself and many. We had a condor nest until the Thomas Fire. The monarch butterflies are amazing too.

The views of the rolling hills and Ojai Valley mountains are breathtaking. We experience amazing sunrise and sunsets and some neighbors have views of the ocean in the distance.

We are in walking distance to the Ventura river it has been an amazing experience to see and hear the sound of the Ventura river water flowing over the river rock. We've seen huge turtles, ducks and cranes and fish in the river.

Raising our 3 children to enjoy nature and this safe area has been a success for our family. Our children enjoyed the farm animals and seeing calf's born and finding polliwogs and turtles in the barranca at the end of our housing tract in the stream. They enjoyed feeding apples to the local horse “Candy apple.” They enjoyed riding their bikes in our neighborhood. We enjoyed picking walnuts and viewing the local olive orchard and receiving delicious oil olive that is sold at the local farmers markets in Ventura. The local grown lemons were used to make lemonade and the oranges fresh squeezed orange juice. The soil

Is good here and many neighbors grow their own produce and have fruit trees.

The near by bike path is enjoyed by all of my family rides to the beach and Ojai valley. Years past we enjoyed listening to the native Americans drummers behind our home drumming. The aqueduct that the Chumash built many years ago a part of it still stands not far from our homes. It's a historic site. There's a lot of history to enjoy and learn from in our neighborhood.

We have enjoyed avocados from the avocado orchard near our home. We all love guacamole.

Our children have great jobs and are healthy and successful. They all have college educations. One works at UCSC for the chancellor as an executive assistant, one at Raytheon as an electrical engineer and one at So Cal Gas Company as a mechanic. I do not feel they are disadvantaged at all. They would tell you the same.

My husband retired after a 37 year successful rewarding career as an Instrument Engineer Specialist and myself as a Domestic Engineer. We are enjoying our life here retired now in Valley Vista Neighborhood. We have 20 fruit trees in our yard. We have a close tight knit neighborhood. We have made Jam for our neighbors and they share home grown produce and baked goods with us. Several neighbors have local businesses and are successful hard working middle class citizens.

My question to you is what exactly do you plan to do to make our lives better?

Are you planning on receiving money and free grants if you deem us disadvantaged? Will you be sharing that free city/state money with us "Valley Vista neighborhood" so we can go on a nice vacation? Or have a public park close by like restoring Foster park after the recent flood from last years rain storm? or a public swimming pool. Or new sidewalks on Ventura Ave, or plant new trees to continue to beautify West Ventura.

Or is it actually to:

IDENTIFY COMMUNITIES FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES??? FOR MORE FUTURE BUILDING HIGH DENSITY APARTMENTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUILDERS TO RECEIVE SUBSIDIES SB35 SB9 ? \$\$\$\$ The dollar sign can be poison!!! And ruin a city, and a beautiful community. As long as it's not in their backyard they don't care. IT'S NOT AFFORDABLE!!!

Ventura has been on a water shortage for years and California. There have been many new houses/apartments going up in the city for thousands of new residents. Where is all the water coming from for all these new people and how will our city handle all the traffic and especially in the event of our next emergency situation????

Who is going to be running actual tests no computer generated DDC and when to determine these so called disadvantages?

If you know what is being proposed right next door to our neighborhood. 328 extreme low income farmer housing. How could this be if you think this area is disadvantaged ? Why would housing be approved? I hope you will care about the farm workers welfare and test the Soil First if you say this area is toxic, polluted and dangerous unhealthy and disadvantaged. This does not make sense to me. Or wait is that farm housing 4884 N Ventura Ave address not in the DDC testing research? Exempt or left out because at this time there are not a lot of people living there on the SOAR agricultural land? If I understand SOAR was amended within the last year to include NON farmers to live at the proposed Farmer Housing. It appears to me Farmers are being abused, used as pawns and a sneaky way to just have housing for anyone on our precious valuable agricultural land. SOAR - SAVE OUR AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.

I hope that in the future you give more time for we the people, the Residents of Ventura to review a 116 page document pertaining to DDC. How long did it take you to compile this document? We should have the same amount of time to respond to it. It should be simple for people to understand. We get a one week notice to review and respond and attend a meeting. Not much of a time frame notice.

A very concerned Ventura county resident.
Thank you for addressing all of my concerns.

Laura Schwab

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mary Ann Krause](#)
To: [Study of Potential Disadvantaged Community Designations](#)
Subject: Option 3
Date: Monday, October 2, 2023 6:55:18 AM

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I have been reviewing the report going to Planning Commission next week. Option 3 incorporates all of the specific farmworker housing neighborhoods that I mentioned in my comments last March, except for the housing on Cummings Road at the Limoneira Headquarters. There are a number of small Craftsman and colonial revival homes at the Limoneira Headquarters location that likely date to the 1920s or 1930s, and historically have been rented to Limoneira employees. I suspect that these residents meet the income qualifications for the “disadvantaged” designation. **Is there a reason this area was left off the Option 3 map, or was it an oversight?**

Thanks for your help!

Mary Ann Krause AICP, Chair
Santa Clara Valley Together
805-415-0187

Juachon, Luz

From: Study of Potential Disadvantaged Community Designations
Subject: FW: Planning Commission Item 6A, October 5, 2023
Attachments: Letter to County Planning Commission re Designated Disadvantaged Communities.docx

From: Mary Ann Krause <makrause1@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 2:18 PM
To: Nguyen, Jessica <JessicaT.Nguyen@ventura.org>
Subject: Planning Commission Item 6A, October 5, 2023

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Please find attached a comment letter from Santa Clara Valley Together.

Thank you.

Mary Ann Krause AICP

Chair, Santa Clara Valley Together

805-415-0187

To: Ventura County Planning Commission
From Santa Clara Valley Together
Subject: Disadvantaged Communities in Santa Paula Area, Agenda Item #6A
Date: October 3, 2023
Transmitted via email

Dear Commissioners:

In March of 2023 a public meeting was held in Santa Paula to garner public input on the issue of designating Disadvantaged Communities in the Santa Paula unincorporated area. Santa Clara Valley Together recommended Option 1, which covered the entire Santa Paula Area of Interest. We identified several farmworker housing complexes within the unincorporated area, and 4 elementary schools that serve farmworker children and other low-income children. We also indicated that the agricultural fields were the place where many vulnerable people spent their workdays, and the area around Mission Rock Road was particularly vulnerable to adverse environmental impacts on those vulnerable workers.

The new Option 3 appears to be a response to the public comments received at the March meeting; however, we believe that Option 3 is still far less desirable than Option 1. Rather than including all the areas where vulnerable people live and work, Option 3 applies the Disadvantaged designation to some, but not all of the areas where vulnerable people live in medium and large housing complexes and to locations where their children attend school; notably, the Limoneira Headquarters housing on Cummings Road was omitted. Option 3 provides no protection for farmworker homes that are dispersed on ranches, or for farmworkers themselves when they are at their place of work.

We know that many farmworkers were in nearby fields when Santa Clara Waste Water exploded, burned and released a toxic cloud, and workers were told by their foreman that they could not leave or they could be fired. They had no protective equipment and risked losing their jobs if they fled to safety. Those open fields may not look like offices or factories, but they are places of employment for vulnerable persons. While the density of persons working in the field varies with the seasons and crop types, in general there has been a steady transition to row crops and berries in the area surrounding the Mission Rock Road industrial area and these crops are more labor intensive, meaning that many more vulnerable

people are exposed to whatever emissions, toxic spills, explosions, or whatever else occurs there.

We strongly recommend adoption of Option 1. If you instead recommend Option 3, please expand it to include the Limoneira Headquarters housing on Cummings Road and a large buffer area surrounding the Mission Rock Road industrial complex.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Ann Krause AICP

Chair, Santa Clara Valley Together

Santa Clara Valley Together is a coalition of community organizations and individuals that advocate to improve the lives of valley residents.

Juachon, Luz

From: Study of Potential Disadvantaged Community Designations
Subject: FW: Notice of Public Hearing on the Study of Additional Potential Disadvantaged Community Designations in Unincorporated Ventura County
Attachments: City of Oxnard Comments on County of Ventura DAC study Oct. 4, 2023.pdf

From: Mallory, Kathleen <kathleen.mallory@oxnard.org>
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Cc: Jasmin Kim <jasmin.kim@oxnard.org>
Subject: Re: Notice of Public Hearing on the Study of Additional Potential Disadvantaged Community Designations in Unincorporated Ventura County

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Hi Shelley and Jessica -

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft document.

Our comments are attached. Thank you for amending the slides which will be presented to the Planning Commission (meeting tomorrow) to reflect our input. We further understand that the Final version of the DAC Study will reflect our requested revisions prior to presentation to the BOS which will be in Dec. 2023. Please let us know when the meeting packet is posted and the BOS meeting date.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Jasmin at the email above or (805) 385-3945.

Thank you.

Regards,

Kathleen Mallory, Planning & Sustainability Manager
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Subject: City of Oxnard Comment on 2023 Study of Additional Potential Disadvantaged Community Designations

Dear Ms. Sussman:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the County of Ventura's Study of Additional Potential Disadvantaged Community Designations (received on September 21, 2023).

Our comments are as follows:

1. The City of Oxnard is processing a development project within its Sphere of Influence, known as the Teal Club Specific Plan project. This project consists of approximately 990 residential units, 8.8 acres of commercial mixed-use, 9.1 acres of Business Research use, 17.7 acres of parks and greenbelts north of Oxnard Airport. The project will be considered by the City Council in the near future. The Council's action will consider the 174-acre Teal Club Specific Plan site, inclusive of the potential annexation of an island area off of Teal Club Road, as further described in the City's Amended Adopted 6th Cycle Housing Element ("Housing Element") (Program 24). The City recommends adding a footnote under Figures 9 and 10 of the Study to reference the anticipation of future annexation of island lands and potential development of the Teal Club Specific Plan project..
2. Figure 29 of the Study identifies the designated disadvantaged communities (DAC's) within the City limits in green. The City is concerned that the green polygons do not accurately depict the City's DACs. As described in the Housing Element, the "disadvantaged communities" are represented as an area with a score in the 75th percentile or above. A map of CalEnviroScreen 4.0 (2021) is found on Page B-54 of the City's Housing Element..

To eliminate any confusion or misinterpretation of DAC's within the City of Oxnard limits, the City requests the County of Ventura eliminate green areas referenced as disadvantaged communities on Figure 29 and page 38 and textually described on page 39 of the Study. If the County wishes to refer to the City's DAC's, we would appreciate the County referencing the City's Housing Element (see https://www.oxnard.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Oxnard-Housing-Element_October-2022_Clean_Reduced.pdf). The City also requests that any maps, graphics, and text that may misrepresent the City's

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DACs be eliminated from pages 38 to 39 of the Study. Additionally, under the note provided on pages 38 and 39, please clarify that the County of Ventura is identifying additional DACs outside the City's jurisdictional boundary.

3. The preferred alternative (Option 3) shown on Figure 38 of page 59 includes a legend indicating 'Portion of Census Tract Within Cities' The City recommends that the legend be modified or a clarifying footnote be provided indicating that this Study conclusions, recommendations and options will not extend or be applied to land within the City of Oxnard's jurisdictional boundary or Sphere of Influence.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jasmin Kim at (805) 385-3945 or Jasmin.Kim@oxnard.org.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Kathleen Mallory". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathleen" being more prominent than the last name "Mallory".

Kathleen Mallory, AICP, MA, LEED GA
Planning & Sustainability Manager

C: Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Pengilley, Community Development Director

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Subject: Disadvantaged areas

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The Valley Vista housing track had been declared as one of the disadvantaged areas in the county. One reason we are disadvantaged is because the county's fire station was closed several years back. Now there is a proposal to put Floral Drive as a thru street to a new proposed housing project for low income people.

My question to you is why would you put more low income people in at a disadvantaged area?

If the Ventura Ranch project is approved, you will decrease the home values in the area, which would be another disadvantage along with increased traffic on a one lane road.
It makes no sense!

Linda Bellamy

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