

Hello, my name is Kirk Vartan and on behalf of my neighborhood, North of Forest, I am here today to ask you to add an item to the City Council agenda regarding the traffic signal modifications at Winchester Blvd. and Forest Ave (west).

You have heard about the issues the neighborhood has with the process that is underway regarding this traffic light. But the San Jose oversight function should also be concerned.

You have not been presented with the critical information needed to evaluate this issue by your own City Staff. You are being misled. Page 2, the most important page in the Public Work letter to the EIR, has been left out of your information packet.

Why? I find it very disturbing that the single most important piece of information needed to evaluate this issue has been “left out” by the Director of Public Works in her packet to you. I printed out extra copies of this page for you, highlighting the areas that are most important.

It reads as follows, referring to the traffic design removing the light:

“...[it] appears acceptable from an engineering perspective, but causes neighborhood impact or livability impacts to the existing Forest Ave. neighborhood which may cause the City of San Jose to ultimately reject the proposed improvement.”

The DPW concludes that “the City of San Jose is not prepared to commit to approving the recommended new site driveway with modified Forest Avenue access without input from the affected San Jose residents westerly of Winchester Blvd. who would lose the signalized access and concurrence from the San Jose City Council District 6 Office, which represents those residents. The proposed signal modifications appears to primarily benefit the Santa Clara Gardens Development Project in the City of Santa

Clara at the expense of the City of San Jose residents' existing access to Winchester Blvd. at Forest Ave. The report should analyze other options, should the affected San Jose neighborhood and City Council District 6 Office not concur with the modification, such as...." And then gives a couple of suggestions.

San Jose does not have the support from the affected neighbors for this modification.

San Jose does not have the support from the District 6 Council Office for this modification.

Why is the City of San Jose approving a design it already said it would reject?

Please agendaize this item.

Thank you.