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Re: County Development Project: Upper Westside Specific Plan File ID: 2025-01386 City of Sacramento

The city should uphold past agreements and planning made in good faith for the prudent development of the Natomas Region. The city must also challenge the County of Sacramento to take notice of, and honor, the planning that was years in the making. N magazine, and me, publisher Dennis Spear, have always supported the prudent and proper development of the Natomas Region. I support the planning for Natomas made years ago by the proper vision of previous city leaders.

The Upper Westside Project, and the other large County projects, should not be allowed to affect the very nature of Natomas, and the reason we all live here. We should not, and cannot become another mirror of San Jose.

The attached article looks to the future. It is not anti-developent. It is pro-prudent planning and honoring those who saw the future and planned for it.

I would like the above read at the Tuesday council meeting.

Thank You

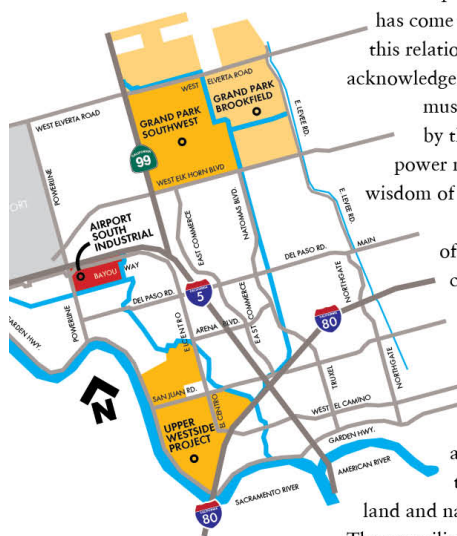
Dennis Spear, Publisher | Creative Director, N magazine in Natomas



Development  
By Dennis Spear

If the proposed developments being considered right now happen, our community will have no more open space and we will lose the environment that enriches our lives in Natomas.

## Reimagining Development



(above)  
The proposed development projects that will change the face of our Natomas community forever. Get involved and voice your concerns.

Nature is arranged in patterns. For too long humanity has perceived itself as separate from these patterns. The time has come to reevaluate this relationship and to acknowledge that our actions must be guided not by the drive to overpower nature, but by the wisdom of coexistence.

Development is often measured in concrete, warehouse, office buildings, an expanded city, crowded roads, housing, and industries at the expense of open land and natural habitats. The prevailing mindset has been to pave over whatever stands in the way of what is deemed advancement, rarely pausing to consider the deeper patterns of the planet which life depends on. To live in true harmony with nature, we must seek to align ourselves with these patterns rather than disrupt them.

The planet and our Region are not resources to be exhausted, but a living system entrusted to our care. It is our only home, and its health determines our own survival and well-being.

The current state of our Natomas environment presents a stark choice. No longer is the debate simply one of developers versus environmentalists, as if these were two disparate teams in an endless tug-of-war. We are all participants in a much larger and more consequential struggle—humans versus the limits and resilience of a wounded region (and planet) and the consequences of current development methods. To persist on this path is gambling recklessly with the future.

However, a shift in perspective is possible. Developers and environmentalists, citizens and leaders alike, must come together to forge new innovative solutions. Development need not be synonymous with destruction; it can mean building smarter with reverence for the earth's natural patterns. Our

objective should be to integrate Natomas with the land, preserving open spaces and ensuring that progress does not come at the cost of the very diversity that brings people to our community. Plans for Natomas' future were forged many years ago by thoughtful leaders with respect for the open land and development. It is important for us to honor those agreements and be damn glad someone thought about this many years ago.

If we truly wish to secure a place for future generations, and even profit, we must understand that saving our air, our open land, and our only home is the responsibility of us all. Working together, with humility and respect for nature's design, we can redefine what it means to thrive in our region of the Sacramento Valley, not as conquerors, but as caretakers.

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The city should uphold past agreements and planning made in good faith for the prudent development of the Natomas Region. The city must also challenge the County of Sacramento to take notice of, and honor, the planning that was years in the making. Why is the County and Mr. Serna so hell bent on pushing this project thru, where it is Clearly Not wanted and will be Detrimental to All of the rest of Natomas; North, West and South Natomas!

The Upper Westside Project, and the other large County projects, should not be allowed to affect the very nature of Natomas, and the reason we all live here. The developers won't even be responsible for building new infrastructure, road improvements, widening streets or needed traffic signals or signage!  
What kind of Sweet Heart deal is that? We all know what will happen to traffic on El Centro, I-5 and other connecting roadways, if this project goes forward!! The whole Deal is BAD for the greater Natomas areas. It stinks!

For the county ( Mr. Serna and the other kowtowing board members), to approve this project over the objections of almost every who lives here, in favor of what the Developers \$\$\$ want, is unconscionable, wrong and disrespectful to the City of Sacramento. The whole plan stinks!

Please vote NO on this big project which will run rough shod over what past city councils and Mayors have voted for and agreed upon!

Please add My Voice to the list of those who OPPOSE this project!

Randee Tavarez

Natomas Resident

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Greetings Mayor and Council Members -

I fully support staff's recommendation in opposition to the County's proposed Upper WestLake Specific Plan. The County's proposal is so seriously flawed on so many levels as presented in your staff report. The clarity and severity of the City's reply warrants a 'DOA' message (Dead on Arrival).

The litany of dangerous precedents proposed in their plan in terms of ignoring city-county land use and land management roles; financial, resource and municipal services uncertainties; obliteration of existing City/County agreements; and backtracking on approved regional air quality and urban service boundaries all combine to present political and municipal chaos for years to come.

Our city and the development community have made significant investments to build quality and desirable neighborhoods and business districts, while making equally strong investments in habitat and farmland protections in the Natomas Basin. The County's proposed plan seriously compromises this community development award winning progress. And for what purpose? Perhaps author Edward Abbey can answer that question for us "Growth for growth's sake is the philosophy of the cancer cell".

Ray

