

This morning a Press Enterprise article was written regarding the proposed warehouse for Sycamore Canyon Business Park. The article touches on some of the main concerns of residents should the City give approval to the mega-warehouse next door to residential homes.

In the article, the developer Magnon states that they have taken a number of steps based upon residents input to reduce significant negative effects. This is not true **The developer has ignored recommendations from the neighbors to follow the City of Riverside Good Neighbor Guidelines and move ALL truck bays away from direct line of sight from residential homes, they also ignored recommendations to lower building elevations to reduce aesthetic impacts.** Changes that they made to their design plans, they did on their own before meeting with residents to be able to say that they made these changes to address resident concerns. Classic developer practice to first design something truly and utterly awful - then scale it back a bit and say "we listened to the concerns and have made changes to address these concerns." Of course in the end, they still have a design that is utterly awful!!

We also find it discouraging that the developer continues to state that the mega-warehouses will provide 1,000 jobs when the developer has asked for variances to project requirements to reduce parking spots on site because THEY WILL ONLY HAVE 459 JOBS. And in fact, using data provided by the project consultant, the number of jobs for these warehouses is more accurately calculated at 381 jobs. *So we get 381 low-paying, often part time, no benefits jobs at a cost of severely negatively affecting the living conditions for thousands of nearby residents!!* Wouldn't it be better to require the developer to build facilities that are in accordance with the City-approved Business Park plans and which have a much higher # of jobs (and much better jobs) per square foot of land used?

Granting project plan amendments and variances should be limited to furthering those projects that benefit the City without harming neighboring properties and land uses. There is no inherent right for a developer to alter the already approved City plans simply because the developer benefits financially from the amendments.

All Riverside citizens should be concerned about the proposed mega-warehouses - if the mega-warehouses are approved here, this will set a precedent for all of Riverside that will make it very difficult for any other part of the City to require developers to use common sense (or follow City ordinances and land use guidelines) when designing buildings next door to residential homes.

You can read the article here: [Riverside neighbors fighting to stop warehouse](#)

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