

Dear City Councilmembers,

It has been four long years since I first submitted my resort project to the city. It has taken three years and considerable resources to create the requisite Draft EIR which demonstrates that the development does not yield any significant impact that cannot be mitigated.

However, I have had a very difficult experience during the last three public hearings where my business savvy and my integrity have been publicly challenged. This has been humiliating and undeserved. Now I wonder whether the City wants this project or not. I thought that the Commissioners, appointed by you, should represent the interest of the whole Santa Clarita community. If you do not support a development of this kind, where will you find the growth for the jobs and economic development for the City?

Are other developers treated this way by the City's Planning Commissioners? During the Planning Commission's recent meeting on March 2nd, Lisa Eichman made the following comment:

"It's a little upsetting to me that Mr. Kim seems to be buying the non-profits to get them to come and make comments here, it's a little upsetting. I hope they really believe that they want to support – [that] they just didn't want the check in the non-profit account."

I was in disbelief to hear this from a Planning Commissioner during a public hearing. As a City Planning Commissioner, Ms. Eichman is expected to conduct herself in a fair, reasonable and just manner. However, she has been undeniably biased and opposed to the resort from the start. She has not been a fair and objective voice throughout this review process (I have attached a document which lists other improper comments made by Ms. Eichman). Not only should Ms. Eichman recuse herself from Master Case 18-021, but she should also apologize for her inappropriate and unprofessional remarks.

During the same public hearing, a member of the Stop Sand Canyon Task Force made the prejudiced remark that "Steve Kim would be pulling staff from Chinatown." Not only did the comment reflect racist thinking, none of the commissioners asked for restraint or even addressed the inappropriateness of the remark.

To start, the format and setting (the virtual, Zoom meeting where I am muted) have been unfair. There has not been a healthy, productive discussion between applicants, Commissioners and public participants. Shouldn't I be allowed a fair opportunity to participate equally in the discussion? Shouldn't I and my representatives be afforded a fair chance to respond to the barrage of mean-spirited questions, indictments, and hurtful allegations which I have endured at every public hearing? I have felt like a defendant on trial with no voice to defend himself.

Over the last four years, I have invested a significant amount of time, energy and money in an effort to create a beautiful attraction for both the city's residents and visitors. I have demonstrated flexibility in adjusting my resort plans in accordance with the feedback from city planners, Sand Canyon neighbors and the Planning Commissioners.

Despite all of that, I am now faced with the real threat that the Planning Commission may not recommend my project to the City Council unless I commit to building a bridge over the Santa Clara River.

Again, I implore you, the City's Councilmembers, to grant me a fair and balanced review process. For a complete understanding of the project, please visit www.SandCanyonResort.com where you will find all project related materials. I have attached the following materials which will support my earlier statements:

- 3 different articles (click link below)

[Signal Articles 02/21/2021](#)

[Inside SCV Magazine – 03/15/2021](#)

[Inside SCV Magazine – 03/2021](#)

- 2 different responses for the Commissioners (click link below)

[Responses #1 \(11/17/2020\)](#)

[Responses #2 \(01/19/2021\)](#)

- 3 video clips from the last part of public hearings (click link below)

[Public Hearing #1 \(11/17/2020\)](#)

[Public Hearing #2 \(01/19/2021\)](#)

[Public Hearing #3 \(03/02/2021\)](#)

- Lisa Eichman comments made during public hearings (click link below)

[Lisa Eichman Comments Video Clip \(03/02/2021\)](#)

- 3 most critical issues & responses(attached)

I respectfully request an opportunity to meet with you to talk in more detail about this project. Please advise on how and when such a meeting could take place.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Kim