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Mayor Bill Bogaard  
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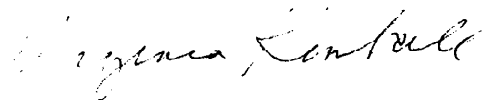
Dear Mayor Bogaard:

I have written of my concern regarding the Madia "street vacation" in the past, but I thought that the decision had been made and that the immediate neighbors were satisfied. Now I see that this issue is still on the table for discussion, and I would like to express my opinion as a neighbor.

We live on a similar dead end street in the Linda Vista area, and this proposal seems wrong. First, if the city is to spend money on a cul-de-sac, then it must be large enough for a fire engine or trash truck to turn around in. If such a vehicle must back up to make the turn, then the city has wasted money without improving the safety of the neighborhood. Secondly, it seems wrong for the city to vacate the street for the benefit of one owner and to the detriment of the other owners on the street.

Getting together to watch the planes fly overhead as they fly down the arroyo or watch the fireworks in the Rose Bowl is a neighborhood tradition. Restricting viewing access seems undemocratic and unpatriotic. This street vacation proposal appears to restrict access to neighbors while allowing one owner to have his own private park on land that should and does belong to the city. This particular owner seems to be relying on inside information on how to twist the city's policies to his own benefit. It's not a good idea and would set a bad precedent. My husband shares my concerns. Please say no to the street vacation, and in the future, please notify neighbors in writing, in plain English, of exactly what plans are being made for specific neighborhoods.

Yours truly,



Virginia Kimball

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