

**Davidson, John**

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**To:** Davidson, John  
**Cc:** Calif Fairways Email HOA Neighbors  
**Subject:** Our Golf course

Hello John,

We have a crisis on our hands! Why is city is trying to sell our golf course to build hundreds of homes in order to balance their budget at our expense?

This is a nightmare, my neighbors & I imagine the hundreds of cars, congestion, noise, fire hazards from high density housing etc all squeezed into our backyards! This will have an enormous negative impact on our quality of life for our children & families. To get a sense of the additional chaos this sale will cause the city council & planning department needs to just drive past King road to Rocketship school at dismissal time & you can get a sense of the chaos traffic. It starts just by the corner of King & Los Suenos [at 3pm](#) when school is in session. They built a great charter school at the end of Los Suenos, but it causes the traffic to back up all the way down to King road!  
If we don't stop this from happening, the quality of life in our neighborhood will be gone.

The city needs to look at other options to balance their budget. We paid good money for our homes, even extra for a view of the course. Unfortunately the city has repeatedly made it clear, since it's 'Alum Rock' neighborhood, they can get away with this. If this was in Willow Glen area, they would never try this. We need the city to explore other options: 1) convert the golf course into a park (which I believe has less maintenance than all the grass up keep?) this would help build a strong place for the community to gather & strengthen together. Research shows strong community building is better for fighting the gang problems vs high density house in an already gang infested area. 2) The city should also sell Hays Mansion vs golf course. Selling the mansion would still keep it Historically preserved but generate revenue from the sale vs loss if income to keep it up. That sale would not directly impact nor have a negative affect the lives of hundreds of individuals like with our golf course. 3) The city needs to keep their commitment to open space. Emma Prusch would roll over in her grave if she knew the plans for the precious open space she donated to the city to be sold once again.

I respectfully ask the City to work to protect our quality of life in Alum Rock and keep the open space on the golf course. Please do not create a big problematic neighborhood in your effort to balance the budget. We homeowners work very hard, pay taxes, volunteer in our community, and chose to live in Alum Rock. We need the City to make the right decision and preserve this precious open space.

Thank you for your time on this critical matter.

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