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Subject: Sucette Harbor

Dear Member's of the Mandeville City Council

Today was my worst day as a Mandeville resident in the past 40 years. I cannot express enough my outrage by the actions of the City Council at Wednesday night's meeting.

I was unfortunately out of town for the Sucette Harbor meeting. Once again, it appears that a vocal minority will block an amazing development. Having lived in Mandeville for over 40 years and at Tops'l for over 30, I am devastated that this project will be blocked by the City Council just as the residential proposal for Al Copeland Sr. was many years ago. For those of us who have lived on the marina, which was wiped out by Katrina 18 years ago, we have seen the ongoing decay of the area. This was the perfect development in every way to revitalize the area. The people who have opposed this have no idea how the marina continues to erode away and the eyesore that I have been living with for many years since the marina was skuttled. I find it absurd that people who have moved to Mandeville in the past 25 years are the ones objecting to development. They are the ones who have already turned Mandeville into a Metairie. There will never be another proposed plan for the area in my lifetime and I will have to live with the consequences of this outrageous decision by the Council. Just as history has proven that turning down Al's residence many years ago was a huge mistake by that Council, this is going to go down as one of the great regrets fostered by those who are very short sighted and caved into the mob rule that shows up at these meetings.

While I would obviously choose a 90 unit development over a 178 unit, I much rather have a 178 unit development than NO development at which is the result of last's night's vote. there will never be another development in my lifetime for that piece of ground. Unbelievable!!!! It is a travesty that this City Council could not see all of the benefits that Sucette Harbor had to offer. With over 13,000 residents in Mandeville, are you going to tell me that adding an additional 178 is going to make a difference, or should I say 88 units? My standard of living as I enter retirement will be significantly reduced by not having this development go forward with the marina which is so badly needed. It would have made such a huge improvement to Mariner's Village and the existing property that has been my front yard for 30+ years.. It is so sad to see something that had so much promise and been in the works for years shot down so suddenly. I cannot express enough how disgusted I am. My dream of the past 20 years has been blown up by those who are not even affected by it. It is by far the worst decision I have seen by the City Council in the 40 years that I have been a resident.

Please reconsider your actions. They are unfair and so shortsighted. The area will suffer severely because of this vote.

Respectfully,

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