Dear City Council: It is your duty to protect us. Sid Commons development in Parcel 09 will unacceptably increase flood risk and traffic congestion and danger on Graylawn and Payran.

- Development there will burden the City with risk liability of class action flood lawsuit $$$.
  - Is building there really more important than the safety of the citizens you represent?
  - Does building there really outweigh the huge flood $$$ risk?
- Development there will increase flooding risk for both Payran neighborhood and Downtown.
- Development there will pave over the large flood-protection area, which has been protected for 38 years and will increase our neighborhood’s flood risk.
  - Areas like this are essential in our City's fight against sea level rise.
  - Adding 180+ residences to this area is a disaster in the making.
  - Neighborhood is land-locked by railroad chain fence on west and river on east.
  - There is only one street out (Payran), which serves thousands more homes beyond our neighborhood. Emergency evacuation was not adequately analyzed in the EIR.
  - 1982 flooding only escape for homes near Jess and Graylawn intersection, including Oak Creek was on foot, through the brush, over the railroad tracks. Luckily, there was no SMART fence.
  - Saying "City has some boats" is not an appropriate emergency evacuation solution or excuse to build on this flood-sensitive land.
  - Future funding for river dredging will be challenging and unlikely, compounding our flood risk.
- Negative environmental impacts of air and noise pollution and traffic congestion off-set the “green” or “sustainable” sales pitch developer is making.
  - Sid Commons is not walkable, bikable or transit-accessible.
  - It’s not green or sustainable to pave over land the land that slows storm water from entering the river, contributing to flooding.
  - Developer's promise of a partial-solar and all-electric project is irrelevant because that will soon be a REQUIREMENT for all developments.
- Sid Commons will generate 1,650+ cars/day and increase traffic on Payran to 10,000 per day.
  - Parked cars lining W. Payran obstruct fields of view and make getting onto the street dangerous.
  - Currently very difficult and dangerous to pull out of driveways on Payran.
  - Current critical level of side-swiped cars and other assets (signs, posts, trees, trash bins).
- Development there will remove City’s 1982 protection of Graylawn Ave. residents.
  - More cars will destroy community for seniors who are prone to depression due to isolation.
- Child playing w/ others in street was struck by car this past year.
- More traffic endangers children walking to school, play with each other.
- Children are prone to social disconnection and obesity due to lack of physical activity.
- Noise and air pollution means no open windows and fresh air for inside homes.
- Sid Commons EIR is missing analysis.
  - Sediment buildup in the river not studied in EIR.
  - Impacts on the Army Corps Flood Project not analyzed in EIR.
    - “Terracing” the river here put hydraulic pressure on the concrete weir/dam, which is key in Army Corps Flood Wall, which City paid $100 million for.
- New weather patterns of Atmospheric Rivers not included in EIR hydro model.
  - Sonoma County #1 in Atmospheric Rivers damage in 11 Western States: $5B in damages.
- Impacts combined with Sea Level Rise not studied in EIR.
- Emergency evacuation was not adequately analyzed for Payran in the EIR.
- Development there will remove the City’s 1982 protection of Heritage Oak Trees.
  - Developer only says they will “evaluate” not cutting down.
  - We all saw what happened with Baywood Oak trees: developer cut them down in violation and suffered no/minimal consequences.

I have lived in this neighborhood for 30 years. This development will destroy everything done in the previous years to save us from flooding and maintain the safety of all those living here.

Please DO NOT let this project go thru, our very lives depend upon you.

Sincerely,

Janice Gordon