

WDAAC > CDAAC. Please. You can do it.

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To the City Council of the City of Davis,

There's almost no way that better transit or walking/cycling connections can make WDAAC a viable project for our elders.

The only thing to do is to honor the developers for their efforts to date and do whatever is formally-possible to (at least) short list them for developing housing for a similar population in a multi-functional project in the Civic Plaza area.

Consider how staff resources can be efficiently used between now and a November election to speed along the Central Davis Active Adult Community planning or early 2019 when they are able to start to work in earnest on the current proposal, if approved.

Why force the new Council composition into a political struggle to argue for WDACC through November when so much can be done for the CDAAC in the interim without the sprawl controversy?

In the end I did not vote to support Nishi because of its flaws around air quality (the uncertainty) and affordability (erroneously based on way too high market prices). But there were still very good arguments for Nishi, and I felt conflicted and still do. There are, however, no good arguments for WDAAC - or an AAC in a peripheral location - when there is central, city-owned land with multiple lower barriers to development.

When seeing you at Council Meetings I get the sense that you don't seem to be in love with WDAAC. I know that you find the strong proportional support of it very compelling. So all I can tell you as an adviser is that the public supporters are simply misinformed about the problems of a peripheral location like this, esp. as it applies to elders. I would say some are in denial.

My parents are aging and I experience considerable pain that they are in peripheral communities lacking significant diversity. WDAAC tries to solve some of this, but it's simply not possible.

Thanks.

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