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I am so saddened that east county is being targeted to give up their green spaces and parks. I can give testimony of bringing grandkids to Knott Park not that long ago. Where is the safety of our children to grow up in a city where they are allowed to run free in a park? Discovery Park was built for the neighborhood but after my last experience I will not go back. During this pandemic I have followed the rules that were set for us to keep safe. One of the things I could still do is to walk with friends. One of your designated green spaces is right where we walk. We leave our homes in the dark to walk our 5 miles. We wear safety vests to keep safe. We are seniors enjoying our neighborhood. We feel safe. That will be gone. How do I know? The motor homes that have parked by me have brought loud noises, illegal activities, garbage upon garbage, and exhaust fumes filling homes that are behind the fence. Please reconsider putting people right in the middle of neighborhoods. We are trying to eek out in our own lives and feel fractured by your decisions. I hope all of you think of your older parents' safety or children wanting to enjoy the resources that were built with their needs in mind. We need to live in our city and communities that our hard work and taxes are paying for.

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