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Hello,

Thank you for your comments. The public comment period for the draft subsequent EIR is closed; however, you are welcome to address your concerns during public comment on the EIR certification at the May 28<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission hearing.

Sincerely,

**Jeanie Poling, Senior Environmental Planner**

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Dear Ms. Poling:

We are writing to submit our response to the Responses to Comments on Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Balboa Reservoir Project. As previously stated, Ingleside Terraces is at risk for flooding due to an inadequate sewer system along Ocean Avenue. The addition of 1000+ new units at the Balboa Reservoir Project will knowingly put residents downstream at greater risks for flooding for the sake of additional housing. Comment UT-2: Stormwater and Sewer submitted in response to Public Comments to Draft EIR report states:

"The proposed project **could** result in long-term changes in the volume of discharges to the City's combined sewer system in the sub-basin due to new residents, employees, and visitors who could increase the amount of wastewater generation (draft SEIR Appendix B, p. B-112). The draft SEIR Appendix B concludes on p. B-112 that all "wastewater discharges to the combined sewer system would be treated at the Oceanside Treatment Plant in compliance with the Oceanside NPDES permit ... because the stormwater and wastewater discharges from the project would not result in an increase in the frequency of combined sewer discharges, the project's impacts related to changes in combined sewer discharges would be less than significant."

"Could" is not reassuring and does not guarantee that additional flooding will not result. We are shocked that this is an acceptable response that misdirects the attention to the Oceanside Treatment Plant and fails to address what will happen along Ocean Avenue. In addition, the report goes on to state:

"The ratio of stormwater to sanitary sewage from the project site is substantially greater than 8:1 during storm conditions."

While the ratio of stormwater to sanitary sewage is 8 times greater, that 12.5% of added wastewater is still too much when excursions are known to occur. Videos and photos in the links below document just what happens during brief and moderate storm situations like that which occurred on December 7, 2019:

Videos:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y-lc7jjk6ipP57EwUQe-U-RJGWv0okm?usp=sharing>

Photos:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HyGfrTV4sgf\\_oMeb9xJsk1mz8A4YhxCv?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HyGfrTV4sgf_oMeb9xJsk1mz8A4YhxCv?usp=sharing)

Sidewalks, streets, homes and businesses are being contaminated with sewage and viruses, including the Coronavirus, each time an excursion occurs. In an article from Science Daily (<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/05/200506133603.htm>), it states that:

"Environmental biologists at the University of Stirling has warned that the potential spread of COVID-19 via sewage "must not be neglected" in the battle to protect human health. The response to the global pandemic has focused upon preventing person-to-person transmission, however, experts now believe the virus could also be spread in wastewater.

Earlier this week, it emerged that analysis of sewage in the UK could provide important data on the spread of COVID-19. However, Professor Richard Quilliam's new paper -- published May 6 -- now warns that the sewerage system itself could pose a transmission risk."

Is placing all of San Francisco at risk of added viral exposure for the sake of fast-tracking housing worth it? Once again we ask that you do not allow the Balboa Reservoir construction project to move forward until excursions and sewage overflows are resolved and the risks eliminated.

**Please include our email on your agenda. Please confirm receipt of our email.**

Sincerely,

Ingleside Terraces Residents

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