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Subject: Coyote Creek Flood Protection: Input on the acquire vs elevate option for Arroyo Way

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Hello Damaris and Jose,

I was shocked to learn that the two options being considered for the significant and historic properties on Arroyo Way is to either elevate or acquire - both of which would result in a loss of architectural history and character in a historic neighborhood of Naglee park. The elevate option fundamentally destroys the character of these homes. The acquire option destroys them entirely.

I am particularly dismayed given that once the dam is fixed, I believe the goal is that this kind of 25 year flood event would be a thing of the past and would be able to be managed by controlling the outlet flow and preventing a surge event of the type that inundates the houses. I am also dismayed because if the dam had been repaired in a timely manner, we probably wouldn't even be having these considerations about these properties as the last flood would have been avoided.

Given the enormous expense associated with both options, is there another way: to keep that money earmarked in the event there IS a 25 year flood before the dam is fixed and at that point acquire the properties rather than repair them or elevate them while repairs are taking place, but in the event a 25 year flood does NOT occur before the dam is fixed to then allow the properties to continue in their current state? Doesn't the goal of keeping the dam low volume at all times from this point until it is fixed also decrease the risk of one of these cataclysmic flood events? Why are we doing this NOW when these properties have survived two floods and are still wonderful homes, loved by their owners and neighbors? I hope the city will consider a one size does NOT fit all approach.

Thanks for considering my input,
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