Dear Staff at Plan Redondo,

I am writing to share my concerns about the GPAC public participation part of the workshop process and general concerns as well.

I had 7:00 PM down for your meeting time on my calendar last month. When I arrived, just before 7:00, the meeting was already well underway. The meeting time had changed without notice, apparently. I have no idea what I might have missed.

I thought you might have had wanted to schedule public comments first, since that meeting mainly consisted of members breaking up and meeting with their separate groups. Citizens who may have wanted to share a statement or ask a question had no chance to do so.

I could not hear what the groups were discussing, so I did not stay. The general public was pretty much shut out and ignored.

At one of the earliest meetings, possibly the second one, I experienced a grand presentation that looked like some consultants had pretty much determined that the commercial and development aspects of Redondo’s future took precedence over any quality of life issues like open space and parkland. The presentation of future commercial development took up almost the entire meeting time, so there was almost no time left for anything that the people of Redondo Beach are really interested in, like their parkland, outdoor leisure, and quality of life.

What this resident thinks is that Redondo Beach desperately needs to change its focus from just development to quality of life aspects of planning. Ever since our kids took us to Paris in 1995 to finally go somewhere “good”, we have traveled widely across America and across the world to visit the most beautiful, unique, and culturally interesting places. We have some ideas for Redondo Beach that would make us more special, more interesting, and more beautiful. We would welcome the chance to participate with you to enhance the future of Redondo. I have collected many photographs that could illustrate some good ideas. How can I share these with your staff?

Thank you for your efforts. I know they must be monumental. Perhaps I could be helpful in planning a session with those residents who are interested in parks, open space, urban trails and bike paths and share some ideas that other cities have actually implemented.

I am very interested in how to fit these ideas in to our plans for the future of Redondo Beach. It is critical that we move in a new, better, direction starting with an exceptional Twenty Year General Plan.