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Dear Ms. Sheppard,

My wife, Donna, and I live at 2775 Diana St. Consequently we have a border with the Las Encinas property. The west end of the hospital construction is behind our garage and extends east. Their subterranean parking structure is just to the east of the house next to us (2785 Diana St.). They built a road that extends from San Gabriel Blvd to the construction site and runs just behind our back yard. (We are not pleased with the location of this road, but it is what it is.) When construction has been active, large vehicles with construction equipment and materials use that road as their principal access to the site.

We attended meetings/hearings on this Master Plan back in 2009. We have tried to keep up to date on the project reviews since then. We attended a meeting involving Blair Stam of Signature Healthcare at the Monte Vista Groves in 2016 and communicated with him again in 2017, with particular attention to the specifics of the Plan.

Since the time demolition began in October, 2017, we have not had any visibility into their construction schedule, even though we have asked for their schedule many times over the years. Their communication to the neighbors is poor. We had hoped that they would be responsive to us and our questions as the project progressed. The lack of transparency and poor responsiveness is very disappointing.

They are clearly way behind their original development schedule. The fact that they are behind schedule is not as important to us as the lack of any insight into their near-term future plans on time scales of days, weeks, or months at any given time. We have no idea, no knowledge of what is going on. We used to phone Victor

Nelson, construction supervisor in the 2017-2018 period, just to question what was going on when it was particularly noisy and disruptive. Although we asked him several times for schedules of future activity, he never provided that information. At some point (in 2019?) he left. We received no notification of that. Neither Signature nor their contractor provided any information to us regarding his successor or his/her contact information. They just don't volunteer information to the neighbors.

It has been obvious for several months that construction progress has slowed down considerably. The slowdown preceded the COVID-19 mandates by several months, appearing to us that the activity level dropped off considerably in fall, 2019. Why? We have no idea.

Sincerely,
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