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PROTECTING PASADENA

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Design Commission
City of Pasadena
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RE: 465-577 S. ARROYO PARKWAY

The citizens of Pasadena are alarmed by the proposed planned development as presented for 465-577 S. Arroyo Parkway. This plan is designed well beyond city infrastructure capacities, neither enhances nor encourages a small-town feel, is not of an appropriate scale for the surrounding historic neighborhoods, encourages very little green space, and will have a *devastating cumulative impact on traffic on every major intersection surrounding the area*. The proposed plan and resulting massive, densely populated project is immeasurably frustrating to residents who are watching their city being altered in ways they never imagined.

Overall, the buildings proposed for this planned development are too tall, too dense, and lacking the proper setbacks that make a neighborhood feel inviting. Let's not forget that the issues of density and traffic will only be compounded once all the development in the area is completed by adding additional projects such as 590 South Fair Oaks. Please refer to a traffic engineer [video](#) capturing the delay at the corner of Arroyo Parkway and California Blvd. from this last January of 2020. You will see the intersection fails close to four times. This development will not work within our city infrastructure and most elderly people struggle to get to the doctor by walking, bus or train.

In light of all we are learning now about the risks of high-density living, long-term exposure to poor air quality, and the relationship between building to the urban edge and the urban heat island index, I believe the citizens of Pasadena should be alarmed by the current plans for this development. This development does not reflect the Pasadena anyone has imagined; traffic snarled, too dense and a massive concrete jungle. Please help keep what makes Pasadena so special; trees, mountain views, easy access, historical framework and a small town feel.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erika Foy

Cc: David Reyes, Jennifer Paige, Mayor Victor Gordo, Vice Mayor Andy Wilson,
Councilmember Steve Madison, Taka Suzuki and Pam Thyret