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Meeting Date	August 12, 2020
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Name	Mic Hansen
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Comments	<p>Greetings Chair Williams, Director Reyes, and Commissioners:</p> <p>Oversized speculative development in SFR areas continues to compromise the fabric of both historic and established neighborhoods.</p> <p>1) Discretionary review should be provided for all new residential construction and remodels over a given square footage (500+ ?).</p> <p>To date, ministerial review has not been effective in preventing oversized and out-of-character insults on neighborhoods.</p> <p>2) Significant penalties--both financial and operational--must be enacted to discourage marked disregard for neighborhood character, size, and design.</p> <p>3) Inspections must be timely, dispassionate, conducted in a consistent manner, and according to approved plans for the project.</p> <p>4) Adequate notice and robust assessment tools should be provided so that neighbors can understand what is being proposed. Plans should be available for community review.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
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Comments Pasadena Heritage is looking forward to the discussion today. We are interested to hear how Planning Commission is looking to address this problem of Mansionization. We are supportive of the proposed average FAR approach, and are hoping to hear more about how that might be implemented. Is it an average of homes on the same block, or of homes in a specific radius?

Instead of offering solutions at this stage, we instead ask you to address some of these main issues we have seen time and time again:

-Departure from norms- In a block of modest ~800 sq. ft. homes, the creation of a 1,600 sq. ft. home through additions or new construction.

-Competing Styles – A California Ranch home in Hastings Ranch expanded into Mediterranean complex, complete with a clay tile roof.

-Maximizing the Lot – Side and rear setbacks are pushed to their minimum, and encroach on neighbor's sense of space.

-Too much volume – High square footage with tall ceilings creates excessive bulk – both are factors that must be addressed.

-Solid to void – Too much or too little glazing on facades. Either a wall of windows or a blank wall. No clear understanding of primary versus secondary.

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