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Good morning Pasadena City Officials/Design Commission,

I'm writing to you to oppose the proposed construction for the 2 parking lots on S. Oak Knoll Ave. I live in the 147 S Oak Knoll building which will be directly impacted. I've talked with individuals in this building and my surrounding neighbors, all of whom oppose the construction of new apartment buildings on this street. We are all concerned for the following reasons:

1. The construction, which would be on 2 sides of the 147 building, would create significant disturbance to individuals in the housing complex and surrounding areas. More people are working from home, now more than ever, and will continue to do so even post-pandemic.
2. More housing complexes on this street, in particular, will turn a quiet street into a crowded and highly trafficked area. There are already plenty of accidents on Cordova and this will only increase the likelihood of a greater number of accidents on this street. This street is among the few in Pasadena that isn't greatly impacted by noise and traffic.
3. Adding complexes on 2 sides of the 147 building will reduce privacy in this building. For example, I would then have residents directly across from my balcony and directly across from my front door. Right now, it's easy to get access to sunlight and still have privacy. I fear that additions of living units in the areas identified will reduce privacy.
4. Lastly, none of us surrounding the potential construction sites were given much time since the signs were posted (approximately 2 weeks). This appears like an underhanded attempt to quickly pass through the project.

My hope is that these 2 sites will remain parking lots for residents and visitors of Pasadena. Parking brings more visitors to Pasadena and increases spending at the local business that have been greatly impacted by the pandemic and will continue to struggle for quite some time as time continues.

I ask that the Pasadena city officials take a moment and reflect on what it may be like for those of us who live in this area. We will be the ones directly impacted on a daily basis, not only by construction but by increased traffic and noise if the housing units are established and inhabited.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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"The mystery of human existence lies not in just staying alive, but in finding something to live for."
(Dostoyevsky)

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