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From: Matt Ackley <matt.ackley42@gmail.com>
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Subject: Proposed Car Wash at 2030 at E. Colorado

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Dear Pasadena Board of Zoning Appeals,

I am writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE the proposed construction of an additional car wash (at 2030 E. Colorado Ave) to our Pasadena residential neighborhood. There are already two car washes within half a mile of this proposed site and adding this one will only:

1. Put children's lives in danger by drastically increasing traffic on S. San Marino Avenue – the proposed entrance and exit to the car wash.
2. Devalue our homes for this entire neighborhood.
3. Is simply unnecessary with so many other car washes within a mile of this site.

I am a parent of two children ages 7 and 10 and have lived half a block from the proposed site of the car wash for 8 years. In that time MANY CHILDREN have been born or moved to our street to enjoy the safe neighborhood and the top-ranked Hamilton Elementary School. A dozen kids live on our street alone (and more on Berkeley and Oak). Our neighborhood children are constantly riding bikes, scooters, having lemonade stands, holding sidewalk chalk events, and enjoying this lovely residential street. However, on numerous occasions I have had to call the city to get street signs installed because of cars going over 40 plus miles per hour – cutting through from Del Mar to Colorado. In fact, I just put in a street sign order with the city on February 12, 2021. We need to REDUCE traffic through this street/neighborhood (not increase it) or **a child is going to get killed.**

So, ADDING a proposed car wash on the corner that will only increase the traffic down our street by hundreds of potential cars per day would be putting the children on this block in direct danger from motor vehicles.

This is a residential neighborhood within 500 yards of one of the BEST elementary schools in Pasadena. **Great schools are anchors for the community, not car washes. Property values are directly tied to safe neighborhoods that have great schools.** You do not want to compromise that for a car wash.

By allowing this unnecessary project in this location, you would be compromising child safety, and contributing to the lowering of property values in this wonderful neighborhood. We are trying to build a community here for families to prosper - please help us with that important goal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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