

## Varsh, Tess

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**From:** Thyret, Pam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:29 AM  
**To:** Don Henderson  
**Cc:** Walker, Alison; Varsh, Tess  
**Subject:** RE: Car wash and detail shop at Berkeley to San Marino aves. on Colorado Blvd.

**From:** Don Henderson <[devonroof@charter.net](mailto:devonroof@charter.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:00 AM  
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**From:** Don Henderson [<mailto:devonroof@charter.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 8:42 PM  
**To:** [devonroof@charter.net](mailto:devonroof@charter.net)  
**Subject:**

There are already two car washes within 5 miles of each other in East Pasadena, one at hill and walnut, and one at Colorado and Sierra Madre; we do not need a third one right in the middle of these two, especially in a residential area like South San Marino Avenue.

South San Marino Ave. is a historic road that serves as a residential thoroughfare from Pasadena's route 66, Colorado Blvd. It meanders all the way down through San Marino and connects with Mission Rd. in San Gabriel south of the Mission. It is the only uninterrupted residential roadway that connects the two between Sierra Madre Boulevard 5 blocks East of me, and Los Robles Avenue, 27 blocks to the West in the middle of town. Its history goes back over one hundred years. My properties at 96, 98, 100, and 102 are located a half a block south of Colorado and contain an original farm house 101 years old and includes the original bunkhouse and buggy barn.

Back in the 1940s the city was wise enough to restrict parking on both S. San Marino Ave., and S. Berkeley Ave., from Colorado Blvd., for one block south to Del Mar in that only one side of these two roads was parking permitted at any time. The reason for the restriction was because the site now under consideration to be converted into car wash/auto detail consortium was at that time a used car lot. They loaded up the lot with used cars each night, and parked them on the street in the daytime up and down both San Marino and Berkeley Ave. resulting in excessive congestion to our roadway.

Since that time, there has been added to the SE corner of S. San Marino and Colorado, both an auto repair shop and a liquor store; they sit directly east across the street from the proposed new establishment. The result has been Large delivery trucks unloading at the liquor store blocking both San Marino Ave., and around the corner on Colorado Blvd. creating such congestion that it is both time consuming and even perilous to attempt to enter Colorado Blvd. from S. San Marino during business hours due to the lack of ability to see traffic.

Furthermore, as a result of the auto repair shop, cars are tested on S. San Marino often apparently to see how well they accelerate past our homes. It is not unusual to see a car come down our street at close to freeway speeds. I may be fortunate that so far only one of my dogs has been killed by fast cars.

The installation of another car wash is both unnecessary and would be a blight on our historic neighborhood. We therefore tender our objection to its establishment.

It would also just add to the existing traffic congestion that we already have to put up with. In addition it seems like three car washes in the space of only five miles is an idea ill conceived, not well thought out and not in the best of Pasadena's historic reputation.

Sincerely,  
Don J. Henderson

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature is stylized and appears to read "D. Henderson".