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Subject: Design Commission agenda item 4B (3452 E. Foothill Blvd.)

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Jeff Cyrulewski, and I'm a Pasadena resident. I'm writing about agenda item 4B, the changes to the 3452 Foothill Boulevard project. First off, I have some questions (for the architectural team) about the new south buildings. In the previous project, there was a parking structure that separated the 210 from the previous single south residential building. It appears now that the parking structure is no longer part of the new plan, and that there are two south residential buildings that are approximately a story higher and are closer to the 210 (slightly) than the previous parking structure was. If you wouldn't mind asking these questions to the team, I would appreciate it:

- What is the difference in height between the previous parking structure and the two south buildings?
- And what is the difference in distance from the parking structure to the 210 in the previous plan, and the two south buildings to the 210 in the new plan?

I'm sure others will raise concerns about how close the residential buildings are to the freeway (and I'm concerned about that, too), so I'll mention my other concern, which is that I'm concerned that this extra height will block mountain views from south of the 210 on Colorado. I know I've brought this issue up before, and unfortunately I was disappointed to see that the new design appears to be taking a step back on that front. The Specific Plans, across the board, are pushing for stepbacks for buildings from roads, to break up blockiness as well as preserve views. I recognize that the stepbacks in those plans usually pertain to buildings along roads and not freeways, but for residents south of the 210, the mountain views, as you drive or walk along Colorado, are certainly majestic and I believe as a city that we would hate to lose them. We're already unfortunately losing some of them with the new construction at the former OSH site and it would be a shame to possibly lose all of them with this new project.

Thank you,
Jeff Cyrulewski