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I'm not remotely involved with this project although I do live a few blocks from its location.

After reading the article on this proposed huge building in the digital edition of "Pasadena Now" today, my first thoughts are that it doesn't fit the area's needs or its own needs. [ [Arroyo Parkway Project That Would Demolish 6 Buildings, Remove 23 Trees Goes Before Design Commission – Pasadena Now](#) ] It strikes me as an economic "opportunity" more than a medical or retirement facility need. Its location is a heavily-trafficked area already. The amount of traffic on South Arroyo Parkway, the constant running and the rumbling by of Gold Line trains would seem to suggest this isn't a conducive place for a retirement home complex. Then there will be the constant blowing of the trains' horn every few minutes for the at-street level crossings at Del Mar and California. That is not anything attractive for a retirement setting. I think the huge amount of vehicular traffic such a project will create will overload South Arroyo Parkway, if not, beyond its intended capacity. Such a facility will, ipso facto, by itself, create a great deal of vehicular traffic. I would say this project doesn't blend in or is not supported by the immediate needs of the surrounding commercial area.

As to the trees, they are so vital to clean air. I think any tree removed must be replaced with a like tree. Understanding construction, per se, at times, involves the need of removal of trees now existing. However, for every tree removed a replacement shade tree is a "must," regardless of whatever occurs at this location. A location with a shortage of trees. This project is not in a bucolic setting

which is where it belongs. It's inhabitants are entitled to a much more quiet setting.

As a Pasadenan of age to move into such a facility, I would not move into this project. I wish the project good fortune wherever it will be constructed.

Respectfully,

Bob Aronoff