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As a long time resident of West Pasadena, member and board chair of HMRI, I am writing in support of this Kutzer Co. project. I have had an opportunity to review the plans and believe it would be a high quality addition to the development of the area near HMH and have a positive influence on adjacent property values.

As a real estate investor, I am very familiar with the expertise the Kutzer Co. brings to the development and management of like projects, and I urge approval of the Affinity development.

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Dear Members of the Planning Commission:

I write to express my support for the proposed Affinity Project on Arroyo Parkway. I have had the opportunity to see the plans for this project and am truly excited about it. Having recently retired from the California Institute of Technology as General Counsel, I am very interested in remaining connected to Pasadena. The proposed Affinity Project would provide some much-needed senior living in one of the most vibrant parts of Pasadena. Rather than being cut off and isolated, the Affinity project will allow seniors to continue being an active part of the community with a variety of opportunities within walking distance, including access to two Gold Line stations.

Equally important to me, the project preserves the nature of that very special area on the Arroyo Parkway. The plan includes restoring two historic buildings on the site and creating a public courtyard in addition to a mixed-use facility with medical offices. Based on what I have seen of the proposal, the result will be a beautiful, pedestrian friendly addition to Pasadena while at the same time serving seniors, such as myself, with a chance to remain active in the community.

For these reasons, I hope that the Planning Commission favorably reviews this project and thank you for your consideration of my input.

Sincerely yours,

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August 6, 2021

Planning Commission
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RE: 465-577 S. ARROYO PARKWAY

The citizens of Pasadena are alarmed by the proposed planned development as presented for 465-577 S. Arroyo Parkway. This plan is designed well beyond city infrastructure capacities, neither enhances nor encourages a small-town feel, is not of an appropriate scale for the surrounding historic neighborhoods, encourages very little green space, and will have a *devastating cumulative impact on traffic on every major intersection surrounding the area*. The proposed plan and resulting massive, densely populated project is immeasurably frustrating to residents who are watching their city being altered in ways they never imagined.

Overall, the buildings proposed for this planned development are too tall, too dense, and lacking the proper setbacks that make a neighborhood feel inviting. Let's not forget that the issues of density and traffic will only be compounded once all the development in the area is completed by adding additional projects such as 590 South Fair Oaks. Please refer to a traffic engineer [video](#) capturing the delay at the corner of Arroyo Parkway and California Blvd. from this last January of 2020. You will see the intersection fails close to four times. This development will not work within our city infrastructure and most elderly people struggle to get to the doctor by walking, bus or train.

In light of all we are learning now about the risks of high-density living, long-term exposure to poor air quality, and the relationship between building to the urban edge and the urban heat island index, I believe the citizens of Pasadena should be alarmed by the current plans for this development. This development does not reflect the Pasadena anyone has imagined; traffic snarled, too dense and a massive concrete jungle. Please help keep what makes Pasadena so special; trees, mountain views, easy access, historical framework and a small town feel.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erika Foy

Cc: David Reyes, Jennifer Paige, Mayor Victor Gordo, Vice Mayor Andy Wilson, Councilmember Steve Madison, Taka Suzuki and Pam Thyret