



August 25, 2021

Planning Commission
175 N. Garfield Ave
Pasadena CA 91109

Re: Item #5 on the August 25, 2021 Agenda

Dear Chair Olivas and members of the Planning Commission,

On behalf of the Carnegie Institution for Science, I write to convey support for the current draft of the East Colorado Specific Plan. Our institution has been part of Pasadena's history for more than 100 years, and we are working to expand Carnegie Science's research activities beyond our current location on Santa Barbara Street. We anticipate that our plans to invest in a new building on Green Street will progress and allow us to submit preliminary plans to the City later this year. While we are aware the East Colorado Specific Plan is a draft and currently under review, our investment has been reliant upon the building envelope (setbacks, height and floor area ratios) envisioned in the current draft of the Plan that has been crafted and shared with the community over the past several months. We support the Plan as proposed and look forward to continued growth for Carnegie Science in Pasadena.

Thanks to all of you for your ongoing efforts.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel

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Varsh, Tess

From: Jonathan Spaulding [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 10:13 AM
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Hi, Tess. I was given your email by Pam Thyret. I have written to Andy Wilson about the proposal, expressing my concerns. Below are comments i would like to include as part of the community comments for tonights meeting. Thanks!

As a resident and homeowner on South Berkeley Avenue for nearly thirty years, I am very concerned about the proposed In and Out drive through on the corner at Colorado. This would be contrary to the letter and the spirit of the East Colorado Plan. It would contribute to a decline in what is otherwise an improving neighborhood. The long-term impacts to our neighborhood would be very deleterious.

More fast food is not what we need. Many families are moving into this neighborhood. Hamilton School is one of the stars of PUSD. Do we want to endanger children with traffic and pollute our streets with tossed burger wrappers?

There is an existing In and Out four blocks away. Surely they want a higher profile and more traffic at the drive thru, but is that really what is best for Pasadena and District 7? I most emphatically think not!

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Jonathan Spaulding
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I am very concerned about the impacts of two proposed drive-through businesses in the East Colorado Specific Plan area that will create **traffic congestion, threaten public safety and neighborhood quality of life**. One is the automated car wash at 2020 East Colorado Blvd and the other is the In-N-Out Burger at 1978 East Colorado Blvd at the former Cameron's Seafood Restaurant.

I have been a homeowner at [REDACTED] less than 500 feet from 1978 East Colorado since 2004 and over the years I have seen steady growth of pedestrian traffic in the neighborhood from PCC students, the new Metro Station at Allen Ave/I-210 and two nearby churches, Calvary Chapel Pasadena and Saint Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church. I walk my dog twice a day in the area and I value the pedestrian village like environment friendly to families, dog walkers, students and church-goers.

As we come out of the pandemic and PCC reopens for on campus learning the pedestrian traffic will increase again. During rush hour and holidays the traffic on East Colorado Blvd can be horrendous. Drive through businesses threaten public safety for pedestrians and quality of life in the neighborhoods.

Jan Lin
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