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Hi, Hayman. Would you mind adding my letter to the record for the Planning Commission meeting tonight and sending it to the commission members? If you have any questions, feel free to let me know.

Thanks very much,
Jeff Cyrulewski

Dear Planning Commissioners,

My name is Jeff Cyrulewski, and I'm a Pasadena resident. I'd like to start off by giving kudos to staff for the work they've done in the East Colorado Specific Plan process. Their incorporating of paseos into the plan to break up large developments is a fantastic one, incorporating in stepbacks is a good idea, they have a number of suggestions for sidewalk improvements - especially in Mid-City - and ways to activate streets like Wilson and others that are really exciting, and I could go on. And they've done a huge portion of all this during the pandemic, where they, like so many other departments, had to shift on-the-fly to doing things virtually and collecting information in a completely different way; they've done an incredible job and deserve a ton of credit.

I'm writing regarding the letter submitted about the proposed mixed-use development at 2025 E. Colorado, and how the lawyer for the developer would like the maximum residential density, FAR, and height limit raised in the Eastern Corridor. I couldn't disagree more with raising those, especially there. One of the things suggested in the letter is that that area of East Colorado would remain a "no man's land" if all three of those aren't raised, but it's not a no man's land now - it's a very walkable area with a number of vibrant small businesses. I'd like to see those three lowered, actually, across most of the plan in order to make up for possible density bonuses (especially near Colorado and Sierra Madre) rather than look to raise them. For the Eastern Corridor specifically, not raising those would not be about NIMBY'ism, certainly, since there are plenty of multi-family buildings in and around the corridor, but instead about keeping a sense of place about an area that's really loved by the people that live there.

Thank you,
Jeff Cyrulewski