

Takeda, Michi

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My name is Chelsea Wood and I live at [REDACTED], which is directly across the street from the proposed apartment complex. This week, I saw signage indicating a public meeting regarding the proposed development at 350 Cordova St. I am unable to attend this meeting, but did not want to lose an opportunity for my voice to be heard.

It's no secret that the past two years have been difficult for the Pasadena community, as well as the world at large. One of the difficulties I myself, along with many others, have faced is working from home -- my company actually now encourages permanent remote work. While I greatly enjoy my apartment and community, several large construction projects have made working from home quite challenging. Around the beginning of the working from home period, construction began on the parking garage next to the apartment, causing extreme noise that made video meetings impossible to conduct in my home, and rendered my balcony virtually useless for two years. In addition, there's been an ongoing construction project behind my apartment building on Los Robles. Views are obstructed, and the parking garage project eliminated several trees that made this street a peaceful and enjoyable place to live.

With the proposed development, more trees will be eliminated and more views will be obstructed. With the possibility of a demolition, subterranean parking structure, and large apartment complex, the potential for sound disturbances will be great. Video meetings may once again be impossible to conduct. Saturday mornings will no longer lend themselves to peaceful enjoyment due to extreme levels of noise (we experienced this greatly with the project at the parking garage). This building has not experienced peaceful enjoyment or quiet in over two years due to the other projects. We have not had a clean, clear street in over two years. We have had traffic impacts, blocked driveways, and loss of parking spaces. With the proposed development, this issues will continue to grow and be an immense source of strain for myself and others in the community.

I have spoken to others in my building who are concerned about the level of noise the projected development will bring once again to our community. I am just a small voice in a sea of many, but the impact of this project will be immense on our neighborhood. Many, including myself, will have to make decisions about whether we want to continue living on this street, in this community. Speaking for myself, I am concerned I may have to leave my beloved neighborhood—the parking garage project over the past two years has impacted my sleep, work, and personal enjoyment and facing more months, possibly even years of those issues would be an extreme burden on my life.

If the project were to be approved, is there an estimated beginning date for the project, so that myself and others can plan? Is there any chance the extreme noise, traffic impact, and general neighborhood impact could be considered when choosing whether or not to approve this project?

I appreciate you for answering questions about this project, and for taking time out of your day to hear the concerns of a Pasadena resident who loves this community dearly.

Best,

Chelsea Wood