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Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to request that the Planning Commission urge Rusnak Porsche to have their architect revise their Site Plan to accommodate the preservation of the light-industrial building at 96 Sunnyslope Avenue at Walnut Street.

While Colorado Boulevard may be able to withstand the assault of big-box retail, I believe it is fair to say Walnut Street cannot. Despite the recent introduction of Home Depot to the site directly across the street, this stretch of Walnut is mostly made up of 1-2 story masonry structures that have historically acted as a transitional element between the bleakness of the former rail line and the adjacent neighborhood of single-family homes.

This condition -- which lends itself to a variety of uses, from strictly commercial to live/work environments -- should remain, in the spirit of the soon-to-be approved Lamanda Park Specific Plan.

To paraphrase Stefanos Polyzoides when talking about another project in Pasadena: All this building has done for the last hundred years is contribute to the character of the neighborhood; why would you consider demolishing it now?

Thank you,

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