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Subject: development proposal Castro/ECR/Fairmont/Hope
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Dear Councilmembers,

Looking at the posters with drawings of the proposed development at Castro/ECR/Fairmont/Hope, I have several concerns:

1. Seven stories tall is massive. Tallest buildings in that area currently are 4 stories, much less the 1-2 story neighborhood. I'm concerned this would look more like the San Antonio Village area, which is not inviting at all. And, this would also block a lot more sunlight, especially in the winter months.
2. Loss of heritage trees in the area as part of the building. Please do not count developer replacement trees as equal to a lost heritage tree, which adds much more to the city canopy.
3. Although there is a replacement park, it is enveloped by the seven story development, making it seem more like a park for the development rather than an inviting community space. And, the very tall building will ensure it is in shadow in the afternoon.
4. Have there been any traffic studies to estimate the additional traffic on other side streets and parking expected when the building is occupied and the streets are closed? I'm glad the developer is proposing an underground garage, though I also assume at least some number of residents and visitors will park on the street. Again, seven stories will be a massive population increase, and I hope studies are made to inform the decision.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mia

From: [Robert Mullenger](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Gateway park removal and destruction of canopy trees
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Hello

I understand there is a closed door session regarding the redevelopment of castro and fairmont. It now includes the potential proposal to replace gateway park with a 7 story building and destroy the canopy of mature trees. It also includes a new park with small trees and road closures.

I don't agree with this and I don't agree with doing this behind closed doors. I know this is the same developer that tried to cut down the redwoods on Sierra.

Please conduct a public hearing on this and be transparent about the plans.

Thank you,

Robert Mullenger

