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Hello Margaret,

Thank you for talking with me on the phone and letting me know that the project is in Area H and details of the project would be available online at a later date.

I was quite surprised to learn from the documents submitted by staff and the applicant that the plan has already been substantially reviewed and pretty much approved by the City before neighboring residents were even aware of the proposal and had any opportunity to view the details. The project has been underway for some time and the neighbors are given only two days before the hearing to consider the matter. This does not seem to offer much consideration to neighbors who live in the immediate area.

I do object to the 3 story height of the project and believe two stories would be more appropriate.

The application states that it is similar to adjacent 1 and 2 story buildings - but that is simply not the case as it is a 3 story building, 1/2 again as tall as the residential building next it and far taller than

1 story residential buildings in the adjacent neighborhood.

I also object to the total lack of parking spaces that will be provided. As I mentioned to you, before Covid, the parking lot across from my house and nearby lots become completely filled during the day and if I or my neighbors have a guest or have service people, it is necessary for them to spend

10 to 15 minutes circling around the block and checking for spaces, often only to find one more than a block away. I see that the project may produce a need for 14 more parking spaces and that absolutely none are provided for as submitted. This would be as much needed parking as 7 new houses might need. Even the use of 5 spaces in the already overstuffed parking area would

exacerbate the problem. The parking plan does not seem to in concert with the objectives of the

Parking and Standards policies and the accepted in-lieu fees may bring in more money to the City for future use but in this case will simply exacerbate an already dire problem.

My neighbors and I could support a two story building that would entail a reduced parking load and would be a far more sensitive transition to the adjacent residential area.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Kent Taylor

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