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Council Members,

I discussed this application with Ms. Netto of the Planning Department and she claimed that the structure across the street was 3 story and that there were no residential structures next to it. It appears that the Department is changing the facts to make the already approved project fit their decision. In fact, directly across the street is a one story building which also faces my property on Hope Street and an alley, and next door towards Hope St is a residential building. I also raised my great concerns about parking and was told that the City is working on it with no additional information provided.

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, Council Members, for taking my concerns into consideration.

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