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Subject: re: 3/23/22 Meeting Agenda Item 5.1 Terra Bella Affordable Housing and Pulic Storage projects

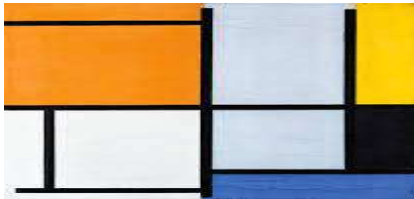
Honorable Chair Cranston and Environmental Planning Commissioners:

I am writing in full support for these projects that will provide much needed affordable housing in a great location (walking distance to North Bayshore and to the only bus dedicated lane in Mountain View!).

It is also a great use of community benefits triggered by the densification of the Public Storage facilities.

re: Affordable Housing project, The design recommendations made by Staff make senseas long as they don't make the project too expensive. In terms of aesthetics, it would be nice to be able to bury the utility lines fronting the project on Terra Bella (this would also allow the planned street trees to grow to their fullest).

re: Public Storage Project. Given its use, I would venture that the proposed parking ratio is sufficient: renters come very infrequently and these facilities typically don't operate with much staff. I'm less certain about some of the design recommendations. Staff seems to recommend a more bland corporate type office look. I personally would prefer making the building more one of the kind, embracing the bright Public Storage orange and the utilitarian function of public storage. When I looked at the sketch in the staff report, the orange doors/boxes reminded me a little bit of a Mondrian. Why not go all out in that direction?



Instead of making the building disappear from 101, maybe make it stand?

I also think that the City should work on making the building greener by adding solar panels to power the climate control of these storage units.

Sincerely

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