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Dear Planning Division,

I am a long time resident of the Cuesta Park neighborhood. I am writing to express my strong objection to development as proposed at 773 Cuesta Drive.

You have heard all the scientific conclusions about the benefits of mature trees to our environment. I won't repeat them now, although I appreciate and support their presence among us.

What I do wish for this council, other decisions makers, and the developers to consider is this:

Imagine yourself, you, individually, living in the place you want to build here at 773 Cuesta Drive. Imagine your home inside and out. Your approach starts from outside.

The mature trees here have been part of this neighborhood far longer than any of us. The younger trees should be here longer than they are now as they too, are part of this neighborhood.

People do belong here and so do other living beings. Wildlife depends on the oaks and other healthy mature trees as does domesticated life.

Consider these trees, these grand oaks, as *nature's* architecture, which also makes a statement, adds quality of life that everyone - from the tiniest bug to we the people - can value.

The design of the homes is not for the expediency and convenience of the developer, but for the living conditions for the future citizens of Mountain View who will live here and also for those beings who already do.

Thank you for keeping those 26 other trees but please keep the other healthy, mature heritage trees.

Thank you for your consideration.

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