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To: Mountain View City Council Members

I urge you to hear the voices of your constituency, and **deny the developer a permit to remove the 57-Heritage Trees** along Highway 85. These trees in no way impede construction at this site. Their removal is **purely an aesthetic choice**. They are directly connected to the canopy of Stevens Creek Trail, and are part of its ecosystem. Likewise their removal is a **violation of the City's own agenda and Code of Ordinance:**

Chapter 32 - Trees, Shrubs and Plants*

Article 1 - General

Sec. 32.35. - Criteria for removal; Conditions; Findings

Furthermore, We in the community feel that the park, currently scheduled to be in the center of this private complex (and funded by the City), should be moved to adjoin these trees. **The city should acquire this urban forested area in Block C for a public park.** Personally, I think we could use a new dog park in the area.

Thank you,

Gayle Sabin

Home Owner and Resident of Cypress Point 'Woods, Mountain View

From: [Christopher Peri](#)
To: [Kamei, Ellen](#); [Abe-Koga, Margaret](#); [Hicks, Alison](#); [Lieber, Sally](#); [Showalter, Pat](#); [Ramirez, Lucas](#); [City Council FORWARD](#)
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My name is Christopher Peri. I have a Ph.D. in Architecture from Berkeley, have been a bay area resident for 30 years, and a Mountain View home owner for 10 years. I live across from the Block C section of the 555 W Middlefield Housing Project.

There are a number of concerns I have expressed, as others, but do not feel have been given proper attention. Thus I would like to put these concerns in writing.

1) Density of Block C

The current plans as understood show a very dense increase in population for a small area at a dead end street. This will cause a number of issues.

* Loss of tree canopy protection that is relied upon for both 555 W Middlefield and Cypress Point residence that live near 85. As understood, the current mitigation plan for canopy removal does not provide the same level of density and thus pollution and sound mitigation currently relied upon for both Middlefield and Cypress residence. These issues have already been outlined in detail by others so I will not repeat them.

2) Adverse effect of quality of life for Cypress Point residents.

* Increase in foot and bicycle traffic through Cypress Point Woods. Currently our private property is being used as a thoroughfare for those accessing the Stevens Creek Trail and MV Station. We also get a number of dog walkers from Middlefield that like to use our community for walking their dogs. The current number of people using our community is manageable, however, with such a significant increase in density, this will no longer be so. This will force us to install gates and fences to block the unmanageable foot and bike traffic. This is something we REALLY wish to avoid.

* The increase in car traffic will impact street parking such that residents of Cypress that are street facing will find parking from limited to mostly unavailable due to the increase in competition. To mitigate this, we will likely request parking permits for Cypress Woods side of the street for Cypress residents.

3) Health risks due to construction for Block C

There have already been expressed concerns about adverse health issues due to the level and time length of construction. The current plan is to dig 3 stories to provide the parking necessary for such a dense population on a restricted plot area. This is problematic in a number of ways

* There is a risk of hitting the water table such that flooding can occur during construction. To deal with this, pumps will need to be running 24/7 until deep pylons can be pounded to allow construction of 'blocks' that can be sealed to keep the water out. However, due to carcinogenic contaminants that are already known in the soil nearby, this will make the water contaminated. How will the water be disposed of? Dumped in the creek? Also, soil that gets wet will also be contaminated. Should the soil dry once removed from the excavation area,

this will become a new source of health risk to all nearby residents.

* The buildings along Cypress were mostly constructed in the 70's. Many do not have AC. As such these buildings are very permeable and those with any respiratory issues will be forced to move or put in place expensive air mitigation solutions. This is not acceptable for 7 years. These buildings are also permeable for sound. 7 years and construction and if needed, the constant pounding of pylons and water pumps running 24/7 could be considered a significant level of sound pollution.

So to sum up. I have three very strong concerns that have been expressed but to date, but not been addressed. 1) loss of tree canopy, 2) Negative impact on quality of life, and 3) Health risks due to construction.

I do ask the city to please take these issues into consideration. I want to make clear I am not against additional units being added to 555 W Middlefield, I only ask that it be done in a responsible and scale appropriate manner. Possible solutions are:

- 1) Remove or reduce the requirement for a park. Due to unavoidable overuse of street parking, it is unlikely this park will be used by anyone but the Middlefield residents. This will open more space to greatly reduce the overloading of Block C and its impacts.
- 2) Reduce the number of approved units.
- 3) Place a smaller park and smaller unit number at Block C to maintain the canopy and address other over density issues listed above.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if there are any questions I can help answer as a Cypress Point Dr. resident.

Christopher Peri



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My name is Sayo Nomura. I am a resident of Cypress Point Woods.
I am writing about the upcoming project at Middlefield road across from where I live.

I love living in Mountain View and especially Cypress Point due to the amount of trees, quiet life, and nice community we have here.

I just attended a meeting about the new project and I am very concerned that the addition of so many people at the end of Cypress Point Dr. will have a negative impact on our lives here.

Our house is near the construction site and would be subject to many years of noise and pollution from the digging and construction.

In addition, we already have a number of people who bike through our community which although is not bad, would be far worse if so many people move into the end of the street! We have kids in our community that play here and our pathways should not be a commute path.

Please reconsider having so many people suddenly placed at the end of our dead end street. We love Mountain View, and we like to keep our community as beautiful as is.

Thank you for your attention.
Sayo Nomura