Written Public Comment

Agenda Item 7: Grading Permit for new seven-story, 169-unit apartment building with basement parking, including earthwork. 2949 Edison Way

I am writing to you today as a North Fair Oaks home owner and long time resident of this neighborhood. Unfortunately, I am unable to be present at the meeting but wanted to send my comments opposing this project and would like for you to analyze cautiously before making a decision that can affect our neighborhood and the surrounding area.

The already overly populated area has traffic issues even with single home residents. At times, making it hard to park in front of our house and even our driveways. Adding this project with over 160 units at a minimum two cars per unit, will increase traffic tremendously making it harder for residents to park. The lack of parking spaces, specially after the Middlefield renovation, will affect the local businesses too; when people are not able to find parking get discourage and drive elsewhere. We'll see more cars parked at corners, and end of streets blocking the view; making it a safety concern not only for our residents but visitors. I'm afraid pedestrian safety will be jeopardize with the increase in traffic flow. Lets also keep in mind that we have two charter schools just around the corner and again, the increase in traffic can be dangerous. Perhaps adding a bigger parking structure for the neighbors and local vendors will be much appreciated by all.

*If we really want to help our neighborhood lets make things easier, not harder on the residents. Because, if we are thinking of housing, lets help the people that already live in our neighborhood **afford** where they live, instead of trying to attract out of the area residents. Its a shame most of the units will be market rate; yet our own neighbors, and/or grown children can't afford to move out because of high rents.*

Thank you for your time and consideration.