



City of Sierra Madre

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THE BROWN ACT PROVIDES THE PUBLIC WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS AT ANY PUBLIC MEETING.

THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING AND WILL BE POSTED ONTO THE CITY'S WEBSITE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS AND TRANSPARENCY.

THE COMMENTS ATTACHED ARE SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE CITY DOES NOT CONFIRM THE VERACITY OF THE STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Amber Tardif

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 10:12 AM
To: Joshua Wolf
Subject: Re: Comment for Tentative Parcel Map 22-02 at 182 South Baldwin

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Hello,

I'd like to resubmit my comment below for today's hearing:

Hello,

As the homeowner of [REDACTED] I am writing to express my deep disappointment and sadness over the proposed development that will take away the privacy and beautiful mountain view that my family and I have cherished for the past 13 years in our dream home. We purchased this home with the intention of creating a sanctuary for my wife, children, and I, a place where we make memories, where we relax, and where we feel safe. The thought of losing this special place is heart-wrenching. I moved here from a city that increased density and it did not take long for the neighborhood to become overcrowded, unkempt, dirty, and resulted in a lost sense of neighborhood community.

Our backyard is not just a physical space, it is where we have created a life and a sense of belonging. We bought this home due to the lot size and zoning for single family homes, as well as the location in the city of Sierra Madre, which has always been supportive of the natural environment. We love nature and the view of the mountains from our backyard is a source of inspiration and tranquility.

The proposed development, however, will result in the loss of privacy and the view of the mountains from my backyard. The new development will connect my backyard to a driveway and the front of two two-story houses, which will increase car traffic, noise, and the loss of privacy. It will also make it uncomfortable for my kids and I to be in our backyard, as people will be looking directly into our space and cars will be going in and out.

Given the above, I would like to request that the property be returned to single family residential zoning. This is consistent with the surrounding properties on the block and would be more in line with the expectations surrounding neighbors had when they purchased their properties.

If this is not possible, I would like to request that the development be reduced in size, altered to have a maximum of two units, developed as single-story single-family homes with open green space.

If these options are not feasible, I would like to request that my backyard is connected to the backyards of the proposed development instead of the driveway. In all cases, privacy needs to heavily be incorporated into the design with noise regulations put in place. Lastly, the units should be owner-occupied so the people living there will take pride and care of their home and be respectful of their neighbors.

I understand that this does not directly impact others in the city, but this is the beginning of a trend that will make the city overcrowded and will increase the strain on resources. Additionally, the increase in car traffic that already makes it difficult to turn onto Baldwin from my street and will increase the use of street parking.

I ask you to please understand the emotional investment my family has in our home and backyard. It is more than just a physical structure; it is where we have created a life and a sense of belonging. I also ask you to consider the impact this development will have on not just our family, but on the entire community and the future of the city.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Paul

On Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 5:34 PM Joshua Wolf <jwolf@cityofsierramadre.com> wrote:

Mr. Saario,

The comment will be provided to the commission at the dais in case they do not receive the forward email. Staff will state that a comment has been received by email in opposition of the project. Staff have been directed not to read the comments verbatim because it could inaccurately portray the intent of the comment. I hope this helps.

Best regards,

Joshua Wolf

Associate Planner

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Email: jwolf@cityofsierramadre.com

From: Paul Saario [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 5:15 PM
To: Joseph Nosrat <jnosrat@cityofsierramadre.com>
Cc: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com>
Subject: Re: Comment for Tentative Parcel Map 22-02 at 182 South Baldwin

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On Wed, Jan 18, 2023, 4:55 PM Joseph Nosrat <jnosrat@cityofsierramadre.com> wrote: