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Dear Planning and Design Commission, City Council, District Representatives and Mayor,

I finally understand what you each do on your committees, big decisions. However, I would like to tell you about my personal experience because of one of your “big decisions”.

One day I was going through my mail and happened to view something I almost threw away, DR25-042. I showed my husband, and we were scared and shocked that a buyer deceived my neighbor (seller), who promised to build a family home matching existing homes on her property, once purchased. Instead, they applied to your organization to build a two-story 15-unit apartment complex, under the umbrella of Missing and Middle Housing.

I quickly canvassed the neighbors, and we met in front of said property, to talk about this application. Half the neighbors were not aware or didn't receive notice and the other half didn't understand and again didn't notice this letter. No one depends on the internet for information and notices of public business from the City of Sacramento.

Six months later, with multiple meetings, emails, and on-line meetings, the folks of Blaine Avenue managed to modify the building application to 8-units, single story of what they are calling, “condos”.

When you approved of the MMH ordinance, you opened the floodgate to misrepresentation and false pretenses . You do not care of how and where these units are built; otherwise, our small culturally enhanced neighborhood would not be experiencing this trauma. Yes, we have been traumatically affected.

A brief description of our culturally enhanced neighborhood consists of several Hmong and Latino families and a Ukrainian family. There is also a family that teaches the heritage of Hindu Sanatan Religion to local Indian Families. We have many other cultures in the neighborhood, in addition to the original few who were born in this neighborhood. Annually the road is filled with people walking [the tiny road] to someone's home, to celebrate a holiday, birthday, or paying

respects to a deceased relation. That's when we realized how small Blaine Avenue is. But it's ok. It's our neighbors. I also want to add that everyone in the neighborhood are educated, skilled and very family oriented.

The address in question is 930 Blaine Avenue, DR25-042. The lot is not a good fit for an MMH. It is not a good fit simply because the street is narrow, open ditch (no sidewalks), there is no public sewer on the street, no lighting, and the street is a dead-end tiny road and very rural. The purchaser promised to build a family home on the property, showing her sample photos of homes. Now, as I understand, these condos will have a small sidewalk, public sewage, and lighting only to that development, leaving the remaining street without these services.

This DR25-042 is not a growth ordinance to improve family living. But a sad build for profit, using public dollars to couple with this build.

Upon completion, we will be concerned with parking and traffic on the street. As mentioned earlier, with limited space, there is a possibility of creating blockage of road space for emergencies and service vehicles to pass. Time is of essence for an ambulance or fire truck, for example. Also, there will be concern for our neighborhood children who walk the narrow road to and from school.

It is what it is, and we as a neighborhood are very disappointed with our City Council, Planning and Design Commission, and District Representatives. In the future, take the time to research the neighborhood you are making decisions to change. Even better, talk to the people or take a drive through the neighborhood.

One more thing, the plans have recently changed for this DR25-042 MMH application. There is a possibility that the original home structure will be demolished; however, it will still be built under the umbrella of MMH. This is the false pretense I was talking about.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Lane of Blaine Avenue Neighborhood

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