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To: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10; Planning Commission 1; Planning Commission 2; Planning Commission 3; Planning Commission 4; Planning Commission 5; Planning Commission 6; Planning Commission 7
Cc: Le, Thai-Chau; Tu, John; Rood, Timothy; Flores, Michelle
Subject: The Proposed Rezoning and Special Use Permit File Nos. C20-012 & SP20-024 at 2740 Ruby Ave
Date: Friday, June 18, 2021 3:02:08 PM

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, Planning Commissioners and Staff:

I am a resident that lives on Norwood Ave 4 houses west of the proposed project. My husband and I have lived here 40 years. My concerns about this project are traffic, parking, and noise.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Traffic – The vast majority of the temple community will be coming by car. According to the information provided by the applicant in the early discussions with the neighbors, most of the temple community lives over 1 mile from this location. Public transit is impractical to this site. 1 bus stop is ½ mile away and the service is infrequent. Bicycling is unlikely due to the site being uphill. I'm concerned about the stacking of cars on Norwood Ave. at the four-way intersection trying to turn left on to Ruby Ave. I'm concerned about the volume of traffic going west on Norwood Ave. after large events and I'm concerned about more accidents occurring at this intersection due to increased traffic. Another accident occurred at this intersection just this week.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Parking - Overflow parking to the surrounding small residential streets is the inevitable and simply unacceptable. The request of a parking exemption and the busing/shuttling plan of visitors to & from nearby parking lots shows an already known insufficient on-site parking.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Noise – I'm concerned about the noise that amplification systems and a large gathering of people on this site will generate. There is no practical way that the neighbors can have noise and occupancy limits enforced. The proposed 15,000 sf buildings and outdoor facility that can hold over 4000 people, far exceeds the proposed operating plan of up to 300 people at any given time. Over time, I suspect there will be requests to increase the occupancy limits since the facility will support it.

Lastly, the planning department has previously denied a request to allow more than 6 houses on the parcel. The current proposal would introduce over 10 times the number of people and 3 times the number of cars that those houses would have introduced. Conditions in the neighborhood have not changed that would support those increases.

As a resident directly impacted by this proposed rezoning of a small Residential R1-5 parcel to PQP and the Special Use Permit to build a massive structure, I urge you to decline these applications.

Sincerely,

Barbara Schwartz

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