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Subject: Opposing the Propose Rezoning at 2740 Ruby Ave
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To: San Jose City Planning Department Staffs

My name is Du Pho. I am a Vietnamese immigrant. I am the owner of [redacted]. My home, my backyard will be directly impacted by this project. I OPPOSE the Proposed Rezoning and Special Use Permit File Nos. C20-021/SP20-024/ER20-147 at 2740 Ruby Ave.

I moved into this home in November 2018 even though I have been a long time resident of Evergreen. When I found out about the proposed temple project with the underground garage, I lost sleep for many nights. What was going to be a peaceful backyard of mine could be an underground parking lot. The temple was going to have more than 300 members. I don't want to go into the details that I am sure you are getting from many neighbors, but I want to share the mental effect it has had on my family and I.

My family includes 2 elders, 2 teenagers going to Evergreen Highschool and I. I am a single mom. I respect the freedom of practicing their religion. However, the size and the capacity of the proposed temple scare me. My parents are worried about the noise impact. They are elders. They want to have a quiet backyard to take care of their plants, not worry about how many cars will be parking next to our yard each weekend. I believe they plan to fit 75 cars. My backyard is facing directly to this proposed parking lot. I could imagine the car engine, exhaust, the noise from in and out when there is an event, the door closing, lock beeping. Please, imagine that right next to your backyard where you call home. A place to get rest, and recharge for another work week.

I was in the last community meeting and I almost cried when I heard comments about Asian hate crime and how we should approve this project to respect one's religious practice. I am an immigrant. This community is filled with Asian from all walks of life. We work hard to support our family. We are not here to not allow their practice, but there is no hate here. My dad is catholic, my mom is buddist, I am catholic. We go to church, temple… We don't hate. We are not a well off community that does not allow a temple. We just want to have it in a reasonable size that will make sense with the traffic, the noise and the structure.

In some of our discussions at home, we talk about needing to find another place to live. We know the project is sponsored by very wealthy individuals. Thus, we are the ones that need our voices heard by you, the staff members that will decide. I am very sad and distressed just thinking about this project. I can't afford to find another home at this time for 5 people and 3 dogs. Please do not approve this project. it negatively impacts the neighborhood with the overwhelming size.

Last note: my daughter was hit by a truck because the truck driver didn't stop 5 months ago. The Norwood Ruby intersection is already dangerous as is. How could a one way, one stop sign street can take the burden of 300 families in and out.

I thank you for reading this. From a family that is directly impacted by this project, I OPPOSE

the rezoning and special use permit. I oppose the current size, parking proposal.

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DU PHO
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