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Hello, my name is Maritza Torres and I live next door to the subject area, 139 and 150 S Oak Knoll aka Parking Lot.

I respectfully OPPOSE the construction and development of this area. The sign was placed for only two weeks. I recorded the day they placed it and it hasn't even been a month. We are asking that a decision be made after at least 60 days from putting the signs up.

These are the following reasons I oppose:

- 1) Covid 19-I would think that during these times when we have to practice social distancing, our city officials would exercise some common sense and logic. This neighborhood is already filled with mostly apartments, multi-unit dwellings, and with everything closed the only outlet we have is to walk around our block. By adding more units we add more people, which will saturate our already packed street. Should I or any of the residents who walk the streets contract the virus due to over population in our block, the first we will point fingers at are they city and the developer/ owner.
- 2) Health - I work from home, therefore the noise from the construction will impede me from focusing and working, should it also exacerbate my migraine headaches, and have to miss work and go to the hospital, I will pursuit legal action and request that the city of Pasadena as well as the developer and owner pay for any wages lost and all medical bills. As it is, the noise from the trash collecting truck is unbearable, I do not want to imagine how it will be if construction were to take place.
- 3) Damage to my property- I am requesting that either the city or developer pay for a thorough assessment of my property's structure using company that is neutral should the citizens' opposition be ignored and construction proceed. My property was built in the 1890's. The structure will not withstand the heavy vibration and movement caused by the grueling construction these type of developments go through. Should my property be damaged and I cannot sell it in the future as a result of this development, I will hold the City of Pasadena, developer and owner liable for damages caused by the construction of this development.
- 4) No Parking/Safety-as I mentioned above, this area is saturated with apartments. There is already NO PARKING on the streets. If we have to park far away from where we live we run the risk of being mugged. I've had many items stolen from the front of my house, what makes us think these perpetrators will not attempt a more serious crime? While Pasadena is a fairly safe city, it is not exempt from crime.

Should the city "ignore" our requests to stop development, I ask that my entire home have insulation, double pane windows with extreme noise reduction, for it to be fully retrofitted, paid city and parking for 7 years, as well as indemnification for all losses, expenses and costs incurred as a result of this development.

It's a bit disappointing that the City of Pasadena is taking the side of developers rather than its habitants and rate payers. The developer has many more areas that he can develop why this one when it's packed with apartments already? Why is the city of Pasadena allowing this? Why is the city not taking care of its citizens? Moreover, we are in a grey zone. We don't have much greenery or parking stations for the already Saturated area we live in.

We've started a network and will be blind copying each other to ensure that messages have been sent opposing this construction.

Respectfully,

Maritza Torres