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Mr. Gallardo,

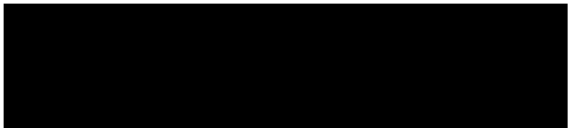
I know that nothing I write here will have any effect on the planned development in my neighborhood. The plans have been made, the approvals given, and we neighbors have been given a too-late opportunity to object. Nonetheless...

I met the owner of the property the morning after the former house burned down. When I asked him what plans he had, he assured me that he would build something that matched the neighborhood and that we neighbors would be provided with pictures well before anything was finalized.

The horrible plan that we have been shown is absolutely not in keeping with a neighborhood of one-story, single-family homes. Physically, visually, it will not match a single home currently on the street. Three families or couples and their vehicles will add to the current parking problem, despite the 3-stall garage, which will likely not be used much.

The way the city has handled this is disgusting, requiring a written objection with short notice, ***after having waived the requirement for public notice and a hearing.*** That requirement is there for the very purpose of protecting our neighborhoods, not to be "waived" to accommodate builders and wealthy property owners. You, and all others involved in these decisions, have betrayed the citizens who trust you to do the right thing.

Sincerely and angry,



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