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THE BROWN ACT PROVIDES THE PUBLIC WITH
AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS
AT ANY PUBLIC MEETING.

THE FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS RECEIVED
FOR THIS MEETING

Joseph Nosrat

Subject: FW: Design Review Permit 23-03 Comments

-----Original Message-----

From: Deborah Ross [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 4:44 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com>
Cc: Todd Masilko [REDACTED]
Subject: Design Review Permit 23-03 Comments

CAUTION: This message is from an EXTERNAL SENDER - be CAUTIOUS, particularly with links and attachments.

Dear Sierra Madre Planning Commission,

My neighbor at 671 Chaparral Rd. approached me to discuss the project he and his family have submitted to the City. As a neighbor and as a professional in the Construction Industry (I was a Building Contractor and am now retired after 43 years in the building trades) I was able to listen and look at the plans he has submitted. It is an excellent Project. I have absolutely no objections. I am not an advocate for over developing a property and he and his Architect have judiciously designed the project to fit the property and their needs. I will not be able to attend the Planning Commission meeting as I will be out of town so I thought it would be a good idea to give my support by writing a letter. It is refreshing to have a thoughtful neighbor who has covered all bases before submitting his project. He is thoughtful of his neighbors, the environment and designed a project that will meet his family's needs.

Sincerely,
Deborah Ross

[REDACTED]

Joseph Nosrat

Subject: FW: 174 S Lima
Attachments: Example of one story large home.jpg; one story home next door to large house S.jpg; one story next door to large home N.jpg

From: Janet Owens [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 3:07 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com>
Subject: 174 S Lima

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My name is Janet Owens, I own the property at [REDACTED]. I am totally opposed to a two story home being built across the street at 174 S. Lima. The original buyers of the home in 2014 belong to a group of investors that buy and sell property. They have a property management firm called Arland Property Management, LLC. They transfer the homes back and forth between themselves and Arland Property Management. There is nothing wrong with buying and selling properties, but they have no real connection to Sierra Madre. The current owners, also in the first group of investors in 2014, may very well be planning on moving their son into the new house. They can certainly build a single story 3500 sq ft home and still have 6,000 sq ft for the owner's grandson to play. Many lots with homes on them are 6,000sq ft or less.

A two story home will definitely bring down the property values for the neighborhood, especially the homes next door and to the rear. They will lose their backyard privacy. No one wants to be peered at while in their yard. Some cities, Berkeley as an example, require a light study to make sure the sun is not blocked and shadows are not present on the surrounding properties. The second story would possibly block part of the sunrise for the homes to the West and sunset for those to the East, not to mention to the homes next door losing sun and privacy due to the second story.

I am sure the owners think that a two story home will bring in more money when eventually sold. On the contrary, a one story that blends in with the neighborhood will be more valuable. People move to Sierra Madre for a cohesive neighborhood, not a flashy design that looks out of place. While the proposed home will be easily two times the sq footage of the homes surrounding it, it can be built in such a way as to not stand out as a massive eyesore and the neighborhood will not be negatively impacted.. I could give you tons of examples of homes that are large and blend in with the neighborhood.

Please, please, require a one story structure at 174 S. Lima.
Thank you.
Janet Owens



4 beds
5 baths
4,025 sq ft
11,761 sq ft
10 ft
Built
in 2020

(New
Home
1 story)



4 beds
3 baths
2139 sq ft
9676 sq ft
lot
built in
1950

S of new home (next door)

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3 beds
2 baths
1863 sq ft
14800 sq ft
lot
built 1949

N of new home (next door)