

## Comments to CUP24-001 & SEP24-003

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my concerns about the proposal I received in the mail, the lack of public involvement, and the short timeframe we were given to respond.

I live at 3712 E Mercer Way, the house on the corner of the tiny one-lane road behind the synagogue. I have several safety issues already trying to get safely out of my street. The increase that would come with the proposed building cannot have taken into account the harm that this would cause to our community in terms of traffic, road noise, and other environmental impacts. Already we are not allowed to do things on our property because of the environmental impact, and now this 3-story building is set to be constructed, which goes against the sense of community and environmental well-being that the city claims to foster. In addition to the issues relating to traffic, I don't see any plans for parking. As the first house on the street behind the synagogue, I already experience issues with people parking on my property. Also, people often turn into our tiny one-lane road not realizing that there is no turn-around, causing inordinate congestion. This will only get worse with the increase in overflow of cars in the area.

I demand a public hearing, to be added as a party of record, and to receive notice before decisions are made. I also make that same request for others on our island - this will impact traffic all the way down E Mercer, not just those of us immediately adjacent to the synagogue. This is not transparent and not the way to do this in our community. We need more time as a community to address these concerns in an open forum.

-Merkys

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