

Proposed project at 22872 Main Street Hayward

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Mr. Richard,

We live at 22874 Main Street next door to the proposed demolition site/townhome condominium unit proposal at 22872 Main Street. Application no. TM-23-0004. Actually we are surrounded on two sides by this property.

Some background info: Our home was built sometime before 1888 as documented by the Hayward Historical Society. Our family has lived here since 1917. There has always been either a house next door to us or more recently a restaurant. We do our best to cope with all the challenges of living in a very busy area in the downtown. There is a Middle School across the street and a new facility for helping homeless people (formerly the St Regis Retirement Center) We lived in the middle of the big downtown loop construction zone from 2010-2013.

Living here is not and never has been easy but it is "home." We love our old home and the family history here. This latest challenge we have to face has us more scared and stressed out than anything that has come before.

We have met the people who own the 22872 property. We told them our concerns and we have some very big concerns about what they want to do.

We told them that the proposed Condos will tower over us and we will lose our privacy completely on two sides of our property along the side and the backyard. We already have no privacy in the front or on the E Street side because our old house is so close to the street. So basically we will be like fish in a fishbowl. We told them that there is not enough street parking. Where will the new people park? The project is too large for the space! We said it doesn't reflect most of the old style homes in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, they had no answers for us. Perhaps, you have some answers.

Honestly, we do not have much faith in the system. Much of the new Condo housing I see being built in our area look like unattractive huge rectangular army barracks to us. We fear that this is what will be built next door. That is what the photo shows. It shows an ugly barracks style building that most people I am sure would not care to live next to.

Many of the houses in my area were built from the 1880's through 1930's. Each one of these historic houses has its own distinctive style and that makes our downtown so unique. We would like to see the proposed condos be more reflective of Hayward's historic homes. Why can't they be arts and craft style or Victorian style? Something with more imagination and class!

This corner where we live is very visible from Mission and Foothill. Everyone coming through town sees it. It is the gateway to downtown. Wouldn't it be great to have something attractive here that fits in with the old neighborhood?

So here we are. We will be living again in another construction zone and when it is completed we will have lost more privacy, we will be fighting for parking spaces and by the looks of the photo on the card sent by the Planning Commission we will be living next to another ugly building. It is too big of a development for the amount of land and it will dwarf the surrounding small homes!

Based on the current info that we have, we are opposed to what is being proposed at 22872 Main Street. How could we be otherwise?

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Sent from my iPad