



**City of South Pasadena
Planning and Community
Development Department**

Memo

Date: May 11, 2021

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Commission

From: Joanna Hankamer, Planning & Community Development Director

Re: Additional Document No. 1 for Item No. 3–Public Comment

The attached written public comment was submitted by Jasjiv S. Anand for Project No. 2197-HDP/DRX/VAR. However, the comment describes a project that is different from the one proposed at 89 Monterey Road.

Attachment:

1. Written public comment

Public Comment: May 11, 2021, Planning Commission Item

Date: May 9, 2021 at 4:24:22 PM PDT

To: PlanningComments <PlanningComments@southpasadenaca.gov>

Subject: Project Number:2197-HDP/DRX/VAR Address:89 Monterey Road

To The Planning Commission

My name is Jasjiv S Anand and own 27 Short Way and 29 Short Way.

I have some serious objections and concerns regarding this project.

- 1) This appears to be a small lot and is located on a steep hillside and is suited for a small single-family home.
- 2) This is absolutely NOT suited for a 3006 sq ft 2 story home and a 441 sq ft attached Garage along with an attached 850 sq ft accessory dwelling making a total of 4297 sq ft!! I am sure this is not even legal for the lot size and the type of location/situation of the lot being on a steep hill side which has been deemed a landslide area.
- 3) Any deep digging for the foundation of this type of structure will definitely destabilize the hillside and endanger all the other neighboring properties.
- 4) I request some qualified / knowledgeable person to come and inspect and view the situation on Short Way. The street (Way) is already bursting at the seams with the Multi Dwelling units that were allowed a few years back making the street a mess of cars and noise. This now project will just KILL whatever little peace and quiet there is.
- 5) How can a 4297 sq ft construction on a steep hillside that has been declared a Landslide can be "qualified" for a Categorical Exemption under section 15303, Class 3 (construction of "Small Structures") and the various other sections that you cited which are rendered meaningless when you consider the whole location and what you as the Planning Commission are considering on doing.

I have been a resident of 29 Short Way for over 28 years and have loved living here because of the strict Planning Commission policies and safeguards against rampant development. But over the years I have seen changes that are not at all in keeping with the principals and traditions of our great city South Pasadena!

I urge you to absolutely not consider this project for the various reasons I have cited above.

Sincerely,

Jasjiv S Anand