

## 8.B. AC Post Meeting Materials

**From:** [Mayor and Council](#)  
**To:** [Gloria Sciara](#); [Reena Brilliot](#); [Andrew Crabtree](#); [Manuel Pineda](#); [Walter Rossmann](#)  
**Cc:** [Rebecca Elizondo](#); [Elizabeth Elliott](#); [Jose Armas](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [PLN2019-13808] Sycamore Way proposed new residence  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:44:18 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Hi there:

Please see the correspondence below received in the Mayor and Council Offices regarding Item 8.B. (PLN2019-13808) on this evening's Architectural Committee meeting agenda. This has been forwarded to the full City Council for their reference.

Cordially,

**GENEVIEVE YIP**

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**From:** Jan Eurich [mailto:[jan@jecafe.com](mailto:jan@jecafe.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 10:04 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** [PLN2019-13808] Sycamore Way proposed new residence  
**Importance:** High

To whom it may concern,

Regarding the Public Meeting being held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 6:00 PM:

My husband and I have lived at 2846 Sycamore Way, Santa Clara, for almost 40 years and the activities at 2892 Sycamore Way have not gone unnoticed.

Since the owners of this property have been in violation of the R-1 Zoning ordinance regarding single family homes, and it is no secret they are running a "hostel" type operation, why haven't they been cited as being in violation of the ordinance and this operation closed?

As a result of this "business," there is traffic congestion and lack of street parking in our once quiet neighborhood, different people around all the time and people sleeping in their cars on the street and in the house's driveway. We do not know who these "tenants" are, how long they will be staying or what they are doing here. Since this is a transient population, they are not adding anything to our family oriented neighborhood.

If the new construction is to create a larger facility for more beds, etc., and for the "business" to be left to continue without being cited and closed, then my husband and I urge the Architectural Committee to **deny this permit**.

Regards,

Cecelia and John Eurich  
2856 Sycamore Way  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

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**From:** Aiden Kwon  
**To:** [Planning; Mayor and Council](#)  
**Subject:** 2892 Sycamore Way serious concern  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 6:59:34 AM

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Greetings from 2862 Sycamore Way,  
We do have a serious concern about 2892 Sycamore Way.  
We felt unsafe, scared,  
and worried. We saw cars changing every day. I am 8 years old and is a student in John Sutter elementary, and when I was riding my bike, a really fast car went by and stopped in front of me. We think this is an AirBNB house. I saw loitering and people sleeping in their cars. This was happening since they started this illegal housing business. Isn't this house an R-1 (single family) Zone? Isn't this an violation of R-1 zoning? This is a dwelling house, not an AirBNB isn't it? They also have a serious sprinkler problem in the front yard. One of the sprinklers don't have a head so when sprinkler system works, water is spilled onto the curb, into the bay drain. Thank you

P.S click on link for picture of 2892 [https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/2892-Sycamore-Way-Santa-Clara-CA-95051/19598545\\_zpid/](https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/2892-Sycamore-Way-Santa-Clara-CA-95051/19598545_zpid/)

Sincerely,

-Aiden Kwon([aiden.kwon1201@gmail.com](mailto:aiden.kwon1201@gmail.com)) ;)

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**Cc:** [Rebecca Elizondo](#); [Elizabeth Elliott](#); [Jose Armas](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 2895 Sycamore Way Proposing 5 bedroom/5 1/2 Bath Redevelopment  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:08:50 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Good morning:

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**From:** Ellen Veccia [<mailto:ellen.veccia3@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 5:22 PM  
**To:** Planning; Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** 2895 Sycamore Way Proposing 5 bedroom/5 1/2 Bath Redevelopment

To Whom It May Concern,

I am vehemently opposed to allowing this "dwelling" to be expanded into an even larger commercial operation that it already is. Our property values will be negatively affected by the transient nature of this operation is NOT residential, it is clearly commercial. It also raises security concerns for the residents - especially children - in the neighborhood.

I am appalled this operation is allowed to continue even on the less expansive scope, let alone an even larger one. People sleeping in cars and loitering around the streets at night is not the neighborhood I bought into and have worked hard to maintain.

It is my hope that this proposal will be immediately rejected and the current operation will be shut down for code and zoning violations.

Sincerely,

Ellen M. Veccia PhD  
2809 Ponderoa Way  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

## 8.B. AC Post Meeting Materials

**From:** Qi Zhu  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns about PLN2019-13808  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 8:23:06 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing this email to express my concerns about this proposal:  
PLN2019-13808 related to this property: 2892 Sycamore Way, Santa Clara, 95051.

This property has been used as "Airbnb" style which violets the current zoning ordinance for single family use. As a result of this, I have observed congested parking and some very strange cars parked in front of my house, which makes me feel unsafe. The current proposal would make this case even worse.

As a neighbor lives nearby, I like this peaceful community and I'm asking for your help to keep it peaceful and safe.

Please disapprove the current proposal and correct the usage for the property mentioned above.

Thank you,  
Qi

## 8.B. AC Post Meeting Materials

**From:** Jiang Wang  
**To:** [Planning; Mayor and Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the 2892 Sycamore Way 5 Bedroom 5 1/2 Bath Reconstruction  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 8:36:58 PM

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Hi,

I live very close to 2892 Sycamore Way. The building is currently used as a very short-term rental like AirBnb without any regulation or management. This already violates the zoning ordinance and it already seriously affected the life of the neighbors.

I strongly oppose the reconstruction plan of this house as a result! Moreover, I think we need to stop people from running this business that violates the zoning ordinance.

Thanks.

Best Regards,

Jiang Wang

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## Steve Le

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**From:** Matt & Jerie Campi <campi@prodigy.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 07, 2019 9:32 PM  
**To:** Steve Le  
**Cc:** Mike Fales; Mary Smoker; Joe Garcia; Marjory Bauman  
**Subject:** 2893 Sycamore

Hi Steve,

I have been watching for the agenda to be posted for the June 19 Architectural Review meeting. I would like to know if 2892 Sycamore is scheduled for that meeting.

As suggested by Steve Kelly, the owner, Jane, did bring 2 sets of plans to the neighbors. One with 4 1/2 bathrooms and the other with 3 1/2 bathrooms. The neighbors all would like to see 3 1/2 bathrooms, just as the Architectural committee suggested. We also discussed the balconies, both the depth (one is over 8' deep) and the outside walls. Neighbors on either side definitely want a solid 6' side, while Jane suggested a 5' lattice. We also were firm in a minimum 5' window sill height on the upstairs side windows. Jane asked for lower height sills with obscure glass. The neighbors explained our concern that it is quite easy to pop window glass out and change it to clear in the future, and that if she was ever to move, this could happen. We also pointed out the side windows in any existing 2 story in our neighborhood.

Please let me know when the agenda will be posted and if you know if 2892 Sycamore is on it.

thank you,  
Jerie Campi

## Steve Le

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**From:** Gloria Sciara  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2019 8:57 AM  
**To:** Steve Le  
**Subject:** FW: Concerns about PLN2019-13808

Steve

Please add to file. And copy for next hearing. Thanks

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**From:** Mayor and Council  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:13 AM  
**To:** Gloria Sciara <GSciara@santaclaraca.gov>; Reena Brilliot <RBrilliot@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Andrew Crabtree <ACrabtree@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Manuel Pineda <MPineda@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Walter Rossmann <WRossmann@SantaClaraCA.gov>  
**Cc:** Rebecca Elizondo <RElizondo@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Elizabeth Elliott <EElliott@santaclaraca.gov>; Jose Armas <JArmas@santaclaraca.gov>  
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**From:** Qi Zhu [<mailto:jeffrey.zhuqi@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 8:26 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Concerns about PLN2019-13808

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## Steve Le

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**From:** Planning  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** Anthony Becker; Lance Saleme; Steve Kelly  
**Cc:** Gloria Sciara; Steve Le  
**Subject:** Post Meeting Material - FW: Feedback on 2892 Sycamore Way

Hello,

The following email below was received in the planning inbox for the Architectural Committee members.

Regards,

**Rebecca Elizondo** | Office Specialist  
Community Development Department | Planning Division  
1500 Warburton Avenue | Santa Clara, CA 95050  
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**From:** Gregory Niven [mailto:gregniven@live.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 20, 2019 11:23 AM  
**To:** Planning <Planning@santaclaraca.gov>  
**Subject:** Feedback on 2892 Sycamore Way

Dear Architecture Committee members,

I wanted to add my voice to the neighbors who are extremely concerned and alarmed about what is happening at 2892 Sycamore Way.

I was not able to attend the meeting as I was out of town on April 17 (this past Wednesday).

The person who owns that house is running a "Hacker House", which is even advertised on AirBnb. I have put a sample web link here to show what is happening:  
[https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/28962483?location=Santa%20Clara%2C%20CA%2C%20United%20States&adults=1&check\\_in=2019-04-24&check\\_out=2019-04-28&guests=1](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/28962483?location=Santa%20Clara%2C%20CA%2C%20United%20States&adults=1&check_in=2019-04-24&check_out=2019-04-28&guests=1)

The owner has this room divided into multiple beds per room, creating parking issues and transient guest issues in what is otherwise a really great, family oriented neighborhood. It is simply not respectful to the area to have 10 transient people living in this house. I don't mind if they had it rented out for normal permanent use, but the owner cannot be trusted.

As you may now, we already have a problem family who runs a lawn care business out of their house (on the corner of Cedar and Pruneridge) that parks 7 to 10 work trucks on the street each night.

Best regards,

Greg Niven

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## Steve Le

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**From:** Andrew Crabtree  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 7:26 PM  
**To:** Steve Le  
**Subject:** Fwd: regarding home improvement on 2892 sycamore way santa clara

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**From:** Mayor and Council  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 5:16:38 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council; Gloria Sciara; Reena Brilliot; Andrew Crabtree; Manuel Pineda; Walter Rossmann  
**Cc:** Rebecca Elizondo; Elizabeth Elliott; Jose Armas  
**Subject:** FW: regarding home improvement on 2892 sycamore way santa clara

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**From:** Jiong Chen [mailto:[jiongjc@hotmail.com](mailto:jiongjc@hotmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 1:39 PM  
**To:** Planning; Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** regarding home improvement on 2892 sycamore way santa clara

To the planning committee,

Hello,

My name is Jiong Chen and I am the owner of 2837 sycamore way, santa clara. I received a notice that the owner of 2892 sycamore way, santa clara way who is running 18 bed hostel on their location. The owner is planning the demolition and turn their property to a even larger hostel and the case was present to the planning committee on 4.17.2019.

As a neighbor in this community, I have strong concern of the safety, the congest parking as well as the loitering problems due to this expanding and I strongly oppose this home improvement on 2892 sycamore way, santa clara.

Sincerely,  
Jiong