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HEARING to consider Plan Amendment Application No. A-17-009, Rezone Application No. R-17-013, Conditional Use Permit Application No. C-17-101, and related Environmental Assessment No. A-17-009/R-17-013/C-17-101, filed by Gary Giannetta of Gary Giannetta Consulting Civil Engineers, on behalf of Russ Nakata, for approximately 2.5 acres of a 22.81-acre parcel located on the northeast corner of East Nees Avenue and North Bond Street. (Council District 6)

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THIS LETTER IS WRITTEN TO EXPRESS MY FAMILY'S DEEPEST ABHORRENCE TOWARDS THE PROSPECT OF HAVING A FUNERAL HOME BEING BUILT SO CLOSELY WITHIN DISTANCE OF NOT ONLY MY HOME, BUT THE ENTIRE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY SURROUNDING THE PROPOSED PLOT OF LAND. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN DETAILED RATIONALIZATION OF THE FINANCIAL BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT, THERE ARE MORE NUMEROUS CONS THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD REPEATEDLY VOICES WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. WE RESPECT THE NEED FOR SUCH A SERVICE TO HONOR THE DECEASED HOWEVER, WE ASK THAT AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION BE RECONSIDERED.

THESE CONCERNS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING :

1. THE DISTURBINGLY CLOSE DISTANCE OF THE PROPOSED FUNERAL HOME TO THE BORDERS OF OUR HOMES.
2. THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSED FUNERAL HOME LINES IN THE PATH OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN'S WALK HOME FROM SCHOOL, NAMELY KASTNER MIDDLE SCHOOL, LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FORT WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CLOVIS WEST HIGH SCHOOL THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CREATE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS
3. THE IMMENSE DEPRECIATION VALUE OF OUR HOMES AS A RESULT OF THE PLACEMENT OF SUCH A BUILDING WITHIN SUCH A CLOSE DISTANCE.
4. THE CONTINUED WORSENING OF TRAFFIC ON NEES AVE. THAT WILL INCUR. AS IT STANDS, BETWEEN SPECIFIC HOURS OF THE

DAY, IT IS ALREADY IMMENSELY DIFFICULT TO EXIT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT TRAFFIC LET ALONE WHEN THE PROPOSED PATHWAY OF THE EXIT OF THE CARS FROM THE CEREMONIES.

I HIGHLY PLEAD THE CITY OF FRESNO TO RECONSIDER AN ALTERNATIVE SITE WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND. IF THIS PROJECT WERE TO BE APPROVED, MYSELF AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WILL ORGANISE TO OPPOSE THIS BUSINESS INCLUDING DAY-TO-NIGHT PROTEST ON STEPS AND OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING IN WHICH WE WILL VOICE OUR DISDAIN FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT SO CLOSELY LINKED TO OUR FAMILIES, AGAIN, I ASK THAT THE CITY CONSIDER OUR DEFENSE MOVING FORWARD. THESE ARE HOMES THAT WE'VE BUILT, YOUNG CHILDREN WE ARE TO RAISE, AND A COMMUNITY TO FOSTER AND BY BUILDING SUCH A BUSINESS WILL CREATE AN OBSTRUCTION IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY OF YOUR CITIZENS.

RESPECTFUL THANKS,

Juliana F. Olino
JULIANA OLINO
HOMEOWNER
8015 N. 5TH ST.
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LETTER TO : NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING , OCT. 3, 2018
PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. A-17-009
REZONE APPLICATION NO R-17-013,
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. C-17-101
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT NO. A-17-009/R-
17-013 / C-17-101
COUNT ONE (1) AGAINST THE PROJECT PROPOSAL IN ABSENTIA

Ricky Caperton

From: Kathy Wood <kwoodmclaughlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 5:36 PM
To: Ricky Caperton
Cc: Garry Bredefeld; tom; Kathy Wood McLaughlin
Subject: Comments re: Funeral Home @ Nees between 5th Street and Bond

Hi Ricky,

I spoke with you via phone on October 3, 2018 just before the Fresno City Planning Commission meeting regarding the Funeral Home and issues with traffic. My husband Tom and I are on record related to the Arco gas station. Unfortunately, we were unable to attend the October 3 hearing. We hope by reiterating our comments in writing, we can assist the City of Fresno with developing a well planned project with the owners of the proposed Whitehurst, Sullivan, Burns & Blair Funeral Home that will meet the needs of the of the neighbors, as well.

Our issue is traffic flow and congestion on Nees Avenue. We are against ANY additional "driveways" onto Nees Avenue from the subject property. Due to the back up at the traffic light on Bond with the addition of the Arco gas station, it has become not only difficult, but perilous to turn right on Nees Avenue from our neighborhood via southbound 5th Street.

There is a proposed driveway for the funeral home immediately west of 5th Street. This is unacceptable due to the speed of westbound traffic on Nees and the congestion. There have been been numerous accidents along this stretch of road. This is also the transition zone for drivers moving into the left lane to either turn into the US Post Office or for residents of 5th and 6th Streets to make the U-turn to go eastbound on Nees Avenue.

As you mentioned during our telephone conversation, Nees Avenue is a arterial and is suppose to be designed to move traffic. The posted speed limit, on westbound Nees, approaching Millbrook is 45 mph. It is reduced to 40 mph after Millbrook into the area of our concern. However, many drivers do not slow down. Given the amount of traffic and speed, it is difficult to understand the City's consideration of another driveway on to an arterial such as Nees.

Our solution: Eliminate the proposed driveway for egress/ingress directly to Nees Avenue. All traffic from the funeral home should then be directed out to Bond to use the traffic signal or the road behind the gas station that was "promised" with the approval of the gas station project. Please note, that road has not been properly constructed. There is gravel extending Bond northward to join a swath of gravel behind the gas station over to the paved parking lot at Walgreen's on 1st Street. Currently, parking for the "Pumpkin Patch" blocks this gravel "road" and renders it impassable. Completing the road from Bond to First Street as promised, should alleviate some of the congestion on Nees.

We look forward to your consideration of our concerns regarding traffic on Nees Avenue. Please keep us apprised of updates in the planning process.

Kathy and Tom McLaughlin
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Kathy Wood McLaughlin
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Ricky Caperton

From: Scott Dean <deeng@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 3:59 PM
To: Ricky Caperton
Subject: Notice of public hearing

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Dear Mr, Caperton,

My wife and I will be unable to attend the hearing on October 3rd. We would like to express our opposition to the location of a funeral home at Nees and Bond streets. We feel that this is not the proper location and that it doesn't fit the existing neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Scott and Linda Dean

404 E. Lester Ave

Fresno, CA. 93720

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