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Subject: Written Appeal For Development Permit Application No. P23-03993

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To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to appeal the decision that approved the **Development Permit Application No. P23-03993 to construct a 393-unit multi-family residential project** near my residence located at 5863 W Fremont Ave, Fresno, CA 93722 as well as near both the River Bluff Elementary School and Rio Vista Middle School.

As a concerned resident, I feel it is important to highlight several issues that could have a significant and lasting impact on the safety, well-being, and overall quality of life for the families and children in this neighborhood. I do NOT feel this decision or action should be upheld for the following reasons...

Proximity to School(s):

The proposed development site is located in close proximity to two schools (River Bluff Elementary School) and (Rio Vista

Middle School). This raises serious concerns about the safety of the children who walk to and from school daily. An increase in traffic, particularly with construction and the potential for a larger population, could create hazardous conditions for young children, many of whom use the nearby sidewalks and streets.

Traffic and Infrastructure Strain:

With the planning of a new Costco nearby, the increased number of residents in the area would likely place undue strain on local infrastructure, including roads, utilities, and public services. Our community already experiences significant traffic congestion during peak hours, and an influx of new residents could exacerbate these problems, leading to safety issues and reduced quality of life for current residents.

Lack of Public Consultation:

I am also concerned about the lack of proper public consultation and community input into this decision. I was first notified about this plan of action only a few days before the deadline to dispute this matter. Although, I was emailed on 7/3/25 confirming that the development was approved, the Notice of Action did NOT state specifically WHERE to send our appeal! Only until I pointed this out to Mr. Holt via email, did he reply back with the specifics that were NOT stated in the Notice of Action! So already, early on in the process, the communication has NOT been completely transparent and does not give me confidence that this project has the best interest of the community. The residents who would be directly affected by this development deserve the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns by being given a minimum of 90 days notice. The absence of clear communication and transparency around the planning process has led to confusion and a sense of exclusion for

many of us in the neighborhood, <u>not to mention how the city</u> <u>conveniently approved and snuck in the building project that</u> <u>will be housing homeless on Sierra & Polk!</u>

Community Character and Property Values:

The introduction of these units could alter the character of our neighborhood. As a community of long-standing residents, we are proud of the stable and family-friendly environment we have cultivated. Many of us purchased homes based on the current demographic and property values, which could be negatively affected by the addition of these units in the immediate vicinity. This change could potentially harm the financial investments of homeowners in the area.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to DENY the placement of **Development Permit Application No. P23-03993 (aka 393-unit multi-family residential project)** in this area. I believe there are alternative sites that would be better suited for such a project, where the impact on **children**, **local families**, and **existing homeowners** would be less disruptive.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I trust that you will take the community's well-being into account when making any final decisions.

Respectfully,

Concerned Resident of Fresno.