

## Westly, Austin

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**From:** Chelsea Barrett <contactchelseabarrett@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 6:16 PM  
**To:** PLANNING COMMISSION  
**Subject:** Comments to the planning commission for 8/15/24 public hearing

Dear Planning Commission,

My husband and I live at 600 Park Avenue and we are both teachers. My husband teaches at New Brighton Middle School and I formerly taught at Aptos High School but have since begun teaching at a school district in San Jose where I can earn a higher salary. However, I intend to return to teaching locally after our first child is born this year. I am currently 7 months pregnant.

My husband and I are incredibly concerned about the proposed rezoning and the impact that it will have on our apartment complex. It is our understanding that the city wants to demolish our complex and replace it with high density housing. If we are forced to vacate our home (where we have lived happily for 5 years), we will have great difficulty finding another home in Capitola that we can afford and that can accommodate our small family. We do not want to be forced to leave Santa Cruz (and our role as local educators) due to this proposed project. We strongly oppose any development at 600 Park Avenue, and we urge you to reconsider this project.

Please, consider the people who will be displaced by these plans and the impact that will have on the community. Many of our neighbors at 600 Park Avenue are city workers/public servants like us. Our neighbors also include elderly people, disabled people, and low income families. Where will we be expected to go if our home is destroyed? How will the city support us?

Thank you for your consideration,  
Chelsea Barrett and Edward Curzon

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