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Item # 3

Subject Read Out Loud, please.

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Steve & Sharon Casioce

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

We are home owners who live on the 300 block of W. 8th Ave. We are opposed to the Amendment to the South Centre City Specific regarding the proposed project site located on the SW corner of S. Escondido Blvd and W. Ninth Ave due to various concerns. They are as follows:

1). Increased traffic congestion. Currently, on a daily basis non-residential traffic from Escondido Blvd flows onto our street. These vehicles make use of our driveway to turn around. I'll be exiting my driveway, just about getting to the pavement and at the same time a vehicle will come an turn around right in front of me. My neighbor across the street has commented to us when they sit in their front yard they've noticed how many vehicles use our driveway to turn around and said to us. "Why do they just use your driveway to turn around?" They have seen several cars in an hour due this all day long. This scenario is an accident waiting to occur and inhibits the free use of our driveway .

2). Increased parking issues. Currently, the residents on our street, have multiple vehicles and commercial vehicles per Single dwelling homes making residential parking very scarce, for example, one neighbor to the right of us has about 9 vehicles, on the other side of us, the neighbor has about 6 vehicles. This is because they have 3 - 6 units of family members living in each single family home. They park on red curbed parking and park on the street in front of their driveways. This blocks my vision from oncoming traffic when I exit my driveway creating a traffic hazard; they park in places not marked for parking, double-park their vehicle as if for an emergency; but, vehicles are parked for hours instead. This goes for several of the residents on the 300 block of W. 8th Ave. In the past few years, parking on the W. 300 block of 8th Ave. has become a nightmare. This has created traffic hazards where I've often seen near miss accidents due to these occurrences. These homes were built with parking provided for residents that were single family oriented. As time has moved forward, parking stalls have not increased to accommodate this change where multiple families live in homes built for single families.

Also, I understand that businesses are to provide their own parking. Currently, their excess flow of their customer's vehicles park on the 300 W. 8th Ave. which has no extra parking stalls! So, our concern is that with the proposed units, residential parking will become more scarce than it already has become because the Planning Commission has not taken the previous facts into account that one family that

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rents these units will bring in more family members like their brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, parents, grandparents, cousins who have vehicles, trucks, commercial vehicles and where are they going to park??? or their visitors with their vehicles?? On the W. 8th Ave. If, they can find it? What about the residents who live on the 300 block of W 8th. Ave.?

3). Traffic congestion at 9th and Escondido Blvd. Currently, during peak hours in the afternoon vehicles traveling south on Escondido Blvd towards 9th Ave. already make it difficult to exit from 300 W. 8th onto Escondido Blvd. This proposed project would create a bottle-neck of traffic at that intersection by creating more housing units with more vehicles, more people and businesses bringing more congestion to an area that's already congested during peak hours. So, where is the overflow of vehicles from traffic congestion going to flow through? in the residential 300 block of 8th Ave?

As homeowners, we're very concerned that the Planning Commission has overlooked the consequences that this proposed project may have on the residents of this block. Please, do not approve this proposed project. Thank-you!