

Hi

I heard this from my neighbor, Damian I totally agree with his thoughtful suggestions Hopefully, you will take serious considerations about his suggestions.

Thanks.

Kate

To the Planning Commission and Los Altos City Council,

The 5 story building to be developed on 330 Distel Circle will impact the privacy of several homes located on Marich Way. This is due to the fact that the building windows facing Marich Way will be overlooking the various homes' backyards, swimming pools, and (bedroom) windows. The current trees provide little coverage due to the height of this new development. None of the houses developed on Marich Way or in the neighborhood, expected such a tall construction to be developed. I would like to request the developer of this building to plant additional trees (or equivalent tall vegetation) closer to the actual impacted homes so privacy can be respected (see image below). Alternatively, the windows of the building facing Marich should be reduced to small windows close to the ceiling of the apartment units so people inside the unit cannot see down while light can still go through. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks

City of Los Altos contacts: Radha Hayagreev <u>rhayagreev@losaltosca gov</u> Steve Golden <<u>sgolden@losaltosca.gov</u>>

EAH Housing contacts: "330distelcircle@eahhousing org" <u>330distelcircle@eahhousing org</u>

## **Steve Golden**

From:	Steve Golden
Sent:	Thursday, June 16, 2022 1:12 PM
То:	Damian H
Cc:	330distelcircle@eahhousing.org; Radha Hayagreev
Subject:	RE: 330 Distel Circle housing development impacting my family privacy



From: Damian H <

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 9:41 PM

To: Steve Golden <sgolden@losaltosca.gov>

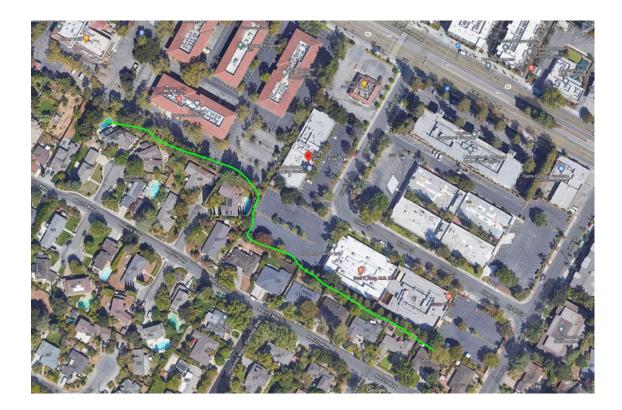
**Cc:** 330distelcircle@eahhousing.org; Radha Hayagreev <rhayagreev@losaltosca.gov> **Subject:** Re: 330 Distel Circle housing development impacting my family privacy

Steve, thanks for the note. Based on this, I would like to file a formal public comment, below. Would you let me know what are the next steps? Should I get in touch with the developer as well?

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## FW: EAH Housing Proposal 330 Distel Circle

## Yvonne Dupont <ydupont@losaltosca.gov>

Tue 6/7/2022 8:46 AM

To: Radha Hayagreev rhayagreev@losaltosca.gov

From: Steve Folkman

Sent: Monday, June 06, 2022 10:09 PM

**To:** Public Comment PC PCpubliccomment@losaltosca gov ; Jonathan Weinberg jweinberg@losaltosca gov **Subject:** EAH Housing Proposal 330 Distel Circle

Dear Planning Commission Members and Council Liaison,

I am a resident of Marich Way, the residential street directly behind Distel Circle Many of the properties on Marich (admittedly not mine) share a backyard fence with other properties on Distel Circle I am concerned that allowing a 5 story building on Distel Circle sets precedent for other 5 story buildings on Distel Circle.

I would ask that the Planning Commission NOT APPROVE a 5 story structure but limit the structure to 3 stories. I am concerned that if a 5 story building is approved on Distel Circle, then the next developer will argue that their development should be allowed to be 5 stories also. Perhaps, then, PAMF may ask to expand their facility to 5 stories, leading to 5 story buildings sharing backfences with residents on Marich Or PAMF may sell to a developer who demands "equal treatment" to a 5 story development on the existing PAMF property.

Increased traffic on Marich and surrounding neighborhood streets is also a concern. Consider a trip from Distel Circle intended northwest bound on El Camino or southbound on San Antonio Road (towards downtown Los Altos!).

The traveller is most likely to turn right out of the complex to avoid the unregulated intersection at El Camino and Distel Circle. So the main thoroughfare route would be left out of Distel Circle onto Distel Dr, then through 6 lights, or potential stops, [Distel Dr / El Camino left turn, Distel Circle crosswalk, Ortega, Showers, San Antonio / El Camino] to get through the intersection at El Camino and San Antonio. Alternatively a right turn onto Distel Drive leads to a path down Marich, Jordan and Portola with a single stop sign at Marich before the next traffic control at the light at San Antonio / Portola.

Even traffic northbound across El Camino at San Antonio might use the route down Marich to save passing through 2 3 traffic lights

Adding to the undesirableness of a trip down El Camino will be the increased traffic density that occurs on El Camino when the proposed bike line is added.

Note that more than 200 residents of the new 5150 El Camino project headed northwest on El Camino or south on San Antonio will find it advantageous to use the Marich / Jordan / Portola corridor for access to or north of San Antonio Rd.

It is not the type of housing that is at issue here, but rather the precedent and size of the proposed developments *I am concerned that the committee is not considering the aggregate of the effects of multiple projects on the residents of Marich Way and the surrounding neighborhood.* 

Best regards, Steve Folkman 6/7/22, 8:49 AM

Marich Ave Resident