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Hi. I am a Los Altos home owner at 680 Berry Avenue and I want to provide input to the plans to build housing at Rancho Shopping Center.

My home backs directly onto the rear of Andronica's, so we are homeowners who will be significantly impacted by plans to turn that area into affordable housing. I understand the need for more housing and the state mandate that Los Altos has to comply with, but I believe there have to be better options.

My first choice is not to rezone and I am against the idea of building housing at Rancho given the impact it will have on the surrounding residential area and the lifestyle of those who have chosen to live there like myself and my family. I have always said there are much better sites such as the church area across from Andronico's, on the cross of Magdalena and Foothill – closer to 280 and further away from schools. Or further development on El Camino where condos and affordable housing would fit in much better with what is already there. The cross street of Springer and Berry is already very busy with cars and can be dangerous for kids who are walking or cycling to Loyola or even Blach. Springer is already a main route to Foothill and 280 freeway. The city recently painted new cycle lanes outside my home on Berry, I am sure for this reason. With affordable housing this will be magnified with even more cars and people so it will be a zoo and very dangerous in the mornings and afternoons.

If my first choice is no longer an option, then I have some strong suggestions below for any rezoning. For reference, I have recently had plans approved to build an ADU at my home which would add one unit to the inventory and which I believe is what the city and state wants. However, the Rancho rezoning plans under consideration make me hesitate to do construction if the highly likely impact will be a reduction in the value of the homes in the area and a reduced quality of life.

Here are my requests as a family who will be significantly impacted;

1. Parking to be underground only to minimize impact to the area
2. Dedicated 2 parking spaces for each residence (pretty sure every family in the development will have a minimum of 2 cars)
3. Vehicle entrance and exit only on Springer and Foothill to avoid further traffic impact to the surrounding area
4. Building height limited to 35 ft to minimize overlook and impact on visibility for existing homes
5. Buildings to be a minimum of 30 ft from the property line from single family residences

Thank you,
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