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From: Nanette Lacey [REDACTED]
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To: cityclerk
Subject: Yosemite Crossing Development

Merced City Council Members,

I am opposed to the additional forty-eight apartments being added to the development on Yosemite Ave & G Street, Yosemite Crossing. There will be increased traffic on Mercy Ave & Mansionette Drive which are obviously occupied by the emergency vehicles from Mercy Medical Center, & Cruikshank Middle School students & parents going to & from the school. These streets surrounding this new development are only 2 lanes & can't handle more traffic flow. Mansionette already has many cars speeding down it endangering the lives of students walking to & from school. The stop signs at Mansionette & Mercy in front of the school, are frequently disregarded by many drivers that don't even bother to stop, let alone slow. Traffic control around our area doesn't seem to be a priority & increasing traffic won't help this dangerous situation any. We have many new developments coming into our area that are going to cause increased congestion on our surface streets. Forty-eight more apartments that were NOT in the original plan will add to the congestion & decrease safety for the students & residents of our neighborhood.

My other concern I share with many others in the Mansionette neighborhood is our open access walls at the end of three of our courts that open out onto Sandpiper. Many of us would like to see these wall openings closed to reduce the foot traffic that will come from this whole development into our neighborhood. Many of us are also requesting that the cinder block wall on the East side of Sandpiper also be raised to match the height of the new Wathen homes on Mansionette & Mercy. If those homes were allowed a wall of at least 7'-8' for increased security & sound mitigation we should be allowed the same consideration. I also believe that it would be a good idea to have a solid wall on the west side of Sandpiper adjacent to the apartment complex. If the apartment complex is allowed to expand to ninety-eight, those of us that live in the accessible courts feel that parking will be limited in the complex & tenants will park in our open courts. We do not want or need excess traffic in our courts! We have lived in our single family homes for 20 years, & we feel that as the original residents we deserve our privacy from this future development which will be encroaching on our privacy.

Of course none of us want the increased crime that will come with people wandering in our neighborhood that have no business being here. If we wish to access the businesses in the development we will walk on Yosemite to them, or drive, the same as we do now. We can all use some additional exercise!

I appreciate your consideration for our concerns. We are all aware that change & growth are inevitable but we also believe that as residents our concerns should be addressed.

Obviously we all pay taxes & deserve to be heard. I will be looking forward to the council meeting on 10/18/21, I hope to see you there. We appreciated the 'no' votes to this expanded apartment project from Mr.Echevarria & Mr. Shelton, we hope you will share our concerns & vote no also.

Thank you,
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