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**From:** Natalie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:03 PM  
**To:** cityclerk  
**Subject:** Council meeting 10/28/21 - Yosemite Crossings project

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to express my feelings about the Yosemite Crossings project. I live on [REDACTED] in the affected neighborhood and have been there for 20 years. I know Merced will change and grow and I am not opposed to that. What I would like to see is 'managed' growth. I am in favor of the project sticking to the original 48 apartments units that were planned and are already approved. I am against adding the additional 48 (or more) apartments. One of the main reasons I am opposed is because of all the additional traffic and people that it will bring to the one concentrated area. While one proposed project might not have such an impact, if you start adding all the additional projects that are already built and are going to be built in the area, traffic will be overwhelming for all of our surrounding two-lane streets that cannot be made any wider. If you take into consideration all of the commercial buildings that are proposed for the Yosemite Crossing project, add in Mercy Hospital, the existing medical offices, Cruikshank School, St. Patricks Church, The Promenade, Valley Children's Hospital (on Yosemite and Mansionette), the proposed hotel and new school eventually in the Davenport area, the traffic congestion will be horrific. This will make for a very dangerous situation for the children walking to and from school.

I am also very much for a 7' cinder block wall at the end of all of our cudesacs that will border on Sandpiper. The NEW Wathen homes have the high wall between them and Cruikshank school and we are asking for the same. I would also ask that this wall be a solid cinder block wall with NO access openings for walk-throughs. I feel that this would stop the foot traffic coming into our neighborhood that have no business being there. Many of us have experienced this quite often with homeless people and people that have gotten released from Mercy hospital and have nowhere to go. I feel these openings will also allow for people from the apartments and their visitors that cannot find parking over there to be able to park in our residential courts and walk across the street, back to the apartments.

Thank you for your time and considering my concerns,

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