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To: Planning Dept.

Re: Discretionary Review Reform

Dear Commissioners:

There seems to be a growing awareness among the public that the DR process as originally conceived has outlived its original purposes. Where once it was a much-needed bastion against abuses by developers against the neighborhoods, the pendulum has swung too far in the opposite direction. It is apparent that the process can be used as a weapon by NIMBY neighbors and their associations to hijack the permit process for otherwise deserving low-impact projects.

The abuse of the current DR process can wear down applicants with costly delays and expenses, and burden the Planning commission with frivolous or politicized DR requests.

The proposed improvements seem to re-balance the process with a hope of fairness for both applicants and their neighbors. Please consider the proposal for reform.

Sincerely,

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