



Public Comment Received for:
Item 1: 1922 De La Vina St
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Good morning Kathleen and staff,

We are long-term tenants at 1920 De La Vina St, operating a successful insurance agency since the 50's in Santa Barbara, CA. We have been at this location, 1920 De La Vina Street, for about 15 years now. We have been around long enough to know the lasting and significant impacts a project like 1922 De La Vina will have on our community.

Have you ever driven down De la Vina & Mission St during the rain? I have attached pictures so you can see what our streets look like and what the proposed 39-unit site looks like during rain. It would be completely irresponsible to add 39 units to an area that floods with the slightest bit of rain, never mind heavy rains. We have had a flooded office at least a dozen of times, and have to sand bag our doors even when a small rain system makes its way through Santa Barbara. How would adding 39 units help or improve this situation? We could hardly leave our office in a state of emergency when the water was rising beyond anything we have ever seen this past year. No drainage will solve this problem unless they propose to redo De La Vina Street and the surrounding infrastructures. Please please please see the attached photos of this site during rain. You would be putting the lives of the 39+ residents at risk and beyond if a project like this is approved.

Aside from the flooding problems, the impact to an already horribly trafficked area would be astronomical. We have no parking as it is, we witness accidents and near close accidents daily in front of our office on De La Vina. Adding more cars and traffic to this intersection without road expansion, safer sidewalks, etc would also be completely irresponsible. Even if approved, where will all of the contractors park daily to work on this project? There is nowhere to park and the few spots we do have on De La Vina, will now be taken away from the surrounding businesses for contractors and their many trucks, equipment, etc. Again, the years of construction of a small site like this but in a busy area will be deadly to the surrounding businesses...that have been here for ages and are already struggling to survive in the Santa Barbara community.

We beg of you to reject this horrific example of over building on a postage sized lot, only to impact the future of Santa Barbara negatively. A couple of units would be understandable, but a monstrosity of a building in both height and volume would be something to be ashamed of for years, and really decades, to come. Look around this area, there is nothing else like this proposed structure and will be stick out like a sore thumb and cause businesses to move out and daily commuters to become even more frustrated with our already overly flooded SB streets. The photos I'm sending are encouraged to be shared at the meeting that we unfortunately are unable to attend. Video can also be sent to share and see the impact the flooding has on our block.

In addition to our comments, we would like any and all information on this project to be sent to us via email and add us to any list for receiving updates on this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,



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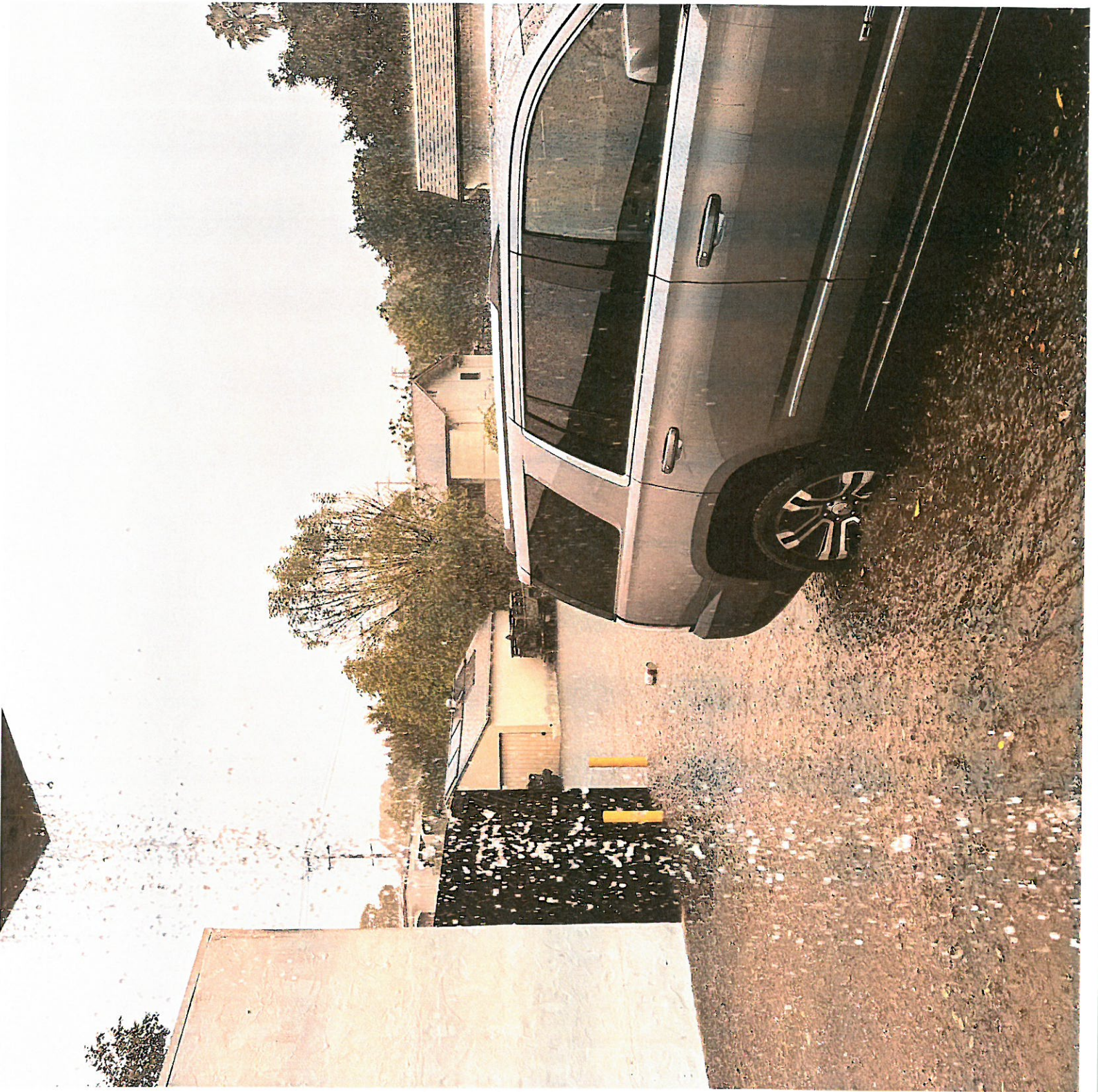
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