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Central Area Planning Commission
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RE: Case #DIR-2019-3828-COA-1A, 6500 Olympic Place
PLUM Committee February 4,2020

This applicant has **FIVE** times been told **NO**: Two times by the original South Carthay HPOZ Board, two times by the recently created Joint Carthay HPOZ Board, and the Central Area Planning Commission. The reason is simple: The South Carthay HPOZ Preservation Plan specifically precludes second-story additions on single-family homes.

Over the years, many applicants have had second-story additions denied by the Board or were advised in staff consultations that second-story additions are not allowed by the Preservation Plan. The Preservation Plan was adhered to and the neighborhood has benefited.

If this project is approved, the door will have been opened to second-story-additions by any owner or speculator/developer. Based on the precedent they would have solid legal grounds to demand approval. The character of the neighborhood will have been dramatically changed, and the purposes of the HPOZ defeated,

In 1988 my growing family moved within the HPOZ to gain a bedroom and a bathroom. When our situation changed, we did not expect the neighborhood to change for us. Likewise, the applicant needs to find a solution that does not involve destroying the HPOZ. There are 3,000 square foot homes in nearby neighborhoods. Of course, they are not the wonderful Spanish style homes, and neighborhoods are not so charming or historically intact. Well? She wants it both ways: to enjoy a neighborhood with architectural and historical integrity---and to change it.

The South Carthay HPOZ Board is opposed.

The expanded Carthay HPOZ is opposed

The South Carthay Neighborhood Association is opposed.

By far the majority of residents of South Carthay are opposed. (contrary to applicant list of signatures gathered over a four year period, many who have moved, are deceased, have withdrawn their signatures, or signed before they knew the issues.)

Please deny this categorical exemption.

Sincerely,

Steve Friedland

I moved to what is now South Carthay in 1974. The neighborhood had no name. It was a series of residential Streets with no identity. It was a neighborhood “at risk”. In 1980 some of us started a neighborhood Association; I am still its treasurer. We gave the neighborhood the name of South Carthay; we began an aggressive neighborhood watch; street trees were planted. The Neighborhood Association became the vehicle for the formation of the HPOZ. In retrospect, the HPOZ was our greatest achievement. South Carthay has become a highly sought after neighborhood because architectural integrity has been preserved by the HPOZ. I give you this history because you need to know it did not come easily. There were many battles to establish a neighborhood identity and the HPOZ.