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RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 915 DeGUINE and 936 E DUANE AVE

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Testimony to Planning Commission Public Hearing

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I live at 660 Santa Paula Ave, approximately 300 feet from the corner of Santa Paula Ave and Duane Ave. Having reviewed the proposed development plans for these two sites I have two concerns about impact on both the San Miguel neighborhood and the new housing development.

A. My primary concern is traffic control on E. Duane, which is already quite busy during morning and evening commutes. Between 7 and 8 am or 4-6 pm I often have to wait two or three minutes for traffic to clear so that I can safely make a left turn onto E Duane from Santa Paula or onto Santa Paula from eastbound Duane. The availability of a second lane in either direction gives escape from an accident if I misjudge oncoming traffic.

I have read that the development plan includes reduction of Duane to one through lane in either direction, addition of bicycle lanes, and several exit lanes from the proposed development onto Duane. This increases both the density of traffic and the likelihood of unexpected vehicles that may turn into my path from the new development. The increased and more unpredictable traffic will also create safety risks for pedestrians, especially children walking between the new development and San Miguel school. They have to cross Duane without aid of a traffic signal in the ¼ mile between Fair oaks and DeGuine.

Therefore my request is for addition of one or two traffic signals on E Duane and for timing that allows orderly turning time or crossing time for cars or pedestrians who enter or leave the San Miguel neighborhood at Duane Avenue.

B. My second concern is about mitigation of dust that may drift from the construction site into the San Miguel neighborhood. Being on limited income as a retiree, and facing restrictions on car washing due to out drought, I do not look forward to the expense of taking my car to a wash every week if this work site causes excess dirt. This is potentially a cost to me and other neighbors in the zone north of E Duane. Would the developer consider a "nuisance settlement fund" to compensate homeowners of SDan Miguel neighborhood for the financial burden that excess atmospheric dirt might impose? I would suggest \$500 per property within 500-1000 feet of the construction boundary.