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i would like to say that i live in the Renaissance apt home complex on old san francisco rd between wolfe and fair oaks.. have since 1999 when i lived in building 5 someone opened up day care in one of the ground floor units for awhile even though our lease states we are not allowed to have or operate a business out of our apartments, i guess state law allows this particular type of business much to the frustration of the landlords and tenants ... it was a major pain for the rest of us.. parking issues that were never resolved (including parking in our assigned spots constantly even after being told not to) noise, trash, rude interactions with people coming and going out of the unit. (plus they trashed the unit, i know, we ended up moving into it at one point and switched again to the one we are in now) i would really really encourage you to discourage it in multi family dwellings and for ANY dwelling you allow it in there MUST be consequences (that become more costly in terms of fines or threat of closure) for those types of problems (esp parking, trash, noise) that would make life less enjoyable and bring down the quality of life around the the day care if in a housing area if they are not resolved.

I'd like to note i'm not anti kid. while i have none of my own i worked as a nanny in my younger days (as well as in a day care) and ended the child care work after working for one family for 12 years by choosing to relocate from alaska to here in 1999. Oh, in alaska my ex mother in law ran a very successful and professional day care out of their home.... they took great pains to make sure there were no problems with their neighbors encouraging them to let them know if there was a concern and working to resolve any that came up. unless you are going to hold new day care centers to those kinds of standards (esp where peoples property values might decrease because of the day care being in their neighborhood) i think you are opening a huge can of worms if your intent is to allow more in homes/apartments. i don't know what your plan is, but i feel very strongly about this and i hope you will keep those things in mind.

the lack of respect that was shown to other tenants by the people that had that day care and the people who used it really offended me and showed a very ugly side to child care i would not think that could exist. to the point i would not want a day care popping up in a house/apt anywhere near me, that experience was so bad and yes we contacted the city to complain, it did no good. we were so happy when they finally moved out.



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Hi Stephanie:

I am submitting some issues for the committee's consideration pertaining to commercial child care centers:

1. Parking spaces - Please make sure that the parked cars by staff and patrons do not spill over to the neighborhood streets. Sunnyvale's Planning Commission has been granting permits to commercial establishments without requiring sufficient onsite parking spaces. (A case of point is that Astoria Drive has become a parking lot and unsafe street due to parked cars from Idylwood Care Center on Wright Ave and Silicon Valley Eye Clinic on Fremont Ave.)
2. Traffic - Please make sure that normal traffic flow can be maintained at all times, especially during the dropoff and pickup hours. (A case of point is the section of Grant Road between Fremont Ave and Cuesta in Los Altos has become totally jammed during Montessori School pickup and dropoff hours.)
3. Permit privileges - Please make sure that a granted operating permit is not a "carte blanche" for the commercial establishment to expand their services in the future. The site should be sized for a certain number of staff, patrons and specified services, and only upon these parameters should the permit be so granted. Any deviations should require a new permit review. (A case of point is how Idylwood Care Center has continued to increase their services and staff without any permit review, which has overwhelmed the Astoria Drive neighborhood. The South Bay Peninsula Day School has done a reasonable job of controlling their staff parking to within their parking lot.)
4. Review Circle - Please make sure that you inform residents at least within half a mile radius of a proposed commercial day care center to solicit inputs on issues and concerns. The current 500-ft radius circle does not apply to these commercial business establishments.

Thanks,

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