

Santa Ana Planning Commission – 2221 N Heliotrope Drive

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in response to the notice of public hearing I received for the Conditional Use Permit applied for by the owners of 2221 N. Heliotrope Drive. I am a resident of the Floral Park neighborhood where the property is located, and I have previously owned two properties on Heliotrope Drive. I am opposed to the commission granting a Conditional Use Permit for a building of this height (23' 4") for several reasons.

The proposed accessory structure would be highly visible from the public street and sidewalk, and would be in stark contrast to the Streamline Moderne architecture of the historic home located on the property. The new structure would detract greatly from the overall historic appeal of the home that was built for the richest person in the world in 1938. A new structure of conforming height (15' or less) would be far less of a detraction than the 23' 4" the homeowners are requesting.

The proposed structure appears to have no purpose other than to be a pavilion or arch to coordinate with the already-existing structure of Vietnamese-style architecture in the rear yard. I believe it is important that the historical significance of the main house remain undiminished by the addition of this new structure.

The current owners of the property have made alterations to the house over the years without city approval. They erected scaffolding and a tarp to conceal replacement of the original windows with new vinyl windows, knowing this was not allowed on such a historic property. I attended a hearing in regard to the deceptive behavior of the homeowners and was very disappointed in their dishonesty in their comments to the Historic Resources Commission. In short, I do not believe the homeowners can be trusted in their words and deeds in regard to maintaining the historic significance of the property.

Please vote against granting a Conditional Use Permit for the over-height structure at 2221 N. Heliotrope Drive. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Hart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "A".

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