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Design and Review
City of Santa Barbara
630 Garden Street
PO Box 1990
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Re: 1528 State Street
027-232-012
MST2005-00389

To Whom It May Concern:

I am unable to attend the special meeting of March 13, 2007 due to scheduled patients. I was not informed of the meeting by the City; a neighbor called to tell me. Therefore, I am submitting this letter for your consideration regarding the above named project.

This project is out of scale with the neighborhood and, together with the adjacent building, adds an element of "inner city ambience" to the area. My opinion is validated by Ms. Weiss' statement on page 6 of the October 25, 2006 minutes (at 3:31pm when the Public Hearing was closed) wherein she stated that the inappropriate design and size of the adjacent building at 1532 State "may actually help both structures become more appropriate" to the area. This is an obvious acknowledgment that the current proposed project and design would not be consistent with the area and neighborhood. Such a "solution" is obviously flawed.

I believe the parking is inadequate for the building, especially since the stairwell in the back must be moved due to its placement on our adjacent property line. This will probably result in the loss of a parking space adjacent to the new stairwell.

As I stated in my letters of October 17, 2006 and January 25, 2007, any construction must have a setback sufficient to allow the completion of all buildings, partitions or walls to be constructed, completed and maintained without entering my property or airspace. Please be advised that there are no utility easements on my property.

Also I wish to reiterate that my rights to the above demands were verified by Ms. Unzueta, who contacted City Attorney, Scott Vincent; he confirmed that a property owner cannot be forced to allow trespass, ingress or egress, onto their property.

On a personal note, I wish to express my anger about attempts to "Los Angelesize" our community. Los Angeles County offers vast opportunities for the building of atrocities. Perhaps the City of Santa Barbara should take a lesson from Carmel, which appears to be one of only a few California cities which has not franchised its community and has maintained the ambience for which it has long been admired. The City's motives for allowing such structures, and keeping the community in the dark (in this case since the project's conception in 2005!) is solely for tax revenues and have nothing to do with adding to or preserving our community and quality of life.

Sincerely,



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CC: SB City Council