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Dear Members of the San Francisco Planning Commission,

As San Francisco residents, my husband and I are committed to seeing housing stock increased in San Francisco. Early in the current process, we built ADUs in the two San Francisco homes we own, one occupied by the two of us, the other by my daughter and her family, and soon, new tenants in each new ADU. We are living by our values, a San Francisco value that says we are **committed to increasing housing**.

Our first home (daughter-occupied) is in Westwood Park. We have seen traffic congestion steadily increase near our property to the point where we are unable to find parking when we drive to visit our daughter's home on Keystone Way, probably due to all the Ocean Avenue development since we bought our first home in 1976. (We must drive our small all-electric vehicle to get around due to a walking limitations.) We are living **our value for clean air** by installing solar power in our home and using an electric car and a plug-in hybrid powered by the sun. We cannot imagine how the residential areas nearer to the proposed development will be impacted by increased traffic and vehicle pollution.

Has the Planning Department truly assessed the environmental impact, more cars and more pollution, on the neighbors around the Balboa Reservoir? I'm guessing that the people who could afford market rate housing on Frida Kahlo way could also afford cars to get back and forth to Silicon Valley, a phenomenon that we are all too familiar with in our Noe Valley neighborhood. People buy houses in Noe Valley because of its quick access to Highway 280. The Balboa Reservoir has even quicker access to Highway 280.

A third value that we hope we share with you is that **public lands must be used for the public good**. The Balboa Reservoir should not be turned over to for-profit developers to build market rate housing and maybe some affordable housing that perhaps in reality is not for low income, working class people. There is such scant open space available for new housing that the City of San Francisco focus on more housing for those who cannot buy market rate housing: teachers and other public servants who would likely use transit or walk or bike to work at nearby schools or at City College.

We encourage the Planning Commission to **live up to these San Francisco values. Build housing on public open space, but build it for those who would otherwise be shut out of the market and who would likely use transit or walk/bike to work (nonpolluting alternatives to cars).**

Sincerely,

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