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Good afternoon, members of the San Francisco Planning Commission,

During your meeting of May 28, 2020, at items 17 through 18f, you will be asked to approve an EIR,

various planning code amendments and variances, changes to the San Francisco General Plan, Zoning Map amendments, Design Standards and Guidelines, establish a special use district, and Adoption of Findings: a Statement of Overriding Considerations. First, this is very premature. The Development Agreement is full of pages that are completely blank, to be filled in later!!! There is no Memorandum of Understanding with City College, and most egregious of all, **the Environmental Impact Report does not consider the deadly impact this project would have on City College**. This is land that the college had counted on to be the college parking lot once the Performing Arts Education Center (now called Diego Rivera Theater) and the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Technology building are built. This is land that the College has considered part of its West Campus for decades. If you fill this 17.6 acre parcel with 1,100 - 1,550 units of housing, you will completely fill the lot that the college was counting on for parking for its students. Thousands of students will be shut out of a chance to drastically better their lives by learning a profession or a trade. From experience, we can attest to the stunningly high caliber of the faculty at City College.

The Development Agreement pegs the selling price at \$11 million. The voters of San Francisco just awarded \$845 million to City College. Sell the land to City College for its continued benefit. Do not approve the Balboa Reservoir Project. Below is a rendering of what the project would look like. Where would the 30,000 students of City College park to access their education, their ladder out of poverty? The other illustration is of what if the land is instead sold to City College, later, after construction of the Diego Rivera Theater and STEAM Building is complete, the land could be used for 2/3 solar-paneled parking lot; and 1/3 of the lot, up to 600 units of 100% affordable housing for faculty, staff, and students.

Below are two renderings. One is of what is proposed today. Privatization of land that belongs to the people of San Francisco for private developers' obscene profits. Although the project is billed as 50% affordable, which means 50% luxury market-rate, in fact it is all market rate housing. When I asked at a public meeting what was their criteria for affordable housing, they said a single person making \$139,000 per year. That is certainly not affordable to the thousands of people making minimum wage in San Francisco who also desperately need housing. Building market rate housing will not solve the affordable housing problem in San Francisco. Building 100% affordable housing will help to alleviate the affordable shortage.

The doubling of the height limits and the doubling of the density in the project, and the downsizing of the green space required from 50% to 11%, immensely lowers the quality of life envisioned by the community when it developed the Balboa Park Station Plan in 2009. At the last minute, the developers added heights to all of their proposed housing, even along the west edge. Tricky. Sneaky.

This project reminds us of the settlers who came in to California, to the paradise that was California. First the Spanish priests and soldiers, who killed, tortured, raped and made slaves of the indigenous Californians, making them eat out of troughs, starving them and not letting them leave the mission compounds. Next, after the discovery of gold, the invasion of the yankee settlers who hunted down the remaining indigenous Californians, and sold their scalps for a dollar apiece. They saw land that they wanted; they killed its inhabitants and took the land and have occupied it ever since. This is exactly what the developers are doing. One of them said to me, "We have been eyeing this large, flat parcel for decades". Their sense of entitlement to the taking is obscene. Do not participate in this betrayal of the interests of the present and future generations of San Franciscans who will need access to City College to better their lives, and with that, better the quality of life for everyone in San Francisco. Do not approve these proposals before you today.



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