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Subject: Balboa Reservoir housing development: investigate 1500+ units
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Dear Jeanie Poling,

I am a homeowner in the Ocean View neighborhood south of Ocean Ave, a 20 min walk from the proposed development at Balboa Reservoir. I am writing to request that the Environmental Impact Report investigate including as much housing units as possible at this site, such as 1500 units or more.

The state is currently experiencing a housing shortage that threatens affordability, exacerbates inequality, and contributes to climate change by necessitating more development away from dense, transit-accessible urban areas. There is scarcely a better place to add new housing in SF than this location, where a large, underutilized parking lot currently sits amidst a sea of single-family homes, that is nevertheless near City College, Balboa Park transit, and shopping on Ocean Ave. As a homeowner in the neighborhood, I think that this transit-oriented development has the potential to improve the quality of the neighborhood for existing residents in a variety of ways: it would help connect Balboa Park transit to the surrounding neighborhoods and encourage more foot traffic and biking instead of driving, allow for greater diversity of shopping and amenities, and provide parks and bike paths through the area that all can use. Most importantly, it would allow 1500+ additional individuals or families to live in San Francisco.

Ideally, an EIR would not be required for dense, infill housing projects such as this one, but given the current process, a high number of potential housing units should be studied at this stage so as not to foreclose options later.

I am cc'ing my partner Ben Sedat, as well as Laura Foote at YIMBY Action, of which I am a member.

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