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Subject: URGENT - John & Kathy Barker - APN 02707302 and 1/5 Public hearing

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Hi Victoria,

I own the home at (and live at) 485 8th Ave, adjacent to John and Kathy Barker's property at 471 8th Ave.

I have grave concerns about the proposal to construct a 2-story home, more than doubling the sq footage of the current home on that parcel.

Other specific concerns I have:

- Reducing the front yard set-back from 15' to 8' will greatly impact the amount of morning light my one story home receives
- Adding a second story at 471 8th Ave will also impact the amount of sunlight throughout the afternoon, on my one story home
- How much off-street parking will the proposal provide? Our block is already tight on parking as, A) we do not have permit parking from May to Sept as the rest of the Harbor neighborhood does, and B) we have 2 restaurants within a very short walking distance (L&L Hawaiian BBQ and the Harbor Cafe) and our streets are often filled with their customer's cars.
- And finally, this notice of the Public hearing was sent out the week between Christmas and New Years giving very little notice for myself, or my neighbors who might have concerns, to prepare, or be able to attend in person.

I am happy to discuss my concerns with the Planning Dept, as I urge you to give more consideration to the permit being requested for the property at 471 8th Ave.

Please respond and let me know how I can provide input into this decision making process.

Thank you,

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