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Santa Barbara City Council
City of Santa Barbara
De La Guerra Plaza
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Re: Agenda, May 11, 2004 at 6:00 p.m., Item No. 21
Appeal - 29 West Calle Laureles

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

The Board of Directors of Allied Neighborhoods Association supports the appeal of the project at 29 W. Calle Laureles because of (1) inadequate parking in the vicinity and (2) “demand based” parking theory is inconsistent with the reality on the streets in the vicinity.

Allied’s Board heard from representatives of people on Calle Crespis and the Samarkand Neighborhood Association. They presented statistics about the reduction of parking spaces if the modification is granted and how this reduction would impact the neighborhood. DesignArc has confirmed that the parking information and reduction that the neighbors supplied to Allied’s Board was correct.¹

We all love Trader Joe’s and the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf on De La Vina Street, but the neighbors used these projects with the reduction of parking requirements for the Surgicenter to illustrate (1) a reduction in their quality of life in a Santa Barbara neighborhood and (2) adverse environmental impacts on their neighborhood.

Allied’s Board urges the Council to protect neighborhoods, deny the discretionary modifications and grant the appeal of the neighbors. Thank you.

Board of Directors, Allied Neighborhoods Association

¹ Architect Michael Holliday of DesignArch basically confirmed that the parking information and reduction supplied to Allied’s Board was correct. A representative of Allied’s Board saw DesignArc’s presentation before the Land Use Committee of the Citizens Planning Association and the parking information and reduction was confirmed. DesignArc was given another opportunity to make a presentation but it decided not to make that presentation.