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To Planning Board and City Council Members,

We are long time residents of Fagan Estates and have resided at [REDACTED] since 2011. We moved here because this neighborhood, while close to downtown Burlingame, is an out of the way, quiet oasis, with hardly any traffic except for the handful of neighbors who live here. In short, it is an ideal place to raise a family. When we purchased our home for ourselves and our 3 daughters, we considered these attributes in deciding to move here.

The Fagan Estates consists of only 20 homes, making it a private area with little traffic. Our kids safely walk to their friends' houses, they learned how to ride bikes on the cul de sac, and we walk our dog without worry. The original brick wall is a reminder that there is history in this neighborhood, as are the cobblestones that mark the hard-to-find entrance to the estates. Most people outside of our immediate neighborhood don't even know it exists - but this proposed project will change that.

We have a number of concerns with this proposed subdivision:

1. Increased traffic - by adding at least 2 more residences, plus associated ADUs, traffic will increase by at least 10%, and likely more than that. There is only 1 way in and out, so all those additional cars will be on the same road.
2. Extended noise and disruption - This looks to be a major, multi-year project, with numerous trucks, workers, large and heavy machinery needed to build a new road, move and extend utilities, and then actually build multiple homes. The disruption to our daily life will be extensive and lengthy. My wife and I both work from home and our children and all of the neighborhood children need to be driven to and from school and activities. Noise from machinery and trucks, plus their blocking the road and the resulting traffic on Fagan Way will become a major negative impact on how we live. We are concerned about our ability to come in and out of Fagan Estates, to drive and pick up our children from school and activities, to do errands, go to appointments etc in a timely way.
3. Safety - We are extremely concerned about the safety of residents and all neighbors who walk in the Fagan Estates. The kids who live in this neighborhood walk and ride bikes on these streets daily. Dogs get walked here by those who live in the Fagan Estates and by neighbors in surrounding Burlingame and Hillsborough. The increased traffic and disruption from trucks over the years it takes to carry out construction and the additional cars as well as the traffic in the long term will negatively impact the safety of our streets. In addition, the developers and workers don't live here, and as we've experienced so far with the current work being done on the property, do not care about or demonstrate any consideration for the safety of the residents and neighbors living on and using Fagan Way. We have been forced to jump to the side of the road with our dog as trucks speed down Fagan Way without recognition or care that we are on the street. We have already had to warn our children to stay on the edge of the street and we have been concerned about teaching our children to drive here now because of the way workers have been driving. We are extremely concerned about accidents and destruction which may occur due to recklessness which is likely to continue and potentially

increase as the effort and number of workers increases.

4 Utility Issues - the power in our neighborhood is already an issue. In the past 12 months, we've lost power 6 times. Adding additional houses to our already strained electrical grid will only make the issue worse. What is the plan to address and improve this issue?

5. Property Value - Given our concerns (more traffic, less privacy, more noise, less safety), these items all likely will reduce our property value. That alone is disconcerting to us - why would we support something that likely will cost us financially in the future?

This board and the city council already approved dividing this property into 2 parcels barely two years ago. We don't see how dividing it further is good for anyone except for someone who does not even live here, has no stated intention to be part of this community, and seems to just be looking to make a profit with no identified upside or benefit whatsoever to the people who are actually part of this neighborhood. We're supportive of residents improving their homes - it's good for both them and their neighbors in the long run. From our vantage as people living in this neighborhood, this project reduces our quality of life, the safety of current residents, and the quality and value of this neighborhood. We urge you to consider the negative and potentially deleterious impact the proposed effort will cause.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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