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Subject: Planning Commission Public Comment for Agenda Item #(unknown): Parking Structure 201 W. 3rd Street

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Hello,

This email is regarding the potential removal of the public parking structure on 201 W. 3rd Street to be replaced with a mixed-use development building (housing / hotel).

As an employee of a business in the Santora Building (207 N Broadway), I am opposed to this project.

- Our company uses this parking structure daily, as do our clients who come in for meetings and consultations
- The parking structure is nearly full everyday, and there is limited *metered* street parking in the area. Where do you propose all of those cars park during construction and after?
- As a woman I do not want to park further away from my office, particularly in the fall when it is dark when I am walking back to my car
- Parking in metered spots is both more expensive than the structure, and will cut into the work day having to go move my car every two hours (not good for scheduling meetings, etc.)
- If a new structure is included on the premises of this mixed-development, what guarantees are in place that we can park there daily at the same rate (permits) that we have now?
- Local businesses would have fewer customers because people don't want to go where there is limited parking
- With COVID-19 requirements, a lot of street parking has been removed for outdoor dining, meaning we'd have to park even further
- Jury Duty members often park in that structure, and parking around the government and city buildings is already difficult
- The current construction along Broadway and in this area for several years has caused more congestion and longer commutes for local businesses. Construction for up to several years at an intersection like Broadway/3rd could be detrimental to new customers coming to local businesses
- While the incoming of more residents may bring new customers, it is not a guarantee

As a business member of the Downtown Santa Ana area, I request that this project not proceed.

Regards, Krista Seaman Project Manager, Tethos Creative Santora Building, Santa Ana

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