City of Santa Ana Planning Commission

Re: 2221 N. Heliotrope Drive CUP application 2022-06

To Whom it May Concern:

As a property owner in Floral Park and a former property owner on Heliotrope Dr., I am writing to request that the Planning Commission deny the Conditional Use Permit 2022-06 to allow construction of the 23' 4" height accessory structure in the rear yard at 2221 N. Heliotrope Drive.

Given the Historical Landmark status of the home and its prominence in Floral Park as well as its history in the City of Santa Ana, having such a large non-conforming decorative structure in the back yard is precisely what the SAMC regulations was trying to prevent. The structure, based on the renderings, would be of an architecture and scale inconsistent with its proposed location and detract from the streamline moderne architecture of the Historic Landmark Maharajah house. Rather than grant the CUP, the Planning Commission should direct the Homeowners to alter the structure to conform to both SAMC regulations as well as to the scale of its proposed location.

My concern is that, based on past experience, as well as the presence of a dumpster and work already underway at the proposed work site, is that the Homeowners will once again ignore the historic significance of their home and its place in the history of our neighborhood and City and install the proposed structure without permission. I was horrified by prior actions of the Homeowners in previous years, which included tarping scaffolding to hide changes to the trim on the home (which they were forced to remove by the City), as well as the unauthorized changes to windows done without permission that they have never corrected.

I would encourage the Planning Commission to deny the CUP application and that the City ensure the Homeowners comply with all SAMC regulations. The Homeowners should be directed to work on an installation that complements the design and architecture of the Historic Landmark property rather than proposing one which overshadows it.

Sincerely,

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