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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in response to a conditional use permit request for a 23'4" tall Vietnamese pagoda to be located within 6' of the S/W backyard fence at 2221 N. Heliotrope, Santa Ana (commonly known as the "Maharaja House"). This once-stunning historic Art Deco home, built for the Maharaja of Indore in 1939, has quickly been desecrated over the past several years under its current ownership. We strongly oppose the allowance of this structure to be built, as it only moves the home's current state further from its valuable historical character and prominence. Under current ownership, the "Maharaja House" is no longer a gleaming gem of Floral Park, but instead an unkempt, worn-down party house with year-round Christmas lights and molded exterior stucco. It is apparent the owners of this house are unable to maintain the pride of ownership deserving of this once beautiful home or have no desire to do so. We are concerned that adding additional structures to the property would only add to the burden of maintaining such a prominent house, given the owners' current inability to do so. Additionally, it appears the owners of 2221 N. Heliotrope may have already begun work on constructing this public monstrosity. This is an overt snub to their neighbors, this committee, and the City of Santa Ana.

Please honor and support the dignity of our historic neighborhood and deny this building permit.

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