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**Subject:** Objection to the variance request for historic landmark at 2221 N Heliotrope  
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Good afternoon

I am officially sending in an objection to the variance requested at 2221 Heliotrope.

My credentials are as follows- a Floral Park resident and a Senior Vice President of Design and Construction for a major Southern California company. I have managed architecture, design, and construction for multiple historically designated neighborhoods and projects over the past 25 years.

The overall height is far beyond what would be considered within code and moreover, is not in line with the historical nature of the home as it is on the registry.

Allowing this structure at this height is not only an eyesore to the neighborhood, but it expressly is against the Mills Act.

Moreover, the larger concern would be that the initial structure granted the historical designation (I.e. the home itself) is sadly neglected. The paint, fencing and landscaping is all in need of repair and allowing funds to go towards this build would divert from the preservation of the home itself.

And if the funds are being donated by outside community to erect the structure, the concern would be what is the intent of the structure?

Frankly, we feel this is slowly being transformed into a religious retreat or gathering place/event space as multiple events are held here and our neighborhood is not an event center.

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