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The attached are the comment letters that Mr. Salzman refers to in his most recent comment letter. Please forward to the CPAC so it is part of the public record.

Kind regards,

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CC: Kimber Gutierrez (Lead Planner, County of Sacramento Office of Planning and Environmental Review)
From: Philip Salzman and Janet Bates
Date: July 5, 2020, <u>revised November 20, 2020</u>

Re: O'Donnell Estates Subdivision Project (PLNP2020-00101)

Additional concerns have been added to our July 5, 2020 letter and are based on review of the "Final Plan Set" document dated November 2, 2020 posted on the County Planning website. The additional concerns are shown underlined. All previous concerns are still pending.

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From:	Rachel Pepper
To:	Clerk of the Board Public Email
Subject:	public comment for meeting tonight
Date:	Wednesday, March 17, 2021 5:41:58 PM

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Hello, this comment is in reference to the meeting this evening, Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM, on the O'Donnell Estate.

I am a property owner neighbor residing on Mapel lane. I remain strongly opposed to this project, although I doubt any objections anyone can make will have an impact at this point.

The City of Sacramento and the township of Carmichael have made a serious error in allowing this historical property to be degraded to the current situation. Another city or state would have more sense than to allow a developer to acquire such a unique property and desecrate it into a flophouse (current) and future subdivision. I believe that many other municipalities would have taken over the site and preserved it. One can think of many other uses for this site, including a community center, wedding site, movie location, etc. Whoever allowed the sale to developers, and the prior sale of the historical antiques from within it, missed the moment to preserve something of historical beauty. What a tragedy. What a shame. Shame on Carmichael!

We moved to this quiet street about three years ago because of the amazing hidden quality of this laneway. All homes are custom and many valued at more than a million dollars. The mansion has been part of this community and added to the area's charm. One can imagine the impact to myself and other adjoining property owners of a 9 property subdivision going in. What will they be priced at, and will they negatively impact our street, our property values, and quality of life here?

In the years we have lived here, the mansion property itself has become a flophouse, with many incidents of extremely loud domestic violence (screaming, shouting, crying), drunken behavior, and threatening disturbances, such as mansion residents on motorcycles tailgating drivers on our street, passing unsafely, and threatening neighbors, one even with a pipe! (I witnessed this). The tenants also set off an excessive amount of fireworks on and around the July 4th holiday, despite extreme dry conditions on the mansion grounds. We are lucky the whole neighborhood did not burn to the ground. There have been cars pulled over to the side of the road outside the gates for likely solicitation, garbage strewn nearby, etc. Classy! I have been picking up trash like alcohol bottles, near the mansion gates for the last two years. So if this is the quality of the current tenants on the property, I can only imagine the shoddy quality of the construction teams the current landlord will bring in, or the impact on the neighborhood, of 9 new

homes. In the prior two years, more than 5 new homes have already been built on Mapel. Now the planning commission is considering 9 more!

Yes, I am cranky about this. I have a lot of fear about what is going to transpire if this project is given the green light. Again, it's a shame this amazing historical property is being desecrated, when so many other solutions could have been contemplated, and implemented.

Best regards, Rachel Pepper of Mapel lane