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Please see comments below from Kevin Murphy ([kemurphy@microsoft.com](mailto:kemurphy@microsoft.com))

**Message:** As a 13 year resident of Madison Valley; I am strongly opposed to the Velmier Development project in Madison Valley. This is a massively over-sized commercial development being forced into a residential neighborhood. This development, if approved, would strongly undermine the livability, safety, and vibrancy of the Madison Valley neighborhood. I personally welcome growth and new development, but this project does not respect the surrounding community. This project would result in:

- Complete removal of a much needed greenbelt. Dozens of mature trees lost forever
- No buffer between the commercial development and the residential homes in the area
- Heights of up to 60-70" just across an alley from residential homes. The plan ignores the 30' hillside and violates the spirit of the zoning in the area. This would also block much needed daylight for dozens of homes in Madison Valley as well as the community garden.
- An exposed parking garage on Dewey Pl that would bring vehicle exhaust , excess light, and noise to the residential neighborhood.
- A parking garage entrance on Dewey Pl would bring commercial traffic to a residential streets. This is a residential, single family neighborhood where people are trying to raise families. Children live here and play outside. Bringing more cars would put children's safety at risk and undermine the vibrancy of the community.
- Added strains on already over-capacity arterial and residential streets. Traffic is already a problem in the area and this would compound the issue and bring more cars to residential streets.

I am especially disappointed that the developer and architect did not take in any of the real concerns from the community. We opened a dialogue early with them, shared feedback, but ultimately, they did very little to address the concerns of the community. In addition, the proposal tries to skirt the design review guidelines through a very one sided interpretation of the rules. This would an appalling insult to the Madison Valley community if approved. I beg you to make the developer and architect go back and make changes to respect the community.