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From: Mark Kot <mark_kot@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:14 AM
To: PRC
Subject: Design Review Project 3020338

Dear Sir or Madam,

I live on Republican, less than a block from proposed project 3020338.

My wife and I were surprised recently, just before New Year's Day, by early morning activity just outside our house. It was members of our local Audubon Society, doing their Christmas bird count. The area near the proposed project was their first scheduled stop on their count because "everyone knew that the best birding in the area was here."

These birders were, in fact, quite successful. They saw several Anna's Hummingbirds, Western Scrub Jays, Stellar's Jays, Golden-Crowned Sparrows (down from Alaska, spending their winter in our neighborhood), and Northern Flickers. They probably saw the resident Bewick's wren, our local flock of Bushtits, and, if they were lucky, the Sharp-Shinned Hawk that comes through our neighborhood. During other times of the year we've seen such nice birds as Western Tanagers and Varied Thrushes.

None of these birds are endangered, but they are all a nice addition to our urban neighborhood. The numbers of many of these birds will, sadly, be impacted by this project. This is classic amensalism. These birds will be greatly impacted, and most of us don't even seem to notice.

I am very sad to see this greatly oversized project proceeding.

Sincerely yours,

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