

Gina Casillas

From: Beth Kucharski [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Gina Casillas

-EXTERNAL-

Hi Gina,

I am a friend and neighbor of Mohan Singal. He has shared with me the design and thoughts about his proposed A.D.U. I believe the completion will not negatively affect the neighborhood but only enhance it. The style and design of the house also will not affect the feel or aesthetic of the street. Therefore I would like to support him in his efforts.

Thank You, Beth Kucharski
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Jasmine Kay



September 7, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support of the proposed ADU project located at 2721 E 3rd St. I believe that the addition remains in accordance with the surrounding historical neighborhood of Bluff Heights. As a resident of the Cal Heights historical neighborhood, I understand the importance of maintaining historical features in these areas. After reviewing the plans in detail, I feel that the proposed ADU does a great job of helping the existing non-historical building conform to the look and feel of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jasmine Kay".

Jasmine Kay

Gina Casillas

From: Eric Goldsmith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 8:31 PM
To: Gina Casillas
Subject: 2721 E 3rd St ADU - Letter of Support

-EXTERNAL-

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing in support of the ADU project at 2721 E 3rd St. We are residents of the Bluff Heights neighborhood and have a strong appreciation for the historical area. We believe that the project is acceptable for the following reasons:

- Parking has been taken into consideration and will be providing two garages as well room for parking outside the garages and in the driveway
- The project will be providing new and affordable housing to Long Beach residents.
- The existing building appears to be in very poor shape and doesn't have any historical characteristics.
- The design incorporates great Craftsman details and would fit well in the Bluff Heights historical neighborhood.

Mohan has been a lifelong member of the Long Beach community and holds its best interest in mind with his project. We have the utmost confidence that his project will enrich and benefit the historical neighborhood of Bluff Heights.

Eric and Natalie Goldsmith
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Jocelynn Pryor [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 12:36 PM
To: DV - Cultural Heritage <cultural.heritage@longbeach.gov>
Subject: APPLICATION COAC2007-03

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

I would like to verify that the project application COAC2007-03, at 2721 E 3rd Street which is requesting the addition of two 800 sq ft dwellings has a plan for parking for the new additions or are they just going to add to the already congested parking situation in this neighborhood?

The statement in the proposed project is unclear as to if the new tenants will utilize the two-car garage or not.

If additional off street parking is being made avail for the new tenants on the property, then I have no problem with this request to expand. But if this leaves the neighborhood even more parking congested then I'd not be in favor of this plan to build/add on.

Thank you,

Jocelynn Pryor
Homeowner
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gene Birkholz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Gina Casillas <Gina.Casillas@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Cultural Heritage Commission Application COAC2007-03 (please respond)

-EXTERNAL-

Hello, Ms. Casillas —

I'm contacting you regarding the application to construct a new two-story residential building and add a two-car garage to the property at 2721 East 3rd street. Can you tell me if there are any plans or, better yet, proposed renderings on file that are available to the general public? It's a little difficult to determine whether I am opposed to the project without knowing what it's going to look like. I realize it is the Cultural Commission's decision as to whether the design fits the neighborhood, but since this project is quite close to my house, I would like to be able to weigh in.

(I suppose I should in honesty state that I feel the project should not be approved for other reasons. The proposal is to create three 800 square foot units. 800 square feet seems large for these to be 1-bedroom units, which suggests that the developer is proposing to place 6 bedrooms on the property, but is only planning to provide parking for two vehicles. If this is the case, this would only serve to worsen an already terribly impacted parking situation in this neighborhood)

Best regards,

Gene Birkholz
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hello –

My name is Gene Birkholz. I am writing in regard to Commission Application COAC2007-03, the proposal to construct a new two-story residential building and add a two-car garage to the property at 2721 East 3rd street.

I will not be able to attend the virtual hearing this afternoon, but as a homeowner in the neighborhood, I would like to weigh in on this project. While I am aware that there is something of a shortage of rental units in this area, and I certainly can't take issue with a property owner's desire to generate additional income from his or her property, I am opposed to this project as it is currently configured.

I've taken a look at the floorplans and elevation drawings (Exhibit C). While it appears that the design carries over some elements from the existing structure, I believe the new structure is inconsistent with the character of most of the historic homes on the street and in the neighborhood in general. The majority of these homes are single-story craftsman bungalows. If there are Accessory Dwelling Units, they are typically behind the primary residence and not visible from the street. The proposed structure will be a large two-story building that is significantly outsized by comparison. While the 4-plex to the east of the property does have a larger footprint than the bungalows, I think it should not be used as a benchmark because a) it has been there for at least 90 years, and b) it is clearly a multi-unit apartment building and not a duplex disguised as a single-family home.

I would be much more supportive if the proposal specified a new single-story structure facing the street and perhaps enlarging the existing structure to get the square footage the property owner desires.

I hope you will take this into consideration as you make your decision.

Thank you,

Gene Birkholz

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