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Mr. Robin Stein

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Re: NAGI JEWELERS 808-826 High Ridge Road Application

Dear Mr. Stein,

In response to Mr. Osta's recent media blitz, in addition to his unique editorial support from ordinary citizens, regarding his application for a master plan change, I am writing to urge that you reinforce the staff's opinions regarding the logic and planning concepts contained in the master plan.

My concern is that the Board may lack the history and knowledge of how in the early sixties the previous property owner was able to get the land-use boards to "jump" Bradley Place, permitting an extension of the commercial use, arguing that since it was a corner lot it deserved to be commercial. (Typical planning logic of the pre Mayor Clapes land-use boards.) We now have Mr. Osta and his attorney making similar arguments, which simply lack merit.

Contrary to Mr. Osta's continuing self praise, his actions indicate a somewhat different image of his neighborhood commitment. As indicated in the annotated photos I submitted at the hearing, as part of his building beautification project he managed to increase the width of his parking along Bradley Place by extending into the municipal right-of way. In addition a sign was also erected on the right-of way. Both these "improvements" are typical occurrence of what happens when the commercial use meets the residential use. The commercial property on the north side of Bradley Place is another example of the impact the Ostra development can have in the neighborhood. Signs along the sidewalk blocking vision lines, excess parking daily along Bradley Place, autos parked on the sidewalk at Mario's restaurant, not to mention the melodic sounds of the garbage trucks dumping the waste containers at 5 or 6 AM.

Permitting a change to the master plan to allow this development is not in the public interest. It is in Mr. Osta's interest. No doubt he acquired the properties with the intent of extending the commercial use, and is attempting to use his perceived "tenure and good standing in the community" as an argument, offering a traffic light and park space in exchange for the Board's favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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