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Hi Tet,

Would you be able to post this public comment for my project, PLN2014-00490, October 10 meeting.

Thanks  
Olivia

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**From:** Rebecca Katkin <[rebecca@katkinarchitecture.com](mailto:rebecca@katkinarchitecture.com)>  
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Hello Olivia,

I am writing to share concerns about the proposed development at 1900 East street. I reviewed an earlier version of this project during my tenure on the CDRC. That design was, I thought, an attractive home, but there were significant concerns about the site development.

Primary among these, for me, is the impact of the proposed roadway on the heritage cypress tree on the Jimenez property (the last home on 14th street). I know the developers have plans to minimize the impact of construction on that tree, but my assessment at the time was that these are insufficient. The road runs right under the drip line. Regardless of precautions, I think it is highly unlikely the tree would survive.

The proposed development also disturbs sensitive landscape and habitat. I recall there are competing points of view about its proximity to a watershed but, however that is determined, this is not an infill lot - this is opening up a paper street to become a true street, with significant implications for further development of a sensitive area.

With regard to the new design, it is bigger than the original development, now utilizing the ADU exception to increase area, and it is BOXY. I'm all for flat roofs, but their use here increases the appearance of mass dramatically over the previous proposal. There is a nod to facade articulation, but it's not serving its intended purpose to break down the appearance of mass.

I don't personally think access can be provided to this property without undue environmental

impact, but even if the County deems it can, the proposal here does not seem sensitive to the community, and the house design does not meet the standards set out in the guidelines. I encourage the committee to say no.

Best regards,

Rebecca

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