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Good Evening Chairman Ebnetter and Members of the Planning Commission, my name is Laurie Watanuki.

There are two new street classifications called Minor Arterials with a maximum of 14,000 cars a day and Major Collectors with a maximum 6,300 cars a day.

There are a total of 5 Minor Arterials and 1 Major Collector in the Central Neighborhood. These new Caltrans classifications could bring a maximum of 76,000 cars a day through our neighborhood.

The increase in traffic has not been analyzed in the EIR.

A new bike boulevard is proposed for 5th Avenue from S Delaware to S Amphlett and we would like to make our very narrow street safer. We need a street dedicated to bicyclists and pedestrians on 5th Avenue with local traffic with 80-700 trips. We have more than 75 driveways on 5th Avenue and 5th Avenue is only 6 blocks long.

Please add Minor Arterials and Major Collectors in the NTMP to reduce the cut-through and speeding traffic.

We would like to preserve the community character in our older residential neighborhoods. We would like to add Conservation Districts along with Historic Districts. The inclusion of Neighborhood Zones in the Objective Design Guidelines will also help maintain our neighborhood character.

The Yoshiko Yamanouchi House which includes a family home, Katsura structure, and gardens at 1007 E 5th Avenue was recently nominated as a State and Federal Historic site.

Unfortunately, the EIR did not address the effects of the General Plan traffic and air pollution on the Yoshiko Yamanouchi House. Please add Contributors to Historic Districts to the definition of historic resources, since there are multiple buildings and gardens on our site.

Thank you.

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