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Dear Mr. Garolea,

As home owners on Howard and surrounding streets, we strongly object to any additions or changes to William Carey International University until serious and workable measures are taken in regards to the heavy traffic and parking on our residential streets.

In the past year, despite many complaints from residents, William Carey University and its employees have completely disregarded the concern of its neighbors. This is a small, quiet, residential neighborhood and WCIU continues to create serious traffic problems.

Often employees of WCIU and it's various organizations clog the streets in front of our homes by parking in front of our houses for 8 hours a day, making it inconvenient for us and our guests and family members to park.

This also happens a great deal when they have conferences, which, in the last year, have virtually **TRIPLED** in frequency. The conference attendants park on the streets and the cars are left there until the conference is over. This last for days or weeks.

Even now, as I write this letter, there is a car that has been parked across the street for days. Often, these belong to guests of the dormitories who visit and leave their cars parked on Howard Street for days and weeks.

These streets are not wide enough to accommodate that kind of parking, and on some streets, where they park on both sides of the street, there are frequent car accidents, as there is not room for TWO CARS TO PASS SAFELY.

Often, when dropping off students for Maranatha High School, parents and other students drive dangerously and without any regard for people and children who live in the neighborhood. They regularly travel at speeds from 35-45 mph in a 25mph zone, and often fail to stop for anyone crossing the street. This neighborhood is filled with small children. And many of these children walk to Judson school. This has made it very unsafe for them.

William Carey University has provided phone numbers to call if we have concerns, however, the calls go directly to an answering machine, and a return call can take hours or days. Even then, William Carey University never takes any action to resolve these serious problems.

Please, we need to live in peace in our neighborhood without being subjected to constant worry about what William Carey University is going to do next.

We believe that street parking should be for residents only. And we would like speed bumps installed to slow traffic in an area that has a lot of small children. (Especially on Howard Street where the main entrance to WCIU is.)

In the past public hearings, many concerns from neighbors were ignored by William Carey University. When we refused to sign a petition to **ALLOW** parking on both sides of the Howard Street on Sundays, we were to be a one block exception. For months, no one was allowed to park in front of our houses on Sunday. Then, a few months ago, **AGAINST OUR WISHES**, and **WITHOUT CONSULTING US**, William Carey had the city install signs **PERMITTING** parking **IN FRONT OF OUR HOMES!**

