

PNC Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition

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Uniting Pasadena Neighborhood Associations on Issues of Livability City-wide

February 29, 2008

Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development
City of Pasadena
175 N. Garfield Ave
Pasadena, CA 91109

Re: 3160 Del Mar Boulevard
Objection to Urgent Care Center

Dear Mr. Bruckner:

I am writing, as Chair of the Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition, to oppose the use of 3160 Del Mar Boulevard (at Kinneloa) in East Pasadena as an Urgent Care Center. The PNC advocates for quality of life issues affecting Pasadena's residential neighborhoods. Major issues of concern to the PNC are traffic and safety. Traffic and safety concerns in this residential area make this a poor choice for an Urgent Care facility. The neighborhood's residents are against an Urgent Care Center at this site.

Eaton Blanche Park is just to the west of this site; a Boys and Girls Club is just east of this site; Willard Elementary is on the same block; and across the street from Willard is Wilson Middle School. Directly across the street from this site is Ability First. This is a busy area where children and parents are constantly walking. The clientele of Ability First are disabled children. Vans pick up and drop off their charges in front of the center, which increases traffic in the area. One block away from the subject site is Las Encinas Hospital, which currently is undergoing a huge expansion that already adds to the impact of traffic in this residential neighborhood.

There have been multi-vehicle accidents in front of 3160 Del Mar, most recently on February 28, 2008. This was just another reminder that increased traffic in this busy area puts our children and residents in harms way.

The PNC concurs that an Urgent Care facility should be located in East Pasadena. But 3160 Del Mar is an inappropriate place to put it. The PNC advocates for quality of life issues affecting Pasadena's residential neighborhoods. A major issue of concern to the PNC is the aesthetic appearance of telecommunications. We voted unanimously to oppose the use of 3160 Del Mar as an urgent care facility at our February 28, 2008 meeting.

I understand the City of Pasadena owns the property at 3160 Del Mar Blvd. Currently, the Pasadena Police Department uses this site for police training. There was a satellite police station on El Nido Avenue at Colorado Boulevard, which has been closed. 3160 Del Mar would be a perfect site for our police department to have a fixed presence in East Pasadena again.

Any revenue to the city that might derive from the sale or lease of this space for an Urgent Care facility or for medical office buildings is of minor consequence when weighed against the safety of our children and against the traffic problems that such a facility would necessarily generate.

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This is particularly so considering the other uses for which that the city could use the lot.

I welcome your comments, and would be happy to discuss our request with you or a member of your staff. You can reach me at (626) 398-3586 or at rhsjd@hotmail.com .

Very truly yours,

R. Henry Sherrod, Chair

cc: Bill Bogaard, Mayor
Pasadena City Council Members
Bernard Melekian, City Manager