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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item 21**

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Andrew Oksner			Pasadena, CA 91106

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### **Comments:**

Dear City Counsel, Regarding "mansionization", please also consider imposing strict "truth in advertising" requirements. By this I mean that notices of future home improvements should clearly describe the scope of improvements including a rendering if appropriate. That way the neighborhood can see for themselves what is intended and comment as they see fit. Please make this matter a priority so we can preserve the unique nature of neighborhoods. Many thanks.

Andrew Oksner

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item 21. Single-Family Zoning; Mansionization**

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### **Comments:**

The Linda Vista-Annandale Association supports control of Mansionization. However, we have concerns with this limited approach..

Although the LVAA area is perceived as Hillside, a significant percentage of our neighborhood is considered “flat” and is being altered in a manner that is out-of-scale and out-of-character.

As to the staff report, there is too much emphasis on ministerial review and on a “numbers game”, i.e. stressing size alone as a solution to character and scale as opposed to the realization that the issue is how the size, or the “clay”, is molded on the lot. Any proposed new construction, other than a minimal project, should receive public discretionary review so that neighbors can comment, i.e. where does the “size” go?

“Scale and character” does not mean a cookie cutter repeat of existing architecture – it means that new construction respects the surrounding design form so that intrusions, such as large, looming additions, are avoided. Better notice, renderings, story poles and such are all helpful, but then what happens, particularly if there is no public discretionary review?

In connection with discretionary review, we agree with WPRA, that the recommended 35% overage is too large and will not curb Mansionization. The overage should be limited to a maximum of 25%.

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### **Comments:**

Having lived in nyc and grown up in Pasadena and returned here in adulthood, I have learned the value of history and preservation. Once a place loses its historical heritage, it loses its charm and culture and becomes a far less pleasant place to live. Every old house that gets torn up and changed into a cookie cutter, giant mansion, often to lie dormant and without a family living inside, takes away some of the unpretentious, community-oriented town that Pasadena has always strived to be. This is has always been a place that was aware of its past, which appreciates its roots, and welcomes people from multiple cultures and backgrounds. Replacing modest homes with giant mansions changes the texture of our community, making it feel like a home for people who value the show of wealth rather than pride in respecting our neighborhoods. Please preserve this place where we can all feel pride of home rather than having people compete for whose house is larger and more extravagant.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 19, 2020 about Agenda Item 21--mansionization**

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### **Comments:**

Mayor, Councilmembers, and Staff,

On behalf of the WPRA, we respectfully bring to your attention the letter submitted by our organization with specific observations and recommendations. We would like to emphasize the points we outlined in the letter, particularly regarding accessory structures, non-compliance, and project oversight (bullet points 3, 4, and 6 in our letter). In fact, Councilmember Gordo earlier during this meeting voiced similar concerns. We appreciate the work that the Planning staff and commission have put into this effort and look forward to the adoption of thoughtful measures that may ultimately stem the loss of our established residential neighborhoods.

Thank you.

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