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Dear Council Members,

Thank you for inviting me to submit my ideas to your study session. I would like to speak partly against this project and would appreciate it if my name does not get out of your study chamber.

In return I would like to invite you to come and see how phase 1 of an internal renovation affects us the residents in our daily activities without any benefits for the duration of construction which will take us into Phase 2 and 14 additional apartments.

Palo Alto Commons is a Shangri-la for us old folks in the heart of urban Palo Alto. The present management who I believe owns our community has different ideas as an absentee Utah landlord.

Phase 1 of a renovation internal project started in July and so far has been a mayhem of destruction of mature landscaping and other pleasant relaxation sites. In addition it provided for the setting up of a tunnel to funnel all destruction and construction materials in or out, said tunnel cutting our building in two halves and taking the place of our living and activity rooms, depriving us of much indoor space while projected to provide two 2 bedroom 2 bath additional apartments for the sole benefit of Wellquest, our management. While the tunnel is very ingenious for this construction project, being a one way road slows the construction time and increases the time of our inconvenience.

We have not been told when this Phase 1 will be completed nor when the tunnel will be eliminated in order to restore our living area and activity rooms. I suspect that the tunnel will stay in place to serve through the completion of phase 2 which you are considering right now. I must concede that the construction company did everything possible to protect the residents except for the fact that the tunnel went right through what was our living room plus the room for all our activities. We are really deprived of a lot of living space and will be during the duration of the construction work.

I am 73 years old. I don't know how many golden years I have left to enjoy life at Palo Alto Commons. If I live past 75, will I really enjoy the 4 golf putting holes part of the much reduced barren courtyard shown on one of the pictures submitted by Wellquest?

Now our absentee management wants to add fourteen more units but we haven't seen blueprints where exactly they will go or to show which outdoor areas will be affected or lost, areas that were judged to be needed for the wellness and enjoyment of Sr. citizens when the city of Palo Alto issued the original building permit. Also when will this project end? It boils down to the question: Don't we the residents need that outdoor space anymore or the quiet enjoyment of our facility so that the Management company can reap greater profits with more apartments? No matter what the City's final decision, there will be only two elevators to service the present residents and staff in addition to a minimum of at least 14 residents or more with the required staff in the prospective new units. Conclusion: terrible overcrowding in what used to be a lovely airy facility.

My present quarrel is with Wellquest NOT with the local executives and staff some of whom have worked with devotion for many years at PAC and are all contributing to our well being and happiness. In fact I believe that Wellquest and this whole construction project puts all of them under a lot of stress too.

Unfortunately I am not savvy enough to tune into your meeting but I am trying to attach pictures of our courtyard before total destruction or forward under separate email. Please watch for it.

Thank you for listening to me.

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From: [Family](#)
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Dear City Council,

I write as a lifelong resident of Palo Alto and a 50+ year resident at 4060 Wilkie Way regarding the Study Session for the Prescreening of The Commons Proposal to Modify an Existing Planned Community.

Having purchased this home from my mother in 1994, I am well aware of the process we endured when The Commons was originally constructed. The current configuration was negotiated to minimize the impact on residents who live on Wilkie Way.

Current disruptions The Commons creates include light pollution, noise pollution from A/C compressors and moaning from clients who are suffering, and less sunlight light particularly in winter months. I have taken actions to mitigate what I can to make sitting in my backyard more peaceful.

The Commons has a one story unit approximately 12 feet from the fence at the back of my yard. Increasing that unit to three stories, and the adjoining 2-story units to 3 stories, is an unacceptable infringement on my quality of life and the value of my home.

Thank you,
Sean McDaniel