

JANUARY 28, 2019
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CORRESPONDENCE
AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Comments received by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

NAME	FAVOR	OPPOSE
PATRICIA WELLS		X
MARTHA TADROSS	X	
ATEF TADROSS	X	
JOSEPH QEST & MINA MILAD	X	
FRANK HERNANDEZ	X	
MARY TADROS	X	
GABRIELA V. MATTAR	X	
SABRI RIZKALLA	X	
ISIS TADROS	X	
SHERY ASSAL	X	
RAPHAELA SEFINE	X	
MARYAM ANTOUN G. KASSAB	X	
SAMEH ARMANIOS	X	
REMONDA MORCOS	X	
VICTO ARMANIOS	X	
TU NGUYEN	X	
SUSAN SALLEE		X
JOAN TODISCO		X
ROYAL & JULIE MELCHER		X
DEBBIE ZUVER		X
PETRA VETTER		X

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From: [Bernal, Sarah](#)
Cc: [Kelahe, Selena](#); [Fregoso, Vince](#)
Bcc: [Angie Cano](#); [Cynthia Contreras-Leo](#); [David Benavides](#); [Eric Alderete](#); [Kenneth Nguyen](#); [Lynnette Verino](#); [Mark McLoughlin](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT_Proposed Expansion of the Coptic Church on Edinger_ WELLS
Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:23:50 PM

Commissioners:

Please see below comment for your review and consideration regarding an item on the January 28 agenda (agenda packets will be posted this afternoon).

Thank you.

From: Pat Wells <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 9:25 PM
To: eComment <eComment@santa-ana.org>
Subject: Proposted Expansion of the Coptic Church on Edinger

Dear Ms. Bernal:

As a twenty year home owner in the Little Texas neighborhood, which is adjacent to the Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church on Edinger, I am vehemently opposed to the expansion of the church's proposed addition of a 9,928 square-foot community service building.

The neighborhood residents were opposed to the building of the church, but acquiesced when we were led to believe that the church did not intend to expand. Since that time, the church has purchased several properties in our neighborhood, which they do not maintain and are basically blights on the neighborhood. Now, their goal is to consume more of our neighborhood for the purposed of a school and parking lot.

Our neighborhood is unique in that it is horse property and some of the residents have horses and other animals. There are very few properties in Orange County where horses and other livestock can be kept.

My main concern is one of safety. There are two streets leading into and exiting the neighborhood. One of the streets has an elementary school at the end of the street. School ends at various times with cars of parents, students in the street, and buses virtually shutting down the street when students are arriving at and leaving school. During the week, most residents use the other street to exit the neighborhood. With the proposed expansion of the church, the only other street that we can exit the neighborhood during the week would also have a school and a large parking lot, which will create the same issues as the other school presents. Basically, during school hours, there would be major congestion with parents' cars and students crossing the street, etc., on both exit streets. Both of our exits would be virtually shut down during school hours. If an emergency were to occur, the fire department and/or an ambulance would be delayed due to the school congestion. In addition, exiting the neighborhood in an emergency would be extremely difficult. Leaving for work already presents its challenges at one end of the street. The proposed new building and parking lot at the other end of the neighborhood would present the same challenge.

The church should have originally been built in another area where there was adequate space for expansion. It has been like an amoeba slowly taking over our neighborhood. Judging from the past, it is doubtful that the church officials will ever be satisfied with the space they have and will continue to erode our neighborhood.

Our residents are adamantly opposed to any further expansion by the church. The church is already a towering eyesore; expanding it would add to that as well as create potential safety concerns if we needed to exit in case of a fire and/or other emergency.

Due to the above concerns, I urge the City of Santa Ana to deny the Coptic Church the permit to expand.

Sincerely,

Patricia Wells

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Martha Tadross



To Whom it may concern

My name Martha Tadross and I have been resident in Santa Ana CA for ten years. I am writing to you urging for the approval of expansion project for Archangel Michael Orthodox Church. I have attended this Church for 30 years and I have seen its congregation grow immunity. I Sport the project, this project would be a huge benefit for the Church congregation and the Santa Ana community. If you have any question please contact me at any time

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha Tadross".

Atef Tadross

Atef Tadross



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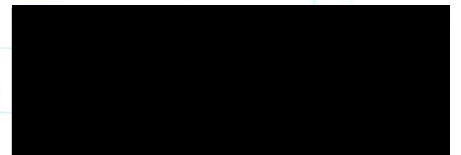
Atef Tadross

It's my pleasure to write this support letter to The city of Santa Ana For my church Project (Arch Angel Michael Coptic Orthodox church) which located at this address "4405 W Edinger Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92704," And as of I'm the business owner of "Mina & Joseph" liquor which located at this Address "16369 HARBOR BLVD. Fountain Valley, CA 92708," I ask you for the Project Approval, because this is the church which serve my community and the closest one to me and for our religious liturgical Practice.

owners signs:

Joseph Qout
Mina Milele

For any questions Call:
or:



FRANK HERNANDEZ

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO SHOW MY SUPPORT
FOR THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL'S CHURCH PROJECT;

BUILDING A NEW COMMUNITY FACILITY AND ADDITIONAL
PARKING SPACES, I LOVE LIVING IN THE CITY OF
SANTA ANA AND HAVE MANY OF LIFE'S MEMORIES
HERE, THE CHURCH HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT
SUPPORTIVE TO ANYONE IN NEED AND A BLESSING
TO THOSE SEEKING HOLINESS. I BELIEVE THAT
THE GRANTING OF THE APPROVAL OF SAID PROJECT
WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

IF I CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE DO NOT
HESITATE TO CALL AT THE ABOVE MENTIONED NUMBER.

SINCERELY;

Frank Hernandez
FRANK HERNANDEZ
NOV. 15, 2018

Mary Tadros



January 7, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in the City of Santa Ana since birth for over 30 years. Growing up I attended Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church, with my mother and late father and siblings.

Over these many years I have forged life long friends and positive influences on my life. I attend weekly masses and meetings throughout the year. I have benefitted greatly from the numerous spiritual retreats youth conferences.

The church has given me a foundation of not only morality, but charity. It has given me the avenue to pursue youth ministry, elderly ministry, as well as community charities such as our annual Toys-For-Tots drive for the past 18 years.

The church has also given me a community that supports me both spiritually and socially. Growing up I was able to rely on the church which kept me out of the troubles that plagued my schools and community as a whole.

As a resident of Sant Ana and a congregant of the church, I am truly grateful for everything that the church has taught me and will continue to teach me as I grow older and hopefully have my children one day attend Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church.

Warm Regards,

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Mary Tadros

To whom it may concern

I have been living in Santa Ana Area more than 13 years ago till the present time beside my Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church which means a lot to me.

It is my home where I get comfort and peace through the many Masses, meetings throughout the week, and fieldtrips and many more occasions.


I get nourished spiritually and socially through it. It is my big family.

Not for me only but also it have a great impact on the kids that are raised in this Church, which through it, they learn manners, morals and also become spiritual, though they can benefit the society around in a lot of aspects.

Therefore I support the church project and its extension, to give better place and chance for our kids to be raised in the Church.

May God bless my church so it can be a light to the whole world.

Gabriela Verena Mattar
Consecrated Sister



My NAME is SABRI RIZKALLA, OWNER
OF 307 SO SUSAN ST. SANTA ANA, CA 92704

My FAMILY AND I SUPPORT THE NEW BUILDING
AND PARKING LOT FOR THE ARCAANGEL MICHAEL
CHURCH.

THIS IS A VERY POSITIVE PROJECT FOR THE FAMILIES
AND YOUTH OF THE COMMUNITY.

S. Rizkalla

11/12/2018

Tel: 



Isis Tadros

January 7, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in my home in the City of Santa Ana for over 30 years. Since that time I, my late husband, and all 4 of my children and many of my grandkids have attended Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church.

Through the services offered by the church I was able to raise all of my children to be productive members of society. We benefited from Sunday School, Summer activities, as well as many other services ranging from tutoring to mentoring. As my children grew older, they served at the church as Sunday School Servants and Youth Leaders. I believe the foundation that the church gave them enabled them to succeed.

As me and my husband grew older, we benefitted from the services offered to the elderly. Assisting us with navigating the complexities of old age and giving us the tools to cope.

It is for these reasons that I can truly attest to the positive impact the church has had on my entire family's life. As a decades long resident of Santa Ana, I am truly grateful for everything the church has given me and will continue to give me.

Warm regards,



Isis Tadros

November 4, 2018

RE: Arch Angel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church

Attention: Santa Ana City

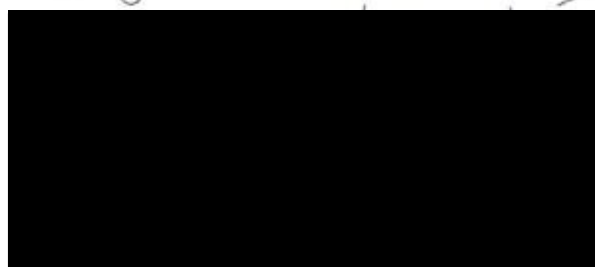
My name is Shery Assal, as a resident in the city for over 13 years, I have greatly benefited from the church services in our community.

The service has an impact on all my family members from all ages. I have participated in youth meetings and bible studies that it became an essential part of my over all well being. I also helped in Sunday school classes and witnessed the demand of this service offered by the church on a large group of Santa Ana Residents.

As a resident, I value the services and wholeheartedly support its expansion to support the increased demand.

If I can provide any additional details or explain how crucial the expansion is needed to serve all members of the congregation residing in Santa Ana City, please feel free to contact me. Shery Assal


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To whom it may concern

I don't know, how I would be without my church the liturgy (mass), the meetings, the prayers and even the social gatherings, changed my life, to be a better person, looking to heaven above and yet realistic in my life on earth. The memories I have within the church are some of my most cherished memories, I don't know where I would be without the pastors' guidance and support. Even when I wanted nothing to do, the church still stuck by me and reminded me of God unconditional love.

Sr. Raphaela Define



To Whom it may concern....

I Live in Santa Ana, around 7min away from Archangel Micheal church.

I concenter this church as my second home. This the only place I feel blessed to live next to and attend almost their daily services. Am so happy and honored to find such a holy Place of worship. The church offers fruitful services to expatriates and as one of them I support my home with all of my heart and soul ~~to~~ in adding the new building and the expansion of the parking lot.

Mariam Kassab

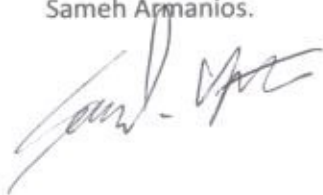


To whom it may concerns,

For the planning and extension of the Archangel Michael Orthodox church located at 4405 W Edinger, Santa Ana, Ca 92704, I, Sameh Armanios give my full support and approval to the remodeling of the project.

Regards,

Sameh Armanios.

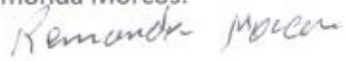
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Remonda Morcos, residing at 901 W.1st, Santa Ana, CA 92703. I give my approval and full support for the remodeling and extension of Archangel Michael orthodox church at 4405 W Edinger Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92704.

Regards,

Remonda Morcos.

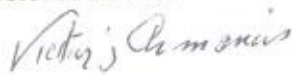
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Remonda Morcos".

To whom it may concern,

My name is Victor Armanios, residing at 901 W.1st, Santa Ana, CA 92703. I give my approval and full support for the remodeling and extension of Archangel Michael orthodox church at 4405 W Edinger Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92704.

Regards,

Victor Armanios.

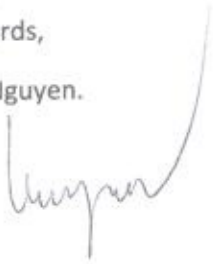
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To whom it may concerns,

For the planning and extension of the Archangel Michael Orthodox church located at 4405 W Edinger, Santa Ana, Ca 92704, I, Tu Nguyen give my full support and approval to the remodeling of the project.

Regards,

Tu Nguyen.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tu Nguyen', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

From: [Bernal, Sarah](#)
Bcc: [Angie Cano](#); [Cynthia Contreras-Leo](#); [David Benavides](#); [Eric Alderete](#); [Kenneth Nguyen](#); [Lynnette Verino](#); [Mark McLoughlin](#)
Subject: COMMENT Archangel Michael Coptic Christian Church Expansion_SALLEE
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 11:42:51 AM

Commissioners: Please see below comment for your review and consideration.

Thank you.

Sarah Bernal

Phone: 714-667-2732

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20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92702

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From: hilary sallee [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2019 9:24 PM
To: eComment <eComment@santa-ana.org>
Subject: Archangel Michael Coptic Christian Church Expansion

TO: Mark McLoughlin, Chair of Planning Commission of Santa Ana

FROM: Susan Sallee, [REDACTED], church neighborhood resident

CC: Cynthia Contreras-Leo, Vice Chair and Ward 5 representative; Vince Fregosa, Acting Planning Manager of Planning Commission, City of Santa Ana;
Eric Alderete, Ward 1; Lynette Verino, Ward 2; Kenneth Nguyen, Ward 3; David Benevides, Ward 4;
Angie Cano, Ward 6.

As a 50+ year resident of the residential neighborhood that the church decided to take over, I want to again voice my opposition to their further expansion. I would like to remind the Commissioners of their mission to ensure "a high quality of life for residents." Your overall guiding principle is stated to be "equity." Your goals include community safety, which has been jeopardized by the continuing church parking problems, denying local vehicles safe access into and out of our tract. The church has been out of compliance with the conditional use permit since the outset, and there is no reason to believe they will comply with any new agreement. These conditions were spelled out to benefit the residents of Santa Ana, and were immediately ignored.

Another important goal of the Commission is "Community Wealth and Livability for Residents." Increased traffic, and increased noise from church activities has already reduced our standard of living. The majority of the church members are not part of "Team Santa Ana." The neighbors suspect that few church members live and work in the city of Santa Ana. Excessive noise has become a problem for our neighborhood. Recent basketball games at the church have been played late into the night, with young people screaming, disturbing the peace and quiet enjoyment of the residents. Sunday school is held at least three days a week, bringing increased noise, traffic and parking problems. The church has functions at all times of the day and night, allowing no quiet time for the residents. With the addition of a church school, so close to Newhope School, the traffic and noise will be greatly increased.

From: [Bernal, Sarah](#)
Cc: [Neal, Candida](#); [Fregoso, Vince](#); [Kelahe, Selena](#)
Bcc: [Angie Cano](#); [Cynthia Contreras-Leo](#); [David Benavides](#); [Eric Alderete](#); [Kenneth Nguyen](#); [Lynnette Verino](#); [Mark McLoughlin](#)
Subject: COMMENT Archangel Michael Coptic Christian Church Expansion_TODISCO
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 11:46:06 AM
Attachments: [petition.pdf](#)

Commissioners:

The attached communication pertaining to Agenda Item No. 4 has been received for your review and consideration.

Sarah Bernal

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From: Joan Todisco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 10:09 AM
To: eComment <eComment@santa-ana.org>
Subject: re: Planning Commission

January 28, 2019

Sarah Bernal, attaching Petition in response to Public Hearing tonight before Planning Commission in regard to project located at 4405 W. Edimger Ave, Santa Ana, relative to C.U.P. #2019-01. In objection to this project. We were only given a week's notice so the names are limited but all are residents live in close proximity to this project. Many if the residents will be attending this meeting tonight.

Joan Todisco, 4229 W. Regent Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92704

PETITION

IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA ANA PLANNING COMMISSION ON JANUARY 28, 2019 AT 5:30PM, TO CONSIDER THE PROJECT LOCATED AT 4405 W. EDINGER AVENUE RELATIVE TO C.U.P. NO. 2019-01 TO ALLOW NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING AND ADDITIONAL SEATS WITHIN THE EXISTING ARCHANGEL MICHAEL COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, AND ALLOWING THE NEW CONSTRUCTION TO EXCEED MAXIMUM ALLOWED BUILDING HEIGHT, THE UNDERSIGNED, NEIGHBORS AND HOME-OWNERS AFFECTED BY THIS PROJECT, DO HEREBY OBJECT TO THE CITY OF SANTA ANA CONSIDERING THIS PROJECT.

MANY COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE CHURCH OVER THE YEARS BECAUSE OF THE UNRULY BEHAVIOR OF THE YOUNG PARISHIONERS HANGING OUT AFTER HOURS AT THE CHURCH, SHOOTING OFF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS AND YELLING OBSENIITIES AT THE NEIGHBORS AND EACH OTHER AND LEAVING TRASH IN THE STREETS. THIS WILL ONLY GET WORSE WITH A SOCIAL HALL TO ATTRACT LARGER GROUPS. THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF DISRESPECT FROM THE OLDER PARISHIONERS AGAINST THE NEIGHBORS ALSO, CARS FILLING UP THE ONLY AVAILABLE PARKING PLACES WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BLOCKING GATES AND MAIL BOXES.

ANY EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING CHURCH WILL FURTHER NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE PROPERTY VALUES AND THE LIFESTYLES OF ALL SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS, INCREASE NOISE AND TRAFFIC DAILY AND INCREASE THE ALREADY OVERCROWDED PARKING SITUATION.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	MAIL
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Rolf Vetter

Petra Vetter

George Vetter

ASHLEY RICHARDS

JOAN TODISCO

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
KATHY LARSEN			
JUDY STEVENSON			
Natasha Nehrbass			
Nichcoal Brown			
Jeff Brown			
Amanda Nugent			
Roberto Barcen			
Jacob G. Titsworth			

Our neighborhood has always been unique. When I tell people I know my neighbors on each side, and across the street and behind me, they are always amazed. I have known most of them for twenty, thirty or forty years. Most of them have known my daughter, who used to mow their lawn when she was young. She is a lawyer and now FBI agent, and many neighbors have known her since she was in kindergarten. This is the kind of neighborhood we have. By coming in and buying residential homes, tearing them down and turning them into a non-local church, our neighborhood has been changed. I speak for the majority of my friends and neighbors when I ask you to deny their proposal for further expansion. We have endured enough. We want them to be content with the church they have already forced into our neighborhood, against the residents' will. They should take their expansion to a location that has more room for parking, without the destruction of more single family homes.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

From: [Bernal, Sarah](#)
Cc: [Neal, Candida](#); [Kelahe, Selena](#); [Fregoso, Vince](#)
Bcc: [Angie Cano](#); [Cynthia Contreras-Leo](#); [David Benavides](#); [Eric Alderete](#); [Kenneth Nguyen](#); [Lynnette Verino](#); [Mark McLoughlin](#)
Subject: COMMENT Archangel Michael Coptic Christian Church Expansion_Melcher
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 11:48:48 AM

Commissioners:

The following communication pertaining to Agenda item no. 4, has been received for your review and consideration.

Sarah Bernal

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From: Roy Melcher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 11:19 AM
To: eComment <eComment@santa-ana.org>
Subject: Planning Commision

Attn:Selena Kelahe

Ref: Conditional Use Permit 2019-01 @ 4405 West Edinger Ave

The subject conditional use permit should not be granted. The Coptic Orthodox Church has been told in the past that they should move to a larger piece of land. Now they wish to destroy 5 Santa Ana homes to enlarge their footprint in order to provide more parking and another building. The city is in a housing shortage and this church wants to destroy homes?

Please reject this permit (again) as "Little Texas" is a unique, semi rural community, that must be protected from this type of destruction.

Respectfully,

Royal & Julie Melcher
Riverview West Neighborhood Assn

From: [Bernal, Sarah](#)
Cc: [Fregoso, Vince](#); [Neal, Candida](#); [Kelaher, Selena](#)
Bcc: [Angie Cano](#); [Cynthia Contreras-Leo](#); [David Benavides](#); [Eric Alderete](#); [Kenneth Nguyen](#); [Lynnette Verino](#); [Mark McLoughlin](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT_ Agenda Item #4 - Conditional Use Permit 2019-01_ZUVER
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 2:32:52 PM

Commissioners:

The following communication pertaining to Agenda item no. 4, has been received for your review and consideration.

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From: Debbie Zuver [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](#)]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Bernal, Sarah <SBernal@santa-ana.org>
Subject: Agenda Item #4 - Conditional Use Permit 2019-01

Good Afternoon Ms. Bernal,

My name is Debbie Zuver and I reside at [\[REDACTED\]](#) Santa Ana, CA – AKA “Little Texas”. I am writing in opposition of Conditional Use Permit 2019-01. I have owned/lived at this location since 1983. First and foremost this is a unique area of Santa Ana and our quality of life must be preserved. To allow the further destruction of our neighborhood would be egregious.

This has absolutely NOTHING to do with religious persecution. This is just simply the Church’s latest ploy to get their expansion.

I have been opposed to their plans since 1988 when we first appeared in front of the City Council. The Church continues to come back and try again and again to have their expansion.

What is fact is that the Church Elders will lie – this is by their own admission in prior City Council meetings to get their expansion. The Church has NEVER complied with any of the CUP’s that were granted. The congregation continues to fill our neighborhood with traffic, trash, noise with ZERO regard for the residents who call this neighborhood home. The Church will promise anything but they will not follow through or comply.

This Neighborhood is a “GEM” and should be left in its own unique style.

Best Regards,

Debbie Zuver

From: [Bernal, Sarah](#)
Bcc: [Angie Cano](#); [Cynthia Contreras-Leo](#); [David Benavides](#); [Eric Alderete](#); [Kenneth Nguyen](#); [Lynnette Verino](#); [Mark McLoughlin](#)
Subject: COMMENT Archangel Michael Coptic Christian Church Expansion_VETTER
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019 3:35:27 PM

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From: Petra Vetter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 11:46 AM
To: eComment <eComment@santa-ana.org>
Subject: Planning Comission

Rolf and Petra Vetter

[REDACTED]

Santa Ana, CA 92704

re: Archangel Michael Coptic Church proposed expansion

Ms. Bernal,
Our families home is on the East side, directly adjacent of the Archangel Michael Coptic church. The back yard of our property also borders one of the properties owned and occupied by the church which is South from us on Edinger.

We have been informed regarding a proposed expansion of the church.

As it stands, the church is under a conditional use permit and has been, since the very beginning, in violation of said permit.

The parishioners as well as the leadership of the church have no regard for the fact that this church is in a residential neighborhood and as result we are subjected to traffic congestion, attendees parking in front of residential exit gates and driveways.

Then there is the fact of ear piercing noise lasting for hours coming from the churches parking lot. That parking lot is not yards but mere feet from our bed room window.

The reason for the noise is, as parishioners are in the sanctuary children run amok in the parking lot shrieking endlessly. We have a recording on our phone with an example of the noise.

The noise problem increases in summer when schools are out children get dropped off at the parking lot, playing ball and screaming for hours on end.

Also there has been a problem with teenagers verbally assaulting residents as well as hooting off illegal fireworks on the 4th of July. It gets so bad that our family now leaves town for this holiday taking our animals with us.

A new structure as proposed by the church will only increase those problems.

To tear down 2 existing houses, once again, directly within feet of our home, is completely unacceptable.

Not only will the noise factor be increased, but the tear down of those homes will severely alter the rural character of our neighborhood which we as a community have worked hard to preserve.

Our proposal is, allow the church to tear down the ramshackle structures on Edinger and convert that land into a parking lot to alleviate parking problems in our neighborhood. Leave the structures on Regent Dr standing to maintain the integrity of area.

This is one of the last, of not the last rural vestiges in Santa Ana and we who live here, raise our children and enjoy our lifestyle do not want this destroyed by people who reside in other cities and come here only for church services.

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