

Regarding 540 Portland Ave.

January 4, 2021

Dear Council Member Thao:

I am sending you this email to again state my support for the **rejection** of the appeal to approve the triplex at 540 Portland Ave. As an owner of a home less than 80 feet from the proposed property I would again like to state the main argument against the proposal as designed.

1. The project was rejected by the HPC for good reason. The three architects on the Commission lead the arguments **against this proposal** based on the principles of the HPC.
  - a. Scale – this project is out of scale for this small site and proximity to adjacent structures.
  - b. Orientation – this proposal has no access to Summit Ave. but the front door orients to Summit Ave creating fake architecture. As a registered architect with 37 years of experience and 6 years of schooling I agree with the other architects in the neighborhood that this project should be orientated toward Portland Ave.

Of course there are many other points to be made against this proposal. I hope you will listen to the concerns of the neighbors and reject the architect and developers appeal that will be coming before you in the near future.

Sincerely

Nick Marcucci and Ann Schroder  
Homeowner of 552 Portland Ave.