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Councilmembers:

We submitted the attached letter on October 15, 2020, on behalf of Gary and Elizabeth Currie, the owners 536 Portland Avenue, neighbors of the property that is the subject of this appeal, and owner of half of the driveway shown in the photographs below.

To put a point on Ms. Thompson's questions about access and traffic, please note the driveway is only 8 feet wide and the developer/applicant only owns the west 4 feet, with an easement over the east 4 feet.

The Curries, owners of the east 4 feet have not consented to construction on its property, or to tripling the traffic in the driveway, and continue to the City permitting the change of use of the driveway without their consent.

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Dear City Councilmembers;

We are the applicants of the above appeals to the City Council, which are scheduled to be considered in two public hearings at the November 18th City Council meeting.

We request that these photos be added to the public record. We wish to ask if access to the proposed project has been fully reviewed by the department of safety and inspections for needed access in case of emergency. We also ask if there has been adequate consideration of trash and recycling removal, postal and package delivery, as well as location of street address information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Missy Staples Thompson and Gar Hargens  
548 Portland Avenue

ACCESS FROM PORTLAND AVENUE TO THE PROPOSED BUILDING SITE OF 540 PORTLAND.  
(EXISTING TRIPLEX ON RIGHT)



ACCESS FROM BUILDING SITE TO PORTLAND AVENUE. (EXISTING TRIPLEX ON LEFT)



PROPOSED BUILDING SITE (EXISTING TRIPLEX ON RIGHT)



