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Gentry - Baptist Church in Orion Road

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Good afternoon:

I have been a member of the Hillview Street community for over 13 years. I have seen families come and enjoy the peace and the beauty of the street. I also have enjoyed having the Baptist church by my backyard. Although I am a proponent for educating the young generation in both religion and private education opportunities, I do have a concern that I want to be addressed or at least viewed.

There is a proposal of updating the grounds of the First Baptist Church near my residence. Whilst I expect the church to grow and to provide service to its Christian followers, my concern comes from the proposed maps for the sites. There is a proposal to build classrooms in the current main building and an expansion of parking lots to accommodate additional churchgoers. During my tenure as a resident of the street, I have noticed the parking lot has very seldom been full during the years. Adding additional space would amount to wasted space. Also, the wildlife and the beauty of the location can be compromised with additional waste – from construction – and from the noise pollution added to the site.

I understand construction is not a permanent activity. But the advent of perhaps having children being taught in the school could create higher noise for the community and also move wildlife from roaming these backyards to other places. This area is known for its tranquility as well as the sounds of nature, the lack of high noise pollution, and the peace of mind of living in this street.

Please take in consideration of my concerns because the proposal, if going forward, will affect my quality of life, as well as others in the neighborhood.

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