

March 12, 2025

Public Hearing General Plan Amendment #24-02, Site Plan Revision #3 to Planned Development #20, Minor Use Permit #24-13, Site Plan #551, Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #13332 and Environmental Review Checklist #24-25 and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

Dear Merced City Planning Commission,

We are in opposition to the approval of the above General Plan Amendment for the following reasons:

1. We received the notice on March 5th for the hearing scheduled for March 19th. This was NOT WITHIN the required 20 day notice time period.
2. The proposal wants to change to Business Park (BP) and High Medium Density (HMD) residential. This is NOT consistent with the surrounding R-1-6 lots on all four sides of the site. The residential community immediately to the West and South are all single story in the highly desirable Oakmont Village. 2 story houses should not be allowed on this site. These proposed changes will lower the value of our neighborhood homes.
3. The lot sizes and roads per Site Plan drawing on page 53 are much smaller than the surrounding neighborhoods. Starting with access to the residential area from Parsons Ave. The entrance is too small to allow the Merced City Fire ladder truck easy access to the proposed 2 story houses in the event of a fire. Is this supposed to be a gated community? Looks like gates on the drawing. The main road appears to be only 35' wide and the roads to the 2 story houses appear to be only 20' wide. These narrow roadways will be a disaster just like the Moraga Subdivision on Yosemite Ave. to the East. The proposed lot sizes vary from 2,160 to 5,374 sf. The existing lots to South and West in Oakmont Village are 6,360 to 13,860 sf.
4. According to the city's own report and I quote "This Project is not consistent with the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan but generates less than 500 daily trips." The traffic study was conducted on only one day, November 19, 2024. This hardly represents a true study of the existing traffic on Yosemite Ave and Parson Ave.
5. We purchased the property in 2009 as our last home only to see a developer come in and try to rezone and ruin the continuity of our community. They purchased the site in 2022 knowing that it was zoned C-O and now want to change to Business Park and High Medium Residential. These proposed changes will lower the value of our neighborhood homes.

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