

May 26, 2009

Dear Council Members,

As property owners at 515 G Street, my wife and I have lived next door to the building currently being renovated for 38 years. I personally have lived on this property since I was five years old. We have seen numerous changes over the years: PG & E having to re-locate, Central Lumber closing down, Orsaba Grocery bought out and removed, and approximately fifteen homes torn down, all of this because of continued expansion of Foremost Foods/Leprino Foods.

Here are our concerns about a proposed church next door. Located across the street is a facility that employs approximately three hundred people. That number does not include the trucking firms that deliver milk nor the outside vendors that deliver supplies to Leprino Foods. We are concerned for safety, not only for our family but for the families of the neighbors, the creamery employees and the families of the Philadelphia Ministries. It is important to note the proposed ingress/egress to the site will be from Hill Street to access the proposed parking lot. This is the route the truck drivers must take to deliver milk to Leprino's receiving facility. This equates to approximately seventy loads per day, seven days a week. In our opinion this is already a dangerous situation with such heavy truck traffic on Hill Street but compound it with parking lot access and it just seems like an accident waiting to happen. We already face a problem to an extent on our property when we back out of our driveway. We have to constantly watch out for employees' vehicles as well as the added foot traffic caused by Leprino employees arriving and leaving from work. Our second concern is the parking situation. We were informed that the proposed parking lot will only accommodate fifteen to seventeen parking spaces. If this is correct there will be a real safety issue as cars will be forced to park along G Street. Please note the width of G Street east of Hill Street is fifty six feet wide. However the width of G Street west of Hill Street leading to Leprino's parking lot is only forty feet wide. With the street lined with parked cars visibility becomes difficult and cars barely have room to pass each other safely. There are young children in this neighborhood that would be at risk because of this, as would the members and families of Philadelphia Ministries.

There is a reason why we're zoned Light Industrial in this neighborhood. Please consider our concerns as objections to the proposed change in zoning to accommodate the proposed church. Thanks you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is "Dave Costa" and the bottom signature is "Debra L. Costa".

Harold "Dave" and Debra L. Costa