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**To**

San Mateo County  
Planning & Building  
Department c/o  
Coastside Design Review

455 County Center  
Redwood City, CA  
94063

Dear Design Review Board,

I am writing regarding application PLN2015-00262, at 700 George St in Montara. I am opposed to this project as proposed. This project is very large, disparate, and would be an unsightly addition to one of the most architecturally interesting blocks in town. I hope that the Design Review Board will consider the following:

1. On page 4 of the application, in the Environmental Review Checklist, question 2.a., the applicant falsely declares that the project will not include construction outside of an existing legal structure. No structure exists on site.
2. The houses on that block are varied in style and age, but they all honor a tasteful aesthetic. The landscape plans highlight what little room is left as open space, which is totally out of character for Montara, but specifically that block.
3. The renderings on page 6 of the application are very misleading. They show many trees not represented on the plans, and wide open spaces that do not exist. If the applicant is going to provide photorealistic renderings, then they should not be allowed to show this project in a false location. This project may fit in a wide-open field with no impact to a neighborhood, but that is not the situation. I would request that the applicant either remove the deceitful renderings, or portray the project in the actual setting. I believe this would paint a clearer picture of how incongruous this proposed project will be with the neighborhood.

If this project is allowed to move forward as proposed, it will be a heartbreaking addition to the neighborhood. This is the first project in 16 years of living in Montara, that I've felt compelled enough to formally oppose. Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

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