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To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding the townhomes planned for 140 Lyell St, I would request the structure be kept to one level above ground and 1-2 levels below for parking to not infringe on the valuation and views of residents such as 126, 128, 130, 132 and 134 Lyell Street.

While I understand the need to support high density housing, single family homesites should not be zoned multi family, particularly on a street that is primarily single family homes. If we do allow multi family homes built, I would request we keep these units to the same height as the structures they replace.

As a partially disabled veteran, who is a new resident to Lyell Street, I would prefer to put down roots in Los Altos and retire in town although having my property value and view impacted by the development on 140 Lyell, I am concerned by this project. Overall, we can accomplish the objective of higher density housing while also minimizing the impact to local residents with a single level design.

Also, as we move forward, we will not need garages since self driving cars and new ownership models such as ZipCar and Tesla's car sharing program will take root. In place of parking garages (either ground level or below ground), developers should be incented to provide car charging infrastructure instead. Why not allow 5-6 single story homes be built, reserve the street parking on that corner for residents of that development, and as we move to a car sharing model, these spots will not be needed over time? This would be less costly for the developer since underground or ground level garages would not be needed, we add one more family to the development and increase the city's tax base by 20% with another unit.

Sincerely,  
Frank Wilde

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