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From: Richard Schaefer, Officer in the Vista Grande Neighborhood Association and the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations

Date: April 17, 2023

Re.: EPC Meeting April 20, 2023 in consideration of Item 6: Project # PR-2018-001192  
SI-2023-00512 - Site Plan- Major Amendment

Property at 3421 Coors NW, Self-Storage Facility by Thakur Enterprises (RAJ Holdings LLC) for a three-story 150,000 sq. ft. storage facility building

As an officer in the neighborhood association across Coors Blvd. from the proposed three-story storage facility, I am again asking the EPC and the property owner, Mr. Thakur, for two major reconsiderations to the proposed project.

I and my neighbors are primarily concerned about the 38-ft. height to the proposed three-story storage building. It is largely out of character with the surrounding area. Ideally, my neighbors and I would much prefer to see a two-story storage facility built on this property, or at least a reduction in overall height of the three-story building. Such a reduction would help preserve views from Atrisco and Coors looking east and west, as well as the sightlines of the one-story housing development that lies directly north of the property.

A lesser issue involves supervision of the storage facility. With RVs on the premises and recent reports of contraband being stored in Albuquerque storage facilities, I would encourage Mr. Thakur to have surveillance and staff available to supervise the appropriate use of the facility. Again, Mr. Thakur is a successful business person who clearly has an interest in maintaining his property and investment, but from a neighborhood perspective, the more supervision, the better.

Please consider these concerns at the upcoming EPC hearing on this proposed project.

A few of my neighbors and I would be delighted to meet with Mr. Thakur and his development partners to discuss his most current plans for the 3241 Coors storage facility. I also believe that Sobre Mesa Brewing is also planning to expand, and any ideas regarding that expansion could be shared too.

To the EPC staff and commissioner representative, please feel free to invite the owner and developers to contact me if they might find that beneficial.

Sincerely,

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