

*From the desk of Brett Gillis,
Historian and Preservationist*

Dear Board of Architects and Members of the Commission,

cc: City Clerk, Miss Bonnie Bolton

Please accept this letter in opposition to The Garden project proposal (as currently presented) at 110 Phoenetia Avenue.

I am aghast that they would choose this name for the project considering how the proposal seeks to kill this area's most precious heritage oak and demolish The Garden of Our Lord. This project does not satisfy the recently updated Mediterranean Bonus standards if they are seeking this incentive. Furthermore, the proposed project is clearly out of scale and context with the neighborhood, thus requiring the Board to recommend changes or deny the project.

Destroying this greenspace and specimen oak with an inappropriate new project would have catastrophic and long-lasting effects on the neighborhood's green corridor.

Thank you for your attention to this important case and for your service to the City.