



**City of South Pasadena  
Planning and Community  
Development Department**

# Memorandum

**Date:** February 4, 2021

**To:** Chair and Members of the Design Review Board

**From:** Malinda Lim, Associate Planner

**Prepared By:** Lisa Krause, Contract Planner

**Re:** February 4, 2021 Design Review Board Meeting Item No. 4 – Additional Document No. 1 - Public Comments for 1502 Bank Street (Project No. 2328- NID/DRX)

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Staff received one (1) written public comment for this project from Tiana Lopez with a request for the applicant to start construction next year and for the fruit bearing trees be transferred/relocated.

All written comments received for this project are included as **Attachment 1**.

**Attachments:**

1. Written Public Comment

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**Written Comments**

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Tiana Lopez** <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Thu, Feb 4, 2021 at 11:29 AM  
Subject: 1501 Bank St  
To: <[planningcomments@southpasadena.gov](mailto:planningcomments@southpasadena.gov)>

Hello Everyone ,

I understand that this lot is to be turned into two single family housing units. This is the last single family house on our part of the block. As one of the current residents at this property I am extremely saddened by this news but understand that the current owner of the property can make significantly more money with this conversion.

I respectfully ask two things: one, that the construction of the property not start until next year. With covid still ravaging our county it is a dangerous time to move. Right now there are currently four single people, three dogs, and two cats. This isn't just affecting one family but four people with pets who will have to secure other housing. At a time where one could die just being in contact with someone outside of their pod, I am hoping this can be accommodated.

My second request is that the 9 fruit bearing trees in our backyard be transferred somewhere where they can continue to thrive and feed others. There are currently two orange trees, one tangerine tree, one clementine tree, two persimmon trees, one pomelo tree, a lychee tree, and a dragon fruit tree. It has been such a treat to have fruit at a time when money has been scarce since COVID has taken away many jobs. I have also been able to share my fruit with the neighbors and a few friends. Trees take a long time to grow to a point where they produce fruit in such abundance. At a time where people are going hungry and smog continues to smother us, I hope we can see and all agree on how important saving these trees are. I am not from this area but I was told that Arlington Gardens might be a place of refuge for these trees.

I thank you all for considering these requests.

Respectfully,

**Tiana Lopez**

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