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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Edward Yee and I am the owner of 140 Babcock St., which is right beside where Babcock Place is being built. I have several concerns regarding this project.

My first concern is that the 5-floor building would block almost all of the sunlight that currently hits my property now. During the day the sun hits the front and moves to the left side and then the rear of my house. Because of the size and height of Babcock Place, I would only have sunlight hitting the front of my house for a few hours each day. Loss of sunlight may affect the plants and shrubs growing on my property and I prefer not to live in the shadow of Babcock Place.

In addition to the loss of sunlight is the loss of my privacy. Due to the size and shape of the Babcock Place Project, numerous eyes would be allowed to look down upon my property and I will lose privacy from the side and back of my house making me and my family feel unsafe and uncomfortable. Tenants living in the upper floors of Babcock Place would have a direct view into my daughters room skylight window. This would force me to cover the skylight to protect my family's privacy.

My third issue is loitering and littering. Over the years, although the number of incidents have been few, I have dealt with Mr. Slaters tenants throwing beer bottles and cans, cigarette butts, and trash over my 6 foot fence. I cannot imagine what kind of loitering and littering problem I would have to deal with when so many more people will be living around me.

My fourth concern is the actual contemporary structure of Babcock Place looking completely out of place in this semi-historical neighborhood. I think we have more than enough buildings on Babcock St. and do not need something that would stand out negatively. It was announced last year that Babcock St. was the most desirable street to live on in the country; therefore, I think Babcock Place would make Babcock St. a less desirable street to live on.

My final concern is the traffic situation. Adding an additional 50 families with their vehicles, to a street with limited parking would overcrowd and congest Babcock St.

Sincerely,

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