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To whom it may concern,

We are writing to express concern over our neighbor, Mr Jindra's, petition for a garage next to our property, 505 Edward st. Our side yard borders where the proposed garage would be located. We specifically moved into this neighborhood because of the large setbacks between houses. There is concern with our property value decreasing with such a large structure being placed so close to the plot line. The garage and storage room appear to be over 15feet from floor to roof from a street view.

JoAnn has had two brief conversations with Mr Jindra where he mentioned wanting to add a garage. We are not opposed a garage or addition within existing setback rules. Mr Jindra failed to mention the second floor to the garage or that it would be as massive as it was(24 by 26 by two levels puts it over 1,000 square feet plus there is another outbuilding). Frankly we are surprised that the Jindras recently purchased this house knowing the size of the house and that of the garage. While we have lived in our house, the past two families successfully lived in the house and utilized the garage for years until their families outgrew the space due to more children.

Mr Jindra states in his petition (which we asked for a copy of from Mr Jindra and only just realized that it was online when we didn't get one from him) that the space would only be used for storage. Nearby neighbors and we have concerns of the ease of turning framed out space into living or work space, either by the Jindras or future owners. This would cause issues in the future. We wonder if it would be easier for the family to utilize outside storage space or build out the existing porches along Hillview (already are within front set back) or the existing backyard patio. Nothing has changed to make the garage less usable than it was when purchased less than a year ago.

We have a prior commitment during the zoom meeting and so can not attend, otherwise would be there to speak to our concerns.

Thank you for considering our concerns,
Paul and JoAnn Minko
505 Edward st