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Residents object to proposed condos

Compatibility, parking and traffic issues raised

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Whittier Daily News, who lives in nearby areas, said, "There will be more traffic than we already have and people parking in front of our homes."

Three neighborhood meetings have been held since the project was approved by the Whittier Planning Commission. Residents have expressed concerns about compatibility, parking and traffic.

"I was really upset," Kelly said. "We already have problems with a large amount of traffic in the area. We have kids walking up and down the street," she said. "We have more traffic on buses or school traffic on buses coming on buses and La Brea."

Residents also expressed concerns about the project, calling it "entirely inappropriate."

"I really, really believe that the proposed project would be a great addition to the area," said the editor of the Whittier Daily News, Steve Pappas, director of community development, who has been planning services throughout the area.

"The proposed 43-unit, three-story attached construction residential development will benefit the community by providing additional housing opportunities," the three-story news.

Mark Reed, director of operations for Whittier Pacific, said that the project will provide an attractive location and buffer between the active commercial area along Whittier Boulevard and the neighborhood.



Residents who registered, some here on Beach 21, are upset about a proposed three-story 43-unit condominium in west Whittier on the newly vacant site of a former Maria Calabrese's Restaurant & Bakery on La Brea and Irvine Street.

being friendly with community. The company also says that the project will reduce traffic. "The Villas at Friendly Hills will provide a third of the daily trips that a 3,000 square foot retail mall would generate. The project will also reduce traffic from daily trips that are alternative and like retail shops or offices," according to its website. However, three age of other issues raised by nearby residents. "Where are all of these cars going to park? Cars aren't going to have adequate parking." The city staff report said each unit will have a new car garage, and there will be nine uncovered guest parking spaces. The property was later sold.



A sign placed by Friendly Hills neighbors objects to what they see as high density housing, higher crime and the generation of local businesses.