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Proposed Development Hemlock Street and Nenana Ave.



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To: Planning Group

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Dear Planning Commission,

The Ronald Neilson Family LLC, owners of 1972 Pacific St., adjacent and directly north of the historic Oswald West house, are opposed to the proposed development directly south of the West-Bouvy house. The whole hillside east of the property is continuously eroding and sliding. In 1998, we bolted the 1925 built Neilson house below Hemlock St. into bedrock and raised it 6." Since that time, it has slipped and the ground west of the house has noticeably dropped, creating small valleys in the once even lawn. In 2019, I consulted a geologist regarding the lawn, and he indicated the whole hillside was continuously slipping, a phenomenon referred to as "piping." See attached from Horning Geosciences.

Having owned the adjacent Pacific St. property 60+ years since 1958, and traveled over the Hemlock S Curves many years, we observed Hemlock St. has slid out in rainy years numerous times, and required closure to repair. The proposed removal of approximately 20 mature trees and building a house, road, and bridge, would cause significant erosion. Trees protect these hillsides from erosion. Such erosion would seriously jeopardize the integrity of Hemlock St. and adjacent existing properties.

We also respect the historic significance of the Oswald West house and its park-like surroundings. A development immediately south of the house would seriously diminish that environment.

Sincerely,

Deborah Neilson Faurot

Ronald Neilson Family LLC (Deborah, Leslie Neilson, Ronald Neilson)

Soil is being washed away through cracks in the rubble toe of a large landslide on which the house sits. This "piping" will continue, very slowly; fill the depressions

