

# **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Public Comments from August 7, 2023

**From:**  
**To:** [Cain, Robert](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Planning Record Number PLN23-095  
**Date:** Monday, August 7, 2023 5:27:13 PM

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Hi Robert,

I am a long time resident of Maro Drive which is part of the community where the A Ton Meditation Center is located. They have been causing problems for our community since 2018. After lying on their permit application to build a garage, they built a large event hall instead and have been illegally running a business out of it. They regularly cause traffic, parking, trash and noise issues for our neighborhood with complete disregard for the effect it has on the community around them. The county has given them several warnings to stop and even issued a fine, which they avoided paying by claiming hardship. The single family home they currently run their business out of does not have the infrastructure to support what they are doing. Please do not allow them to damage our neighborhood any further and deny the permit for their event.

Thank you,

Sara Armas-González

**From:**  
**To:** [Cain, Robert](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 4198 Gion Permit Request  
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Hi Robert, we were alerted that 4198 Gion Ave is planning on having a sizable event in September. Our difficulty with this request is that this location in the first place is acting as a business, meditation center with a Temple serving as a gathering place for many people. All this in a residential neighborhood and a temple that was permitted for a detached garage, not a temple gathering place. This location is creating a parking issue as its visitors cause this traffic congestion. We on Maro Drive have been bombarded with parking and traffic congestion due to so many places of worship bordering our street. There are at a minimum a half dozen places of worship within a half mile of our street. We just can't have this disregard for our residential neighborhood continue. This combined with so many homes converted to rental units housing 10+ people per residence only makes it even worse. Enough is enough. There are other options offered to 4198 Gion. They can have their event at other more commercially permitted facilities. ie. Community Centers, James Lick High School, St. John Vianney community rooms, or other locations with sufficient parking.

Thank you

Jesse

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Valor, Compasion, y La Calma

**From:**  
**To:** [Cain, Robert](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special Event on Gion PLN 23-095  
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Mr. Cain - On August 10 there will be a permit hearing re: a special event in September sponsored by the makeshift meditation center at 4198 Gion. As a local neighbor I am opposed to the large events they have been holding.

This is not the first large event they have hosted. Their whole set up process has been calculated and deceptive to the local neighborhood. Only after this center has been challenged about their facetious building permit and traffic during services are they interested in "playing nice." As I understand it they applied for an expanded garage permit not a meditation center. When events occurred (even illegal ones) - including this past weekend, they created traffic problems because there isn't much parking!

I am positive their constituents will not be interested in being "shuttled" in from James Lick High. Just another deceptive play.

I say NO to allowing this event.

With Regards-  
Rosalinda Rodriguez

**From:**  
**To:** [Cain, Robert](#)  
**Cc:** [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Onciano, Jacqueline](#); [District5](#); [Duong, Betty](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUN23.095  
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Robert,

I am writing about the application at 4198 Gion ave.

I live very close to the property. They have already (with out permits) had many events. Some of witch I know they have received fines for. I am very much opposed to this. This will bring a lot foot traffic to the neighborhood. The address is not designed to host 80 people. They got the permit to build the temple calming it was a workspace / garage and are now they are using it as a temple. I live in a nice residential neighborhood. I purchased my house knowing it was residential and now we have a resident that wants to be open to the public. I have come home on days that they have hosted events and was not able to find parking on the street.

They put garbage in other peoples garbage cans, since they do not have space.

There are a lot of issues with what they are doing. Please do not let this happen to our nice neighborhood

If you would like more information please let me know

I have talked to MaryEllen Luna, JACQUELINE R. ONCIANO and Lisa Ochoa(before she left) for more than two years.

Jeff Smith