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September 27, 2021
Mr. Alfredo Camacho, Chair
City of Pomona Planning Commission
505 South Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

Dear Members of the Planning Commission:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Temple Beth Israel, I submit this letter in support of the proposed housing at 528 E. Grove Avenue. For too many years, this land has sat fallow and neglected and has continued to deteriorate and become an eyesore in our neighborhood. In addition, the presence of unhoused individuals on that property has created security issues for our facilities and our congregation. We believe that it is finally going to be developed into a new and thriving part of our existing community. The Temple has been at its present location, 3033 N. Towne Avenue, which shares a property line with the proposed houses since 1962 and can attest to the problems that have been created by having the property in question undeveloped.

Crestwood Communities has taken the time to have a town hall meeting to discuss with us and the surrounding neighbors the vision of their proposed project. Although many new projects are being built as three-story townhomes to maximize density, Crestwood has listened to the neighbors and designed a more traditional product with a maximum of two stories and standard garages with driveways able to accommodate two vehicles. The houses will incorporate state of the art construction to make them environmentally efficient, including solar power for each home.

We are in support of this project and look forward to the transformation of this parcel from its status as an eyesore to one of neighborhood pride with its new efficient homes.

Sincerely,

Laura Zuckerman, President
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