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The following comments refer to the Magnolia Center and Wood Streets sections of the Magnolia Avenue Specific Plan. Also please notify me of the meetings to be held this summer.

- 1) Any "landscaped plaza" in the two triangular-shaped lots at Magnolia/Central/Brockton should be designed to eliminate homeless people sleeping there. Right now, several people sleep throughout the neighborhood and your plan should not create more places. An alternate idea might be a citrus corner to match the navel orange area with maybe varieties invented at UCR or a water conservation garden like the one at the Metropolitan Museum.
- 2) Do not create a Parking District at Magnolia Center. This same strategy is driving business away from the downtown area. A parking district would discourage people from shopping in the Center and encourage people to park in the neighborhoods instead of the commercial areas.
- 3) Do not put high density residential in the Wood Streets or Magnolia Center (one such area is planned at Brockton and Merrill). Increasing the commercial activity and pedestrian uses at the plaza and through Magnolia Center will increase pressure on the neighborhoods. The disadvantages of high density residential should not be added to compound the problem.
- 4) Support LOCAL Business. In the plan, specifically state a commitment to local businesses. Part of the historical charm of the area is that it supported local business people. The current plan rezones or redesigns the areas that include Pepito's, Kuma Tire, Frigaard Chiropractic, Magnolia Brake and Alignment, Bpb's Auto and the other businesses at Magnolia and Jurupa. The railroad underpass is sending Elliotts' for Pets, Porsche Specialized Services and numerous local businesses nearby. RESTORE commitment to local business people. I do not want to live in the historic Wood Streets accompanied by cookie-cutter strip mall looking flat front commercial buildings. I would much rather the area look like Redland's State Street.
- 5) Require Staples to improve the facades that front Magnolia and Merrill. The banner/signs inside the windows are tacky and the blank windows are worse. I suggest something like the historical prints at Starbucks in the Loews Center.
- 6) Require Kawa Market at Magnolia and Bandini to install ballards to prevent parking driving and parking on their lot. The store owners manage the store quietly and are good neighbors in the area, but the store atmosphere could be improved.
- 7) A stamped concrete median is not historical. The one by RCC looks forlorn and just collects trash. Money would be better spent maintaining the street markers and installing better designed street light standards.