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Greetings,

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting where the plans for proposed building at 1201 San Pablo are going to be discussed.

We are property owners in the neighborhood of this proposed building. For the record, we strongly oppose the building for several reasons.

We have major concerns about the inadequate parking for this building. This parking shortage inevitably will impact the neighborhood, and make the surrounding area far more congested and less safe for existing residents, as we will likely not be able to park close to our homes. As I hope the zoning board and planning dept is aware, this is already a terrible area for car break-ins. When people are not able to park cars close to their homes, car break-ins and thefts may increase, and possibly impact the safety of residents walking too and from their cars.

We also have major concerns about the mass of the building and complete lack of greenspace. Additionally, the building itself is devoid of architectural interest or beauty. All of these things combined will further degrade the character of this section of San Pablo.

There should be a revitalization of this section of San Pablo Ave. This proposed project needs expanded greenspace, ample parking located within the building envelope, a smaller massing, and interesting architecture that works with and relates to the surrounding residential neighborhood.

We strongly oppose the building as proposed and would like to see the changes we have outlined prior to this building being approved.

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It has JUST come to my attention of the Berkeley City Council meeting this evening regarding the 1201 San Pablo Project.

I oppose this project, its magnitude in terms of its impact on traffic, on parking issues for the neighborhood — as the number of parking spaces planned for this development — would not in any way meet the needs of its residents, the density of units (which most likely have small square footage) and lack of any green space — places where we as humans need to rejuvenate. As it is planned as a mixed use building, do an inventory of all the empty first floor commercial spaces along San Pablo (and this is not due entirely to the Pandemic), and ask how successful this planning is for the city of Berkeley. Reconsider.

The City Council of Berkeley needs to consider the quality of life of its residents, yes, build more affordable housing, but in a way that creates a livable environment for all.

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