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From: Jack Litewka <jack@jacklitewka.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:15 PM
To: Burns, Anne M
Cc: Arreguin, Jesse L.; Berkeley Mayor's Office; All Council; Jack Litewka; Jane W. Ellis; herbert schreier; Kris Schreier Lyseggen; Barcelo Hélène; Steve Kaliszewski; Rick; Bill Gorjance; Mary R Scott
Subject: Problems related to the proposed Parking Garage at 2215 4th Street

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From: kelly hammargren <kellyhammargren@gmail.com>
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To: Burns, Anne M; Charles Kahn; Burns, Anne M
Subject: Comment on Native plants for DRC February 17, 2022

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Dear Dear Committee members

I will not be able to attend the February 17, 2022 meeting to comment. The Independent Redistricting Commission will be holding a public hearing the council redistricting maps. Last time it ran until 11:40 pm.

I am very concerned that the message to plan plantings around native plants is not reaching project developers and the project landscape architects.

The plant choices for the 747 (787) Bancroft Way project are no where near the desired 70% native plants and the Pennisetum Alopecuroides from China, Australia is potentially a high risk for invasiveness. There are no native trees in the list. The lingstrum ovalifolium is not native. the lomandra longifolia breeze is not native.

More plants like carex pansa/sedge need to be chosen. Calscape.org lists butterflies and moths supported by this plant including the Umber Skipper, the Common Ringlet. We need more choices like this. The Iris Pacific Coast Hybrid lists a "likely" not solid support of Red Swordgrass Moth.

With encouragement from DRC, this project team could do so much better. Supporting our native species creates an environment that is better for everyone including the people who will work at and visit this development, not just insects. Please ask.

I am also concerned about the parking lot. 415 auto space sounds exorbitant when we are trying to get people out of cars. And, anything less than 100% for EV charging sounds foolish when the future of passenger vehicles and trucks is electric vehicles.

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From: Steve Kaliszewski <spkaliszewski@gmail.com>
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To: Burns, Anne M
Cc: Barcelo Hélène
Subject: 2213 4th street parking garage

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Hi,

I'm writing on behalf of my wife and myself to voice our opposition to the planned parking garage at 2213 Fourth Street, Berkeley.

As homeowners in the neighborhood, we're especially worried about increased traffic noise in the area, and the increased air pollution generated by 400+ cars per day entering and exiting the parking garage.

Berkeley has voted on several measures to help us become a green city, and allowing the construction of a 400+ garage is totally against such measures. We should build housing, not garages. This would help with the housing crisis and would increase the density which might give enough people incentive to use public transportation.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Hello Anne et al, as you know our neighbor is mixed used. It has been brutal with "Zero Groceries" on Allston Way. They have several gigantic vehicles the size of moving vans and they are not only destroying our street trees, but are leaving us with very little room to park. My concerns is that when the medical lab is up and running, we will have tremendously impacted traffic and parking problems. I've been told that there will be 600 employees of the medical facility, which will further impact our street parking. Is it possible that our condominium could get street parking passes for visitors like some neighbors in Berkeley already have, such as around BART stations and other neighborhoods.

Back to the Zero Grocery issue, is there any recourse to the egregious amount of space that they take up on Fifth Street. Could they be required to required on blocks where there are no residences? Just asking;.

Thank you for your consideration on this, Mary Scott, an owner/landlord at 2209-2211 Fifth Street since 2005.

Best, Mary

On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 3:25 PM Burns, Anne M <ABurns@cityofberkeley.info> wrote:

Thank you for your email, Jack. We will forward your correspondence on to the Design Review Committee for their Preview of the project this coming Thursday and link this to the project materials on-line. I am copying the Use Permit Planner, Ashley, James, so that she can also include this in the information that goes to the Zoning Adjustments Board further on in this process. – Anne Burns, Design Review Planner

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