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Dear members of the Design Review Committee,

It would be premature for the DRC to make a recommendation on this project when it has not yet received an accurate view of the proposed building from the Campanile. When it does receive an accurate view, it will be clear that the proposed building blocks the view of the Golden Gate from the Campanile, an iconic view that the University has protected for nearly one hundred and fifty years because of its importance as a central organizing element in the design of the UC Berkeley campus.

Detailed information provided during review of a previous building proposed for this site documented that the blocking of this view is a significant adverse environmental impact, calling into question the accuracy and validity of the EIR.

Members of the DRC may wonder why proposals for a tall building on this parcel continue to come before them, given this impact. The reason, which was uncovered during the previous review process, is that while the Downtown Plan identified that blocking this view would be a significant environmental impact, it then *misrepresented the effect of a tall building on this particular site by providing a false view taken from the top of the Campanile instead of at ground level*. We are still suffering the consequences of that dishonesty.

I realize that we are all supposed to become Philistines, put no importance on such things as culture and views, and bow down to the new god of housing (for those who can afford it). But for the sake of good form, the DRC should not make a recommendation on this project without first seeing an accurate view from the Campanile.

Sincerely,  
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