

Jacob, Melinda

From: Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)
Subject: FW: I support the proposal for new homes at 2190 Shattuck Avenue!

From: Corey Busay <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:42 PM
To: Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: I support the proposal for new homes at 2190 Shattuck Avenue!

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From: Claude Fischer <fischer1@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:00 PM
To: Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@cityofberkeley.info>
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This is part of making up for lost time, 30 years of lost time, to provide needed housing.

Claude Fischer

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From: Gong, Sharon
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 11:24 AM
To: kelly hammargren <kellyhammargren@gmail.com>
Cc: Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: RE: Additional comments 2190 Shattuck ZAB 3-30-2023

Hello Ms. Hammargren,

The 2012 West Berkeley Plan is referenced in the Statement of Overriding Considerations that was adopted with the original 2190 Shattuck project in 2018, which is the document that you are quoting from. The bird safety standards that are written into the Infill Environmental Checklist (IEC) that was adopted with the original project was up-to-date for that time. The City can only include the standards as written in the IEC as conditions of approval to be consistent with the CEQA findings. These conditions will be presented to the ZAB and added to the permit. As there is no bird safe ordinance yet adopted, the project is not required to meet newer objective standards. However, the ZAB may discuss this further at the hearing.

Regards,

Sharon



Sharon Gong (she/her/hers)
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From: kelly hammargren <kellyhammargren@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 3:57 PM
To: Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@cityofberkeley.info>; Gong, Sharon <SGong@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: Additional comments 2190 Shattuck ZAB 3-30-2023

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Dear Zoning Adjustment Board members and Sharon Gong,

I have no idea what Ms Sharon Gong is referencing as a 2012 standard, but what I can relate is that glass windows, reflective surfaces on buildings are an absolute hazard to birds as are corner windows, free standing glass walls, transparent wind and noise barriers, skyways, balconies, rooftop appurtenances. It was Jamie Corey, a City of Berkeley Hazardous Materials intern who found two dead birds from glass strikes outside her City of Berkeley downtown office in 2018 that started the five year struggle to require bird safe features in all Berkeley buildings.

Up to one billion birds die each year from building strikes with glass. Birds don't see glass or transparent surfaces or reflective surfaces. Birds see the reflection of the sky, trees. Interior curtains, shades do not change this hazard as it is the glass on the outside that is the hazard. I can testify to that levelers on the inside of my window did not stop a bird strike and bird death. It was finding the dead bird that started my own transformation and personal motivation for bird safe film mounted on existing windows not covered with screens (exterior screens fixed in place are a bird safe option especially for replacement windows in existing buildings).

Requiring the developers of 2190 Shattuck to mitigate this hazard and install 100% bird safe glass and bird safe features must be required. The glass is going to be a special order and it can be ordered as bird safe with patterned glazing that is no more than 2" apart, glazing that birds see. The American Bird Conservancy explains building hazards and mitigations well and lists many resources. <https://abcbirds.org/>

We are in a biodiversity crisis. Birds are critical to ecosystems for planet survival. Making buildings bird safe with bird safe glass and bird safe features is a mitigation within reach if ZAB heeds current science and requires it 100% bird safe glass for 100% of the building.

kelly hammargren

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From: a b <stuff@thing.com>
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If you are contemplating any changes, I would strongly recommend that it be to ensure that even more of the units (particularly those with multiple bedrooms) be allocated for very-low-income residents. There is a housing crisis all over the Bay, particularly in Berkeley, and having even more multi-bedroom units available for families would make a tremendous difference.

Thank you.

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From: Becca Schonberg <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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I am a Berkeley home-owner and I am troubled by the lack of affordable housing in the Bay Area, which is negatively impacting us in so many ways. It is a humanitarian crisis marked by ongoing homelessness. It also contributes to the climate crisis by forcing people to drive long distances for work. I believe that Berkeley needs to do its part in building a sustainable future for the whole region by encouraging denser housing developing, supporting public transit and bike infrastructure, and showing that urban areas can welcome more residents while still preserving shared green spaces, like parks, trees, and greenways.

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From: Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)
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Attachments: EB4E support letter, 2190 Shattuck, Berkeley - Google Docs.pdf

From: John Minot <jminot@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 2:29 PM
To: Berkeley Mayor's Office <mayor@cityofberkeley.info>; All Council <council@cityofberkeley.info>; Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@cityofberkeley.info>; Planning Dept. Mailbox <planning@cityofberkeley.info>; Gong, Sharon <SGong@cityofberkeley.info>
Cc: East Bay for Everyone <info@eastbayforeveryone.org>
Subject: East Bay for Everyone supports 2190 Shattuck

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Dear Mayor Arreguin, Councilmembers, and others it concerns,

Attached please find a letter from East Bay for Everyone supporting the speedy advancement of housing on 2190 Shattuck. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best,
John Minot
Co-Executive

EAST BAY FOR EVERYONE

Mar. 29, 2023

Hon. Jesse Arreguin
Berkeley Mayor's Office
2180 Milvia St.
Berkeley, CA 94704

RE: Support for 2190 Shattuck

Dear Mayor Arreguin:

East Bay for Everyone, a membership organization devoted to building just and equitable cities through land use, transit and housing policy, supports the proposed residential development at 2190 Shattuck and urges all officers, agencies, and instrumentalities of the City to move it toward speedy completion.

2190 Shattuck is one of the places where high-rise housing is most overwhelmingly indicated by its location, being directly by BART and frequent AC Transit bus service, and replacing only a one-story commercial building. Its 302 units would include thirty affordable units at very low incomes; residents would be families in vital need of such housing. 2190 Shattuck would positively affect residents' carbon footprints through design components that encourage transit use and bike riding.

This kind of high-rise development is precisely what the voters of Berkeley had in mind with the Downtown Area Plan —not to mention what the voters of the Bay had in mind when approving the BART system in the past and sustaining it into the present. It would also set a strong precedent as the first residential development (as opposed to a hotel) taking full advantage of the maximum height levels under the DAP. For these reasons and others, we urge decision-makers to greenlight this project.

Much more action than approving a few large new developments is necessary for Berkeley to make good on the promises made toward abundant housing at all income levels in Berkeley's Housing Element. We need to reform approval processes and update zoning to carry through from planning to production. However, city elected officials can continue their commitment by rejecting the scattered NIMBY opponents of 2190 Shattuck out of hand and moving this project to completion.

Thank you for reading. We are committed to working with you and all parts of the city to make housing in Berkeley truly abundant.

Sincerely,

John Minot (Co-Executive and Steward), and
The 2,000+ members of East Bay for Everyone

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