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To the Zoning Adjustments Board:

The application for 2128-2130 Oxford Street /2132-2168 Center Street does not mention the SOSIP fee for the building.

On January 29, 2013, the City Council passed a resolution saying new buildings should pay a SOSIP fee of

- $2.23 per square foot of new residential use
- $1.68 per square foot of new commercial use

to fund Berkeley's downtown Streets and Open Space Improvement Program.

The fee is particularly important for this building, because the SOSIP includes a Center St. Plaza immediately adjacent to the site. I have heard in the past that the applicant wants to reserve the SOSIP fee from this building to be spent on this plaza.

I ask the ZAB to please advise the applicant to include mention of the SOSIP fee in future versions of its application.

Thanks,
Charles Siegel