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Subject: FW: 2109 Virginia 5/15 DRC Agenda is on-line

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To: Burns, Anne M <ABurns@berkeleyca.gov>

Subject: Re: 2109 Virginia 5/15 DRC Agenda is on-line

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Thank you, Anne, for reaching out. I am fine with new construction and building downtown but I wish that the City would maintain a more consistent height for the buildings

in the Gourmet area on Shattuck from Hearst to Rose Street to maintain the charm of the Gourmet Ghetto. Three stories would be more in line with what is there now.

And the fact that the building is taking away the views, the air, the sunlight from residential properties and residents who have lived in this neighborhood on Walnut Street

for over 40 years and more is unfortunate and distressing. Can something be done to limit building heights?

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On Wed, May 7, 2025 at 4:22 PM Burns, Anne M <ABurns@berkeleyca.gov> wrote:

The design of the proposed mixed use project at the northeast corner of Virginia and Shattuck will be reviewed at next Thursday's – May 15, 2025 – Design Review Committee meeting. We did find the September 24, 2024 letter to ZAB from the North Shattuck Alliance in the corresponding Use Permit file (ZP2024-0066) and have included it in our meeting materials for next Thursday's meeting. I'm including a link to the agenda below and would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions that you have about the design review component of this proposed project. I'm also including Cecelia Mariscal on this email as she is the Use Permit Planner who will be continuing to review this project as it move towards ZAB.

I will be posting two public meeting notices on the site later today. In a subsequent meeting, the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) will be reviewing the Use Permit with a full Public Hearing notice. The DRC is advisory to the ZAB and will be reviewing the design of the new construction. Any recommendations that the DRC makes to the ZAB will be reviewed, and added to or modified at ZAB during that Public Hearing if ZAB feels it is needed.

All design-related public comments are welcome and can help inform DRC's discussion before any recommendation, but the ZAB will be reviewing all use and Density Bonus issues. DRC will be making a recommendation after their deliberation, not a final decision on the Use Permit application as ZAB does.

Thank you. – Anne Burns, Design Review Committee Secretary, (510) 981-7415

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