

**Supplemental Correspondence  
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**From:** Gael Alcock <gael@glotrans.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 12:43 PM  
**To:** Taplin, Terry; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Berkeley Neighborhoods Council  
**Cc:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** Fwd: BNC video  
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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and Planning Commissioners,

If all the proposed development were like the Grinnell at Dwight and Blake, I would applaud. If they adopted the proposals in this presentation by "Beautiful San Pablo," I would be very excited! BSP shows building can be a boon to the neighborhood, not a bitter pill.

Thank you,  
Gael Alcock  
D2 resident

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** meryl siegal <merylsiegal@gmail.com>  
**Subject: Re: BNC video**  
**Date:** October 28, 2025 at 8:56:18 PM PDT  
**To:** Gael Alcock <gael@glotrans.com>  
**Cc:** Donna DeDiemar <dediemar@sbcglobal.net>

hi Gael,

Came back from a book reading to get your lovely email tonight. There is hope!  
Thank you.  
Meryl

On Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 8:45 PM Gael Alcock <[gael@glotrans.com](mailto:gael@glotrans.com)> wrote:

Hi Donna,

I watched Beautiful San Pablo video tonight, and I got excited all over again about their ideas.

Earlier this morning I went into Mi Ranchito met the owner. He said the loss of Babette's ,  
Highwire,  
and Albatross was distressing, but most of all Spanish Table which had been there 25  
years. He would send customers to them, and vice versa.

I told him I would relay the info from next meetings. He does have a group of shop owners  
on the street that confer.

Also, I met a woman who lives at the Grinnell, and told me it's working out well, has mixed  
income levels.

We are going to play music together in their common room.

The spirit of Beautiful San Pablo is infectious.

good night

Gael