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Subject: FW: Written Comment on #DRCP2024-0009

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Subject: Written Comment on #DRCP2024-0009

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to project #DRCP2024-0009 that would demolish three commercial buildings at 2955 Shattuck Ave and construct a mixed-use building in its place. I write to express my strong opposition to this project. I am a licensed clinical social worker who provides mental health services at 2955 Shattuck Ave. Demolishing the building would push out my small business, as well as multiple other therapy professionals who provide needed mental health services in that building. Moreover, the office rent at 2955 Shattuck is below-market rate for the area. This reasonable rent has made it possible for me to provide mental health care to underserved populations such as low-income students, as well as elderly and disabled individuals on Medicare. It is extremely unlikely I would be able to find a similar office rent elsewhere in this area.

Thank you for reading my written comment. I plan to attend the Design Review Committee meeting this Thursday August 20th, 2026 and would like to submit a public comment at that time.

Sincerely,
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Regarding #DRCP2024-0009

I am a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who has been a tenant at 2955 Shattuck Ave. Suite #4, Berkeley, CA 94707 since 2008. As a solo small business owner doing business in the City of Berkeley for almost 20 years it is very important for me to share that I am deeply disapproving of this proposed project. On my floor alone at the 2955 Shattuck Ave. address of this project there are currently 22 other solo small business owners who are also Licensed Marriage Family Therapists, Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers and pre-licensed Associates under Supervision all providing vital mental health services to the local community. The 2 other buildings involved in this proposed project also are rented to a significant number of additional mental health professionals who are also small business owners in the City of Berkeley and doing business at this location for many years. I believe it would be a great disservice to allow this project to move forward for many reasons, but the one I am most upset about is how many small business owners it would displace or put out of business and the significant number of clients benefitting from being able to receive their therapy and mental health services in person with their clinical providers. There is also significant benefit to this office being so close to the Ashby BART, many bus routes, but also within walking distance of the UC Berkeley campus making accessibility possible for folks who cannot afford or choose not to drive a vehicle. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

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