

Supplemental Communications (3)

(The following are communications received
after 12pm-4pm, November 3.)

10/27/2021

Dear City of Berkeley Planning Commission,

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Land Use Planning

First, thank you for the important work you do for the wonderful city of Berkeley!

I have lived walking distance from North Berkeley BART for six years. It is certainly not an urban center.

I am writing to encourage the Commission to make recommendations consistent with the Sep 1 Planning Staff recommendation:

- Maximum 7 stories
- Maximum 4.2 floor-area ratio
- Maximum 75 units/acre

While we could not control the designation of North Berkeley BART as an urban center, we can, as a city, comply by toning the minimum requirements as maximums.

I am concerned about the profit motives of private developers and, in particular, a density bonus being granted for affordable housing built with city funds on public land.

Let's make beautiful, welcoming, affordable housing for our new neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration!

28 OCT. 2021

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Land Use Planning

TO THE CITY OF BERKELEY
PLANNING COMMISSION:

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE BART STATIONS IN THE CITY OF BERKELEY,
BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT.

NOTICE WAS POSTED IN THE 'BERKELEY VOICE'
page A 30, THE EDITION OF FRIDAY, OCT. 22, 2021,
WHICH IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE, AS FAR AS I KNOW,
AS AN INSERT IN THE FRIDAY EDITIONS OF THE
'EAST BAY TIMES'. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A SUBSCRIBER
TO THE 'BERKELEY VOICE' BUT THAT PUBLICATION IS
NO LONGER BEING DELIVERED TO MY HOME.
THEREFORE IT WAS ONLY BY CHANCE THAT I RECEIVED
THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH WAS BURIED IN
THE BACK PAGES AMONG THE WANT-ADS.

WITH THE PUBLIC NOTICE OF OCTOBER 22, AND A DEADLINE
TO COMPLETE OUR COMMENTS WITH RECEIPT AT CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS NINE DAYS
BEFORE THE HEARING, THAT WOULD GIVE THE PUBLIC
THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 23 and 24 TO PREPARE
MEANINGFUL COMMENTS, AND THE POST OFFICE WILL
NOT BE AVAILABLE TO DELIVER THOSE COMMENTS ON TIME.

I AM A CONCERNED CITIZEN BUT NOT A USER OF COMPUTERS OR ANY OF THE VARIATIONS OF THAT, SUCH AS online or email or apearson @ cityofberkeley.info.

AS A NON-USER OF COMPUTER-BASED INFORMATION EXCHANGE, I ALSO DO NOT WANT MY COMMENTS TO BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE SYSTEM, NOR SHOULD I BE SENT AN ANSWER TO MY COMMENTS BY COMPUTER, AND IN ADDITION, MY COMMENTS ARE NOT DESIGNED TO BE BROADCAST DIGITALLY TO THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT INSTEAD WERE DIRECTED TO THE ARM OF OUR GOVERNMENT WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BART PROPOSAL. IF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING HAD BEEN HELD, ANYONE THERE WOULD HAVE HEARD EVERYONE ELSE'S COMMENTS, AND THAT IS EXPECTED, BUT NO MEETING WILL ACTUALLY BE HELD.

SO THE ENTIRE CONCEPT OF THE COMMISSION'S PUBLIC HEARING, ALONG WITH THE RULINGS IMPOSED, IS NOT WORKING. THANKS FOR LISTENING.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

IF, LIKE AT PRESENT TIMES IN AMERICA, HOUSING IS EXPECTED TO HAVE WIRING AND ACCESS TO THE ELECTRICAL GRID, ALONG WITH INTERNET AND ZOOM AND AN OPTION TO CHARGE PHONES AND BATTERIES;

AND IF THAT HOUSING ALSO WILL BE EXPECTED TO HAVE A PLUMBING SYSTEM WITH CLEAN RUNNING WATER, BOTH HOT AND COLD, WITH BASINS AND BATH AND TOILET CONNECTED TO A SANITARY WASTE-WATER SYSTEM;

AND IF THE HOUSING WHICH WILL BE BUILT FOR PEOPLE, WILL BE MULTI-STORY STRUCTURES AS HIGH AS 7-17 LEVELS, IT WILL NEED TO HAVE ELEVATORS AND A FIRE-ESCAPE SYSTEM;

AND IT WILL NEED MANAGERS AND JANITORS FOR THE COMMON SPACES AND FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BUILDING ITSELF;

MAYBE A SECURITY SYSTEM, AND CERTAINLY A METHOD TO DISPOSE OF TRASH AND RECYCLING; AND A MAIL DELIVERY AREA AND TELEPHONES AND FIRE ALARMS, ALONG WITH AIR DUCTS AND AN AIR FILTRATION SYSTEM WITH EQUIPMENT TO ASSURE CLEAN BREATHABLE AIR TO ITS INHABITANTS ESPECIALLY IF THE WINDOWS OF THE BUILDING ARE NOT MADE TO OPEN; AND IF THE WINDOWS CAN BE OPENED, THEN A SAFETY SYSTEM WILL NEED TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE PLANNING STAGES.

AND LIGHTING FOR THE HALLWAYS AND THE BUILDING'S PERIPHERIES, AND SOMEONE TO MAINTAIN ALL OF THIS —

SO OUR MODERN HOUSING REQUIREMENTS ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE OF A FAMILY LIVING IN A LOG CABIN SUCH AS PRESIDENT LINCOLN GREW UP IN, WITH A FIRE PLACE FOR BOTH LIGHT AND HEAT.

WE MODERN FOLK NEED TO BE REALISTIC ABOUT WHAT WE WANT AND NEED IN OUR HOUSING AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND HOW THAT CAN BE FORTHCOMING.

WE WANT EVERY HUMAN BEING TO HAVE A CLEAN, SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME, JUST AS THE CREATURES OF THE NATURAL WORLD DO: A NEST FOR A BIRD, A WAX-HONEYCOMB FOR A BEE, AND A NICELY-MADE MID-STREAM STICK-STRUCTURE FOR A BEAVER.

WHAT THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW, IS - IF THE PUBLIC OFFERS UP ITS BART-TRANSIT SYSTEM LAND FOR A HIGH-RISE AFFORDABLE APARTMENT BUILDING, CAN THE COSTS FOR ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS BE PLANNED AND ACTUALLY BE AFFORDABLE TO THE FUTURE RENTERS? OR WILL EACH APARTMENT BE OWNED BY ITS OCCUPANTS?

THIS NEEDS TO BE KNOWN BEFORE PLANS ARE MADE AND GROUND IS BROKEN, WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL FACTS: WILL COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES BE IMPOSED, AND WHAT ABOUT BOND MEASURES, AND FEES AND PERMIT CHARGES AND ALL THE REST, THAT OWNERS OR RENTERS ARE EXPECTED TO PAY. WILL THOSE MAKE THE UNITS 'UNAFFORDABLE'?

ALL THAT CITIZENS OF BERKELEY AND THE GREATER BAY AREA HAVE HEARD, IS THAT THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BUT CAN NEW HOUSING BE BUILT NOWADAYS AND STILL BE AFFORDABLE. GIVE US THE FACTS.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Quake study: A grim scenario

Major temblor on Hayward fault would knock out cell service, power, water for weeks

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021

By Rong-Gong Lin II

Los Angeles Times

A major earthquake in California is likely to knock out many communications services for days or weeks, including the vast majority of cellphones in the areas closest to the epicenter, according to a landmark new analysis by the U.S. Geological Survey.

The widespread disruption would imperil the public's access to 911 operators and lead to delays in reporting fires and calls for medical help.

Cell towers are vulnerable to sustained power outages. The same goes for cellular equipment on power poles and buildings at risk of extreme shaking, liquefaction and fire, the USGS said. California's cellphone networks have been notoriously unreliable during blackouts that occur during life-threatening emergencies, such as during wildfires in 2019, where wide swaths of the San Francisco Bay Area were cut off from cell service for significant periods.

In a grim estimate of the challenges, a magnitude 7 earthquake that struck on the Bay Area's Hayward fault could leave Alameda County — its hardest hit area — able to provide only 7% of the demand for voice and data service after the quake. That is identical to the communications service failure in New York City after the 9/11 attacks in 2001, when 93% of cellphone calls failed.

The findings in the USGS study are one of many vulnerabilities uncovered by the government agency, which formally presented its findings at a news conference Thursday.

The report comprises about 780 pages, adding to nearly 600 pages of findings released since 2018 on the so-called HayWired scenario. The report is the third volume in a series of

Quake

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reports researched over six years focused on a future earthquake on the Hayward fault; the final volume was written by 20 main authors and 80 contributors.

The Hayward fault has been called a "tectonic time bomb," and a major quake on it represents a nightmare scenario because it runs through densely populated areas with old buildings, including directly beneath the East Bay cities of Oakland, Berkeley, Hayward and Fremont.

The Hayward fault is one of California's fastest moving, and on average, it produces a major earthquake about once every 150 to 160 years, give or take seven or

eight decades.

It has been 153 years since the last major quake — a magnitude 6.8 — on the Hayward fault. The USGS estimates a magnitude 7 quake today on that fault could result in at least 800 deaths; hundreds more could die from fire following the quake, which would make this scenario California's deadliest since the great 1906 earthquake destroyed much of San Francisco.

In this hypothetical seismic scenario, electricity services could be out for weeks, while gas and water service could be interrupted for months. The USGS estimates an East Bay resident could be without water from six weeks to six months, and water supply outages could hobble firefighting efforts.

Transportation systems could be disrupted for years.

The USGS report said the region's backbone commuter rail system, BART, could see its Hayward train yard heavily damaged or collapse, while train stations in Oakland, Hayward and San Leandro could be so damaged that it could take one to three years to repair them. The USGS simulations for the kind of ground shaking that could occur are far worse than for what BART was designed, meaning even some seismically retrofitted facilities at the Hayward train yard could be destroyed, the report said.

While BART's earthquake safety program was designed to keep commuters alive during an earthquake, some sections of the

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system — including parts of the East Bay — are not equipped to keep the transit service operational after a severe quake, the report said.

The USGS also identified more than 50 bridges at high risk for damage and collapse, and noted it could take three to 10 months to repair them. Many are along Interstate 880, a key artery connecting Oakland to San Jose; other freeways at risk include Interstate 680 between Fremont and Pleasanton and Interstate 580 between Oakland and Pleasanton.

With so many freeways that could potentially be damaged, "emergency response, evacuation and debris removal would be hampered and recovery ... could take longer than anticipated," the report said. De-

struction to East Bay freeways could be so bad it may be easier to flee by heading over the bay to the west, toward San Francisco and San Mateo County.

Neighborhoods across the East Bay, such as those in Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, Alameda, San Leandro, Hayward, Castro Valley, Union City and Pleasanton, are at risk for having more than 20% of their buildings suffer extensive damage or be destroyed. That's a potential tipping point in which people may decide en masse to leave their homes or workplaces — even if they're still structurally intact — because their neighborhoods have ceased to function normally.

Old buildings are a major risk. In places like Oakland, Berkeley, Hayward and Al-

ameda, there are many so-called soft-story apartment buildings, with flimsy first floors housing carports that can collapse in an earthquake, as well as old, vulnerable brick and brittle concrete residential buildings.

While Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco have passed mandatory retrofit laws for soft-story apartment buildings — as have cities such as Los Angeles, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Pasadena in Southern California — many other cities have not.

California stands to suffer \$74 billion in cumulative property damage, with 1 million residential buildings and 39,000 nonresidential buildings damaged, in a major Hayward fault quake.

Communication

From: martin Bourqui <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:46 PM
To: Pearson, Alene
Subject: I support a minimum zoning of 8 stories at Berkeley's BART stations!

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Secretary Berkeley Planning Commission,

To Berkeley's Planning Commissioners,

As a Berkeley resident, I'm writing to express my strong support for zoning for at least eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations. Some of the many reasons include:

1. Zoning for at least eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations gives the most flexibility for home creation later in the process, including adding a higher number of affordable homes.
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3. Every neighborhood in every city must do their part to house the Bay Area. We cannot sacrifice needed homes by exempting historically exclusionary neighborhoods, despite dogwhistles to do so.

For these reasons and many others, I urge you to support zoning for a minimum of eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations.

Thank you very much!

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Communication

From: Jordan Burns <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Thank you very much!

Jordan Burns
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Communication

From: Shawn Drost <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Thank you very much!

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Communication

From: Kimberly Fisher <kim@studiokda.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:52 PM
To: Pearson, Alene
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Thank you very much!

Kimberly Fisher
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Communication

From: Jessica Fain <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 2:17 PM
To: Pearson, Alene
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Secretary Berkeley Planning Commission,

To Berkeley's Planning Commissioners,

As a Berkeley resident right near North Berkeley Bart on Francisco Street, I'm writing to express my strong support for zoning for at least eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations. Some of the many reasons include:

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Thank you very much!

Jessica Fain
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Communication

From: Valerie Knepper <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Pearson, Alene
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Secretary Berkeley Planning Commission,

To Berkeley's Planning Commissioners,

I have lived in Berkeley my entire adult life, having moved here to go to the University at 17 years old. I've lived in north Berkeley for almost 40 years. I love Berkeley and want to see it continue to serve the people here.

I'm writing to express my strong support for zoning for at least eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations. Some of the many reasons include:

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Thank you very much!

Valerie Knepper
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Communication

From: Serena Lim <sernecat@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Pearson, Alene
Cc: All Council
Subject: BART housing development

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work towards making Berkeley a more livable and vibrant place. Please ensure that we build as much housing as possible at BART without delay.

My brothers and I were born and raised by immigrant parents in the Ashby BART neighborhood, and we are deeply invested in the outcomes of the Adeline corridor plan. Please do whatever you can, to:

1. Create a viable development with as many affordable housing units as feasible, and a right to return for displaced residents;
2. Calm traffic and reduce the number of lanes on Adeline St. to ensure a safe environment for all South Berkeley Residents;
3. Ensure a permanent home for the Flea Market that allows it to thrive and include affordable ground space for local businesses and non-profits.
4. Zoning should maximize the housing allowed: Allow up to 8 stories and up to 90 feet so building designs can provide the number of homes we need while responding to neighborhood context with step downs.
5. Activate Adeline Street with a continuous, pedestrian-friendly building frontage and a linear park for vendors and amenities. People walking and rolling should be prioritized over vehicle access and BART equipment.

Sincerely,
Serena Lim & the Lim Family

Berkeley Residents

Communication

From: Luke Terlaak Poot <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:53 PM
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Thank you very much!

Luke Terlaak Poot

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Communication

From: mattison ly <mly@brick-inc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:58 PM
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Thank you very much!

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Albany, California 94612

Communication

From: Annie Preston <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Pearson, Alene
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- Maximizing the number of people who live near transit is the best thing our city can do to reduce emissions! We can lead the way by continuing to become a less car-dependent city.
- I live close to North Berkeley BART and would be delighted to have more people contributing to our vibrant local community.
- Zoning for at least eight stories allows for the most flexibility in the process.

For these reasons and many others, I urge you to support zoning for a minimum of eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations.

Thank you very much!

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Communication

From: Ranjit Bharvirkar <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Thank you very much!

Ranjit Bharvirkar
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Thank you very much!

Eric S. Robinson
Homeowner and Affordable Housing Advocate

Eric Robinson
esrobinson1021@gmail.com

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Berkeley, California 94708

Communication

From: Becca Schonberg <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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We need more homes! The housing crisis has become a humanitarian issue, in addition to being intertwined with the climate crisis. We must build our way out of it. Density is the key to healthier, more sustainable, more resilient communities.

For these reasons and many others, I urge you to support zoning for a minimum of eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations.

Thank you very much!

Becca Schonberg
becca.schonberg@gmail.com

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Berkeley, California 94710

Communication

From: Lois F Smith <smithlfran@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 3:13 PM
To: Pearson, Alene
Subject: North Berkeley BART station

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to convey to you and the Berkeley City Council my passionate plea that those of us who live in the neighborhood surrounding the BART station have our voices taken seriously in the zoning of the station.

I ask that you follow the very sane recommendations of the Planning Staff to zone the required minimums as maximums. They recommend a maximum 7 stories, maximum 4.2 floor-area ratio, and a maximum 75 units per acre. I believe it is incumbent upon us to prioritize affordability and neighborhood context.

This has been a neighborhood for a long time, with mostly single family homes and some apartment buildings. There is nothing over 4 stories high, until one travels out of the neighborhood into downtown. Even the recently built apartment complexes along San Pablo Avenue are still within this range. This is a neighborhood, not a city center!

Please listen to those of us who love Berkeley and have put our hearts and our hard-earned money into homes here to retire in. Please don't destroy our neighborhood in an effort to be "cutting -edge" or compete with other cities. If you must do that, find a more citified area to start with.

Sincerely,
Lois Smith
Acton Street resident since 1997, age 74

Sent from my iPad

Communication

From: Matthew Wadlund <mwadlund@wdsplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 3:05 PM
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To Berkeley's Planning Commissioners,

As a Berkeley resident, I'm writing to express my strong support for zoning for at least eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations, because:

1. BART is a regional resource, which needs density to operate efficiently.
2. Zoning for at least eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations gives the most flexibility for home creation later in the process, including adding a higher number of affordable homes.
3. Zoning for a minimum of eight stories helps reach our climate goals by locating homes near transit and getting more residents out of their cars.
4. Every neighborhood in every city must do their part to house the Bay Area. We cannot sacrifice needed homes by exempting historically exclusionary neighborhoods.

For these reasons and many others, I strongly urge you to support zoning for a minimum of eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations.

Thank you very much!

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Communication

From: Jeffrey Wescott <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 2:08 PM
To: Pearson, Alene
Subject: I support a minimum zoning of 8 stories at Berkeley's BART stations!

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Secretary Berkeley Planning Commission,

To Berkeley's Planning Commissioners,

As a Berkeley resident, I'm writing to express my strong support for zoning for at least eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations. Some of the many reasons include:

1. Zoning for at least eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations gives the most flexibility for home creation later in the process, including adding a higher number of affordable homes.
2. Zoning for a minimum of eight stories helps reach our climate goals by locating homes near transit and getting more residents out of their cars. Encouraging people to use public transit instead of driving is one of the most effective land use strategies for reducing carbon emissions.
3. Every neighborhood in every city must do their part to house the Bay Area. We cannot sacrifice needed homes by exempting historically exclusionary neighborhoods, despite dogwhistles to do so.

For these reasons and many others, I urge you to support zoning for a minimum of eight stories at Berkeley's BART stations.

Thank you very much!

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Communication

-----Original Message-----

From: cafred1@juno.com <cafred1@juno.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 3:32 PM

To: Alnas-Benson, Tiana <TAlnas-Benson@cityofberkeley.info>

Subject: Nov 3 Planning Commission Agenda - How can Commission Certify a DRAFT EIR?

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11-3-2021

RE: North Berkeley BART Development Draft EIR

Hello Ms. Alnas-Benson,

I'm troubled by the part of this evening's Planning Commission Agenda concerning the proposed North Berkeley Bart development stating that the Commission is to "Certify the Draft EIR & make recommendations to the Council.

You don't "Certify" a Draft EIR. You take comments on how well or poorly the public and advisory boards believe the Draft EIR does in properly analyzing the proposed project, and in presenting alternatives to the project.

Then the Draft EIR is revised into a Final EIR, or a Draft Final EIR, or a Revised Draft EIR.

Something is not right here.

I proposed the following in my EIR scoping comments several months back, and request that the following comments be shared this evening.

Please note I never received a separate notice from the City re: the availability of the Draft EIR, even though I had made extensive Scoping Comments.

When is the Draft EIR comment deadline?

Is there still time to make comments?

THE DRAFT EIR

The Draft EIR should have a minimum 75 day comment period. Because of the ongoing Covid pandemic, people have less time to devote to reading the Draft EIR and preparing comments. There should be at least two Public Hearings on the Draft EIR, both being held toward the end of the comment period.

REQUEST FOR SECOND ROUND OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW Because this project is so big and controversial, and because it would have massive permanent impacts on northwest Berkeley, the city planners should agree to allow a second round of environmental review after the Draft environmental impact report – EIR for the project is made available. After the comment period ends and public hearing(s) on the project have been held, a Revised Draft EIR

should be prepared, in which everyone's comments are responded to and in which changes to the project and the various project alternatives are made.

A Revised Draft EIR is needed so that people can see the responses to their comments and any changes made to the project and project alternatives, and thus make further comments as appropriate. The Revised Draft EIR should have a minimum 60 day comment period.

thank you,
Clifford Fred
Berkeley Calif.

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