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To: City of Berkeley Planning Commission

Re: Support for parking reform and TDM recommendations

From: South Berkeley NOW!

#### Dear Planning Commission:

We wholeheartedly support the recommendations to eliminate minimum requirements for off-street parking and to institute measures that encourage the use of alternative forms of transportation such as walking, bicycling and public transit (TDM). Approval of these changes is a major step in our city wide efforts to create a comprehensive housing, climate, and transportation policy. In addition to encouraging more infill housing, this important measure will contribute to less reliance on cars, increased pedestrian and bicycle safety, and increased utilization of public transit.

The proposed changes will apply to all new housing including all lot sizes not just the ones for 10 units or more (with exceptions for fire prone areas). Variance findings are eliminated. Without a requirement for new parking, smaller parcels of land will be able to provide thousands of small infill units without disrupting existing neighborhood patterns in Berkeley's lower density neighborhoods. Larger projects will provide parking based on the actual need and a parking maximum will be instituted in high transit areas so that we don't build too much parking where public transit is available.

Not requiring parking spaces will allow more housing to be built, will reduce the cost of building, and will lower Berkeley's greenhouse gas emissions. These changes to the Zoning Code will reflect our current and our long-term needs for housing, transit and for reduced pollution and CO2 emissions.

We urge the Planning Commission to approve these policies tonight with a strong and unanimous approval. Thank you!

Sincerely,

### Teresa Clarke

On behalf of SBN! Steering Committee, Ariella Granatt, Betsy Thagard, Deborah Matthews, Jodi Levin, Jon Lau, Matt Lewis, Peter Waller, Tommaso Sciortino, Matt Nichols, and many, many more SBN! members.

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In pursuing goals, the city of Berkeley needs to think beyond punitive measures and decide what of can be done in a proactive, positive framework. Otherwise a laudable goal such as real transfer greenhouse gas emissions simply becomes an excuse to cater to developers who want to maximize profits by eliminating parking provisions. Decisions based on wishful thinking have unintended consequences that can result in exactly the opposite of what is intended.

Eliminating parking will not "shift transportation demand onto public transit." How would that even be manifested? People are not going to march on City Hall demanding more bus service. They will simply find other places to park their cars, with the result that city streets will become even more congested, with cars parked on both sides, making it difficult for firetrucks and other emergency vehicles to pass, and impossible for street-cleaning machines. Keep in mind that people are not robots; they do more than just commute to and from work!

Car usage has been confused with car storage, and they are not the same. Reducing car *storage* space has the hopeful intention of reducing car ownership, but that will not succeed until this country as a whole decides to invest in a massive increase in public transportation. For years, car production and oil have provided the backbone of the economy, and most infrastructure spending has gone into roads, highways, and bridges. Several generations have grown up enjoying the mobility that car transportation gives, and car ownership is very much tied to lifestyle. This is not easy to reverse, although given the climate change crisis, we both should and must.

Car *usage* can most certainly be reduced by providing practical alternatives. In suggesting bikes or electric scooters and tricycles, however, the City reveals not only an unwillingness to give serious thought to the problem but an effort to push the burden of solutions onto the residents. Buses and trains, on the other hand, are accessible to almost everyone, including senior citizens and those who are mobility impaired, and therefore provide an opportunity for city planners to be a positive force in working towards goals.

Current and future residents deserve more than lip service and vague promises of considering the idea of more transportation provisions. To merely eliminate parking in new structures is putting the cart before the horse, because without hand-in-hand plans for more public transit, it will only create more problems. We need to see proactive plans for transportation alternatives being put into action, not just measures that punish people for driving and owning cars.

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# WORKING DOCUMENT

# Planning Commission & Policy Group Work Matrix

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	Student Housing:	Increase 20' height and FAR in SS	started		Beth Greene	р	С		рс			рс		ŗ	h		СС							
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		Green Development Requirements	started		Justin Horner	рс	pł	h	СС															
		Bike Plan: Residential Bike Parking	started		Justin Horner	рс	pł	h	СС															
D	Objective Standards:  JSISHL will research and recommend to CC objective standards for density, design, shadows, views.	1. Density by parcel; 2.Healthy/safety_detriments; 3.Design review; 4. View-shadow_impacts (DB Phase 3/JSISHL)	started	5	Alene Pearson	js	is	jsis		jsis j	sis	СС												
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	Adeline Corridor:  Draft Plan and Draft EIR circulated in May 2019 // Final Plan and EIR to be adopted in June 2020. Adeline Referrals to be addressed in Plan.	Adeline Corridor Plan Development			Alisa Shen			s ph		СС	CC													
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		Junior-ADUs (JADUs)	8		Katrina Lapira	р	С	ph		СС														
_	Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)	Consider ADA in ADUs	18		Katrina Lapira	р	С	ph		СС														
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		Rose Garden Inn GP & ZO Amendment	started		Alene Pearson	р	h co	0															$\perp$	
		ZORP Phase 1 - New Baseline ZO (BZO)	started		Justin Horner		SC	0		рс		CC										$\bot$	$\perp \!\!\! \perp \!\!\! \perp$	
		ZORP Phase 2 - Substantive Changes	started		Justin Horner				SC		рс					_						+	$\perp \!\!\!\! \perp \!\!\!\! \perp$	
		BART Zoning // AB 2923	started		Alisa Shen		_						$\vdash$	ŗ	С				CC			+	$+\!-\!\!\!\!-$	
	Long Range // Special Projects	Bayer Development Agreement	started		Leslie Mendez																	+	+	
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		Streamline >50% BMR	started	12	staff			СС														
	Affordable Housing (AH)	Ministerial Approval HTF or >50% BMR	started		staff			СС														
н	Groundfloor uses initiated with Student Housing grouping Streamline and Ministeral Approval initiated with Density Bonus	Non-commercial groundfloor uses	started	18	Katrina Lapira																	
	grouping	Missing Middle Housing Report	2		Justin Horner																	
		Open Doors Initiative	PolComm																			
		Waive Fees HTF projects	started		staff			CC														
		Fix LLA loophole & revise IHO	ST		staff																	
	Fees and Nexus Studies	Reform AHMF (fees per unit vs gfa)	4		staff																	
1 ,	Finishing user guide for Steet Level Advis Fee Tool	Demolition Ordinance		16	staff																	
'	Working with City Attorney on Demo Ordinance & AHMF referrals.	Decrease AHMF for TIC conversions	24		staff																	
		Inclusionary Units for Live Work	33		staff																	
		Analyze feasability of onsite affordable units vs	NR		staff																	
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		Home Occupations	started		Paola Boylan			рс	ph	•	CC									$\Box$		
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		Expand Downtown Arts District	OED started																	$\perp \perp \downarrow$		
J	Zoning Ordinance Amendments (ZOAs) for Businesses	<u>Development Agreements</u>	10																	$\perp \perp \downarrow$		
		Beer and Wine in the M-District	46																	$\perp \perp \downarrow$		
		Arcades in the Elmwood	NR																	$\perp \perp \downarrow$		
		Use Definitions: R&D, Adult	NR																	Ш		
		Toxic Remediation Regulations	started		staff			CC												Ш		Ш
		Green Stormwater Regmts	CEAC started																	Ш		Ш
		<u>Urban Forestry Ordinance</u>	15																	Ш		Ш
K	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	Develop Pay transparency permit conditions	26																			
		Lower discretion for internal remodeling	42																			
		Air Pollution Performance Standards	49																			
		Deny permits to code vilators	52																			

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act

AHMF = Affordable Housing Mitigation Fee

CanComm = Cannabis Commission

CA = City Attorney cc = City Council

EIR = Environmental Impact Report

GF = groundfloor

HAA = Housing Accountability Act

HAP = Housing Action Plan

HTF = Housing Trust Fund

IHO = Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

jsis/JSISHL = Joint Subcommittee for Implementation of State Housing Laws

LLA = Lot-line adjustment sc = Sub Committee of the Planning Commit

MSHN = More Student Housing Now SS = Southside

NR = not ranked ST = Short Term Referral

pc = Planning Commission TDM = Transportation Demand Management

PDA = Priority Development Area wg = working group

ph = public hearing ws = work session

RFP = Request for Proposals ZORP = Zoning Ordinance Revision Project RRV = Reweighted Range Voting

Legend:

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started, not active

not active