



Telegraph Business Improvement District
2532 Durant Street Suite 100
Berkeley, CA 94704

May 5, 2017

City of Berkeley
c/o Anne Burns
Land Use Planning Division
2120 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor
Berkeley, CA 94704

Re: Proposed development at 2510 Channing "The Den"

Dear Ms. Burns and DRC Members:

Thank you for your commitment to Berkeley, and for the care and consideration you use to ensure the Telegraph business district is a thriving, successful place serving the local and regional community.

We write to urge your action this month, approving the above referenced development, The Den. The proposed development deftly responds to its community context. We believe that the design of The Den will blend well into the context of the mixed streetscape of Channing Way.

We firmly believe that the scale of the building is completely appropriate for our District, consistent with the city's Southside Plan and with our District-wide goals. Our area is well served by transit and fully welcomes taller and denser housing development. We strongly support the project at seven stories, 36 units and 144 beds. In fact if possible we would support an additional floor (6 additional units and 24 beds) as we desperately need more housing for CAL students as close to campus as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Stuart Baker
Executive Director