

Jacob, Melinda

Subject: FW: Permits for 2211 Harold Way

From: Bill Newton [<mailto:wnewton48@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:33 AM

To: Zarnowitz, Sally; +cjohnson@ci.berkeley.ca.us; +Eangstadt@ci.berkeley.ca.us

Subject: Permits for 2211 Harold Way

Dear Commission
Members

,

I voted for the downtown plan and consider the proposed new apts/condos on Harold Way a part of that plan. I do not think that the structure that will come down in order to build this new building is significant in any historical sense. A denser more vibrant downtown is to the benefit of all of Berkeley but especially to those of us who are downtown regularly. I urge you to approve the related permits for the Harold Way project.

Bill Newton

Jacob, Melinda

Subject: FW: LPC should approve permits for 2211 Harold Way

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

From: Len Conly [<mailto:lconly@lmi.net>]

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 9:44 AM

To: Zarnowitz, Sally; Angstadt, Eric; Johnson, Carol

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Len Conly
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Berkeley, CA 94706
510-526-2548

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From: joedistefano4@gmail.com [<mailto:joedistefano4@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Joe DiStefano

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 9:32 AM

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Joe DiStefano
Berkeley, CA

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Importance: High

From: Jaimie Levin [<mailto:jaimie@cte.tv>]

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:30 AM

To: Zarnowitz, Sally; Johnson, Carol; Angstadt, Eric

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Importance: High

Dear Landmarks Preservation Commission,

We need to expand mixed use development in downtown Berkeley. We have our offices on University Avenue between Milvia and MLK Jr. Way, and we heartily welcome new development that will bring more people into the downtown area at all hours.

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Jaimie Levin

Senior Project Manager

Director of West Coast Operations



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From: Phil Polishuk [<mailto:ppolishuk@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:35 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:32 PM

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Thank you,
Julie Wulferdingen
1619 Rose St
Berkeley CA 94703

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Subject: FW: 2211 Harold Way

From: Rolf Bell [<mailto:bellcohen94@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:21 PM
To: Zarnowitz, Sally; Johnson, Carol; Angstadt, Eric
Subject: 2211 Harold Way

Dear Landmarks Preservation Commission,
I'm glad to have your valued judgement on historical buildings that serve an aesthetic and historical purpose. But it is clear the City would be served better with a new development at 2211 Harold Way than what is currently present. Save what is worth saving. Please let go of what has marginal value. The demolition permit, structural alteration permit, for the 2211 Harold Way Project is clearly a better choice.

Regards,

Rolf Bell
2141 Ward Street

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From: Theo Posselt [<mailto:tposselt@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:22 PM

To: Zarnowitz, Sally; Johnson, Carol; Angstadt, Eric

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Regards,
Theo Posselt

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From: Don Morgan/Liz Goodrich [<mailto:dmorga@sbcglobal.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 6:59 PM

To: Zarnowitz, Sally; Johnson, Carol; Angstadt, Eric

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Donald Morgan
444 Spruce Street
Berkeley 94708

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From: Kate Funk [<mailto:kdfunk@pacbell.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 6:39 PM

To: Zarnowitz, Sally; Johnson, Carol; Angstadt, Eric

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Dear Landmarks Preservation Commission,

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We live in a landmarked cluster of houses and we strongly believe in preserving the best of our architectural and historical heritage, but the back side of the Shattuck Hotel does not qualify. I walked down it yesterday and remarked that saving the dead wall would be ridiculous. As we all know, it is not about saving the back side of the Shattuck Hotel at all; it is all about no growth, no change.

Kate and Daniel Funk
10 Greenwood Common
Berkeley

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From: Joe Walton [<mailto:1234jw@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 6:06 PM

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Dear Landmarks Preservation Commission,

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If the commission decides that the dead zone on Harold Way deserves preservation as a Landmark, it will lose all legitimacy in my eyes and will assume a political role totally inappropriate to its status as an unelected commission.

Sincerely,

Joe Walton
2126 Bonar Street

Jacob, Melinda

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From: Valerie Knepper [<mailto:VKnepper@mtc.ca.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 5:45 PM

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Sincerely,
David Trachtenberg

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Subject: FW: [BAHA Board] Fwd: 2211 Harold Way

From: Stephanie Manning [<mailto:sfbayshellmounds@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 2:06 PM

To: Zarnowitz, Sally

Subject: Re: [BAHA Board] Fwd: 2211 Harold Way

To S. Zarnowitz,

I wish to voice my agreement with everything stated by Molly Sullivan in her email of 8/11/15 below regarding the inappropriateness of the proposed oversized construction at 2211 Harold Way and its damage to the Berkeley community and architectural heritage.

Stephanie Manning

2339 Oregon Street, #C

Berkeley, CA 94705

From: "BAHA baha@berkeleyheritage.com [baha-board]" <baha-board@yahoogroups.com>

To: baha-board <baha-board@yahoogroups.com>

Cc: baha-pac <baha-pac@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:54 PM

Subject: [BAHA Board] Fwd: 2211 Harold Way

From: Molly Sullivan <mollysss@comcast.net>

Date: Tue, 11 Aug 2015

To: szarnowitz@cityofberkeley.info

Many people are very concerned about the proposed construction of 2211 Harold Way. I have lived in -- & loved -- Berkeley since 1957. I am unable to attend the Landmarks Preservation Public Hearing on Thursday -- therefore I am writing this email -- because I, too, have serious concerns.

There are many many problems with this project which have been presented in detail by others -- & will continue to be presented at the Thursday meeting. I will be brief in highlighting some of my central concerns.

1. Housing. Our wonderful, politically progressive City should be ensuring housing that is available and affordable for those who teach in our schools, who patrol our streets, who rescue us from fire & disaster, who staff our great restaurants, who provide support services at our great University, etc. We need to provide housing for diverse families who love our community & who contribute so much to our quality of life -- not just affluent single people & affluent couples. Why is Berkeley targeting the housing needs of the affluent -- & not these needs of our workers?

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I've made this email light-hearted in hopes that you will read it, but I am very serious about this issue. I believe that this enormous building is a terrible mistake that we will all regret.

Molly Sullivan
1639 Virginia Street
Berkeley, CA 94703

also --

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Posted by: BAHA <baha@berkeleyheritage.com>

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Subject: FW: Yes to Hotel, No to Harold Way

From: Michael Fullerton [<mailto:msf22@earthlink.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 4:49 PM

To: Zarnowitz, Sally

Subject: Yes to Hotel, No to Harold Way

Hi,

I am not opposed to all very high rises in downtown Berkeley. The hotel project under consideration for the corner of Center and Shattuck seems like it could be acceptable.

HOWEVER, the Harold Way project seems to me to be a disaster! It interferes with a beautiful view from the Berkeley campus and would result in a very long (and perhaps forever—remember what happened to the Fine Arts Theater) closure of the Shattuck Cinemas. The Shattuck Cinemas are the heart of movie going in downtown Berkeley. Their long closure will be very bad for movie goers and no doubt also hurt downtown restaurants and bars.

Please do what you can to derail the Harold Way project. Thank you,

Michael Fullerton
510-558-9096

Jacob, Melinda

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

From: Susanne Lowenthal [<mailto:shl@berkeley.edu>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 4:49 PM

To: Zarnowitz, Sally

Subject: 2211 Harold Way

> To Whom It May Concern:

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> I'm writing to express my dismay at the height of the proposed building at 2211 Harold Way.

> I believe that we need more housing and building up is a natural way to go.

> But 18 stories at 194 feet does not fit in with the surroundings of downtown: that height would transform our space entirely and set a measure for future development that could lead to Manhattanization. I don't believe, we envisioned that when we voted for the Downtown Area Plans of 2010 and 2014. I, for one, had no understanding of the consequences currently confronting us.

> I plead for a reduction in the height of the proposed structure.

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> Respectfully, Susanne H. Lowenthal

> 6 Domingo Avenue

> Berkeley, CA 94705

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

From: Cornelia R. Levine [<mailto:crlevine2@comcast.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 2:46 PM

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Respectfully, Cornelia Levine

431 Boynton Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94707

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Subject: FW: Thursday's Hearing on 2211 Harold Way

From: mleenoonan@comcast.net [<mailto:mleenoonan@comcast.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 6:39 PM

To: Zarnowitz, Sally

Subject: Thursday's Hearing on 2211 Harold Way

To Members of the Landmarks Preservation Commission:

At Thursday evening's hearing on the EIR for 2211 Harold Way, I trust that you will live up to your responsibilities as the protectors of Berkeley's architectural legacy. That the proposed mega-structure could be considered an appropriate addition to a City of Berkeley landmark is laughable.

Please vote with integrity against certification of the final EIR, respecting both the accomplishments of the past and a distinguished vision of Berkeley's future.

Mary Lee Noonan
2599 Buena Vista Way

Jacob, Melinda

Subject: FW: 2211 Harold

From: JJ [<mailto:jai@mightysmallfilms.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:17 PM

To: Zarnowitz, Sally

Subject: 2211 Harold

Dear Ms Zarnowitz:

I was born & raised locally (3rd generation.) As a camera person, I have been hired to shoot video in cities across the U.S.. One of the things that I have learned from this experience is the growing generic quality of new building projects. Cities are quickly losing their character & unique qualities. So much of new architecture looks like the entries for a competition where the entrants are limited to building with cereal boxes, Leggo's & razor blades. Prisoners & "luxury dwelling occupants" now live in architecture virtually indistinguishable from one another.

We need to protect our buildings that were designed and constructed during a time when quality design & construction mattered; when those who commissioned projects destined to bear their names had the ethics to demand that those buildings be designed to stand the test of time, to be built to a standard. One needn't have a degree in architecture or construction to note that our older buildings, such as the Hinks building whose demo would be part of the unaffordable 18 story luxury apartment (or condo) and luxury retail proposed as "2211 Harold," are better & more solidly built (note the recent Library Garden's tragedy.)

This is not a way to treat our Landmarks, particularly when we get nothing in return for our existing long time residents. I certainly do not want to see elites spying into my west-of-Martin Luther King Way back yard or creating twilight at noon with its' shadow.

Please protect our historic buildings, our historic views, and tell the outside developers to make their ill-gotten gains elsewhere.

Best Regards,

Jai Jai Noire
Berkeley, CA

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I want Berkekey more walkable & rideable with sunshine & maybe it's natural river back again to enjoy walks & not in the shade of towering huge buildings.

I live in Berkeley & work as an optometrist on Piedmont ave in Oakland -- when I visit Boulder, Colorado I wish for somebody with vision to re- design Berkeley for people vs cars & big business.

Have it be your legacy?!

Sent from my iPhone

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