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**Subject:** FW: Support for 2902 Adeline Street project

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**Subject:** Support for 2902 Adeline Street project

As a neighbor of the proposed building at 2902 Adeline Street, I am writing in SUPPORT of the project, even though I would like more affordable units in the building. Unfortunately I cannot make the Zoning Adjustment Board meeting this Thursday night, but I would like the Board to consider my comments.

I live on Alcatraz Ave just off Adeline in a rent-stabilized apartment, and I probably can't afford the rent in these proposed units. Nevertheless, I think it's incredibly important that that this project be built because I think it will have a beneficial impact on solving our housing crisis. Generally speaking, these fancy buildings will lower the market pressure by rich people on older buildings like mine, making apartments like mine more affordable to low and middle-income people who want to live in Berkeley. Berkeley has a major housing crisis right now, and we need to build more homes to help address this problem.

I realize it's probably too late for this, but I would like to change this project by INCREASING the number of "affordable" units in the property. Low-income people have such a hard time finding an affordable apartment in the Bay Area right now, and our housing crisis perpetuates cycles of poverty and mainly harms communities of color. There should be as many affordable units as possible in this building.

I think the proposed building is completely within the "character" of the neighborhood for several reasons: (1) We are a neighborhood that already includes many apartment buildings; (2) Adeline street is a large, busy street, not a quiet, isolated single family street; (3) there is already a 6 story building across the street from the proposed site; (4) the site is very close to a BART station and other public transit, where it makes sense to have more density.

Finally, I want to register my approval for a reduced number of parking spaces in the project. The site is across the street from Berkeley Bowl, one block to Walgreens and other shopping, and close to many bus lines and the BART station. There will be bike racks in the building. Although I think there should be some parking in the building, I also think that residents who are able to do so should be encouraged to go car-free. If there are concerns about availability of parking for elderly and disabled neighbors, I think that should be addressed by creating specialty "handicap" or "reserved" spaces in front of elderly and disabled neighbors' houses, not by forcing this project to have a larger parking garage. I think there's more than enough available street parking in the neighborhood. I own a car that is used every day (for commuting to a place that is not served by public transportation), and I never have trouble finding street parking in our neighborhood.

Thank you,  
Nate Brown  
Neighbor at Alcatraz/Adeline Street

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