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**From:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)  
**Subject:** FW: Support for project design at 3000 Shattuck

**From:** Kelley Kahn [mailto:kelley\_kahn@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:15 PM  
**To:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Fw: Support for project design at 3000 Shattuck

Dear Members of the ZAB,

I live 4 blocks from the project site and wanted to register my strong support for the proposed housing project at 3000 Shattuck at Ashby. This project is an appropriate height and density at this location - only one block from BART and on several major bus lines. From an urban design perspective, replacing a gas station with a handsome new building that meets the street will make the street more pedestrian oriented. The variation in materials is attractive and helps create a lively facade. The transparent retail space at the corner will be inviting and help activate this area. This is a terrific example of smart growth - thank you for moving this forward.

Given the lack of housing in Berkeley, and the intense competition for limited housing units driving up rents, I would urge the City, the ZAB, and the Planning Commission to consider more units on the site. I also wonder if the parking entrance on Shattuck could be reduced in width to further minimize unactivated space along the ground floor.

I urge you to move this project forward to approval. Thank you City of Berkeley and Board members for helping add much needed housing to our neighborhood.

With gratitude,  
Kelley



**TO:**  
**Zoning Adjustments Board**  
**2120 Milvia Street**  
**Berkeley, CA 94704**

**RE: APPROVE Use Permit ZP2015-0229 for 3000 Shattuck Ave.**

July 27, 2017

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Dear Members of the Zoning Adjustments Board,

Livable Berkeley urges the ZAB to approve Use Permit No. ZP2015-0229 for the 3000 Shattuck Avenue project.

We believe that Shattuck and Ashby's frequent transit service, close proximity to BART, and relative proximity to Downtown and UC Berkeley make it a priority location for additional housing. This well-designed project will bring much needed housing to Berkeley and is exactly what we need to help make Ashby and Shattuck a more attractive and human-oriented (rather than car-oriented) environment.

This project represents an excellent fit for this location and the surrounding neighborhood, and we see little reason to deny or delay this project. The Bay Area is in a housing crisis. Berkeley needs more housing and we need that housing as soon as possible. Please do not force this project to undergo additional months or years of redesign or delay.

If Berkeley truly wishes to honor its commitments to creating more housing and helping address the climate crisis, this is exactly the sort of project we should be moving forward quickly. What could be more pro-environment than replacing a gas station for cars with housing for people?

Once again, we urge you to approve Use Permit No. ZP2015-0229 for 3000 Shattuck Avenue to move this project forward immediately.

Sincerely,

Eric Panzer, *Chair*  
*Livable Berkeley Board of Directors*

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**From:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)  
**Subject:** FW: July 27 hearing on 3000 Shattuck

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

From: robert.lauriston@gmail.com [mailto:robert.lauriston@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Robert Lauriston  
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:17 AM  
To: Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@cityofberkeley.info>  
Subject: July 27 hearing on 3000 Shattuck

I have two objections to this application.

1. Following the precedent established by the City Council's decision on the appeal of the ZAB decision on 2902 Adeline, for-profit developers should not be issued discretionary use permits under BMC section 23E.52.070.D.7 without a binding agreement with a neighborhood organization such as Friends of Adeline to provide below-market units on site and/or other community benefits.
2. Five stories is inappropriate for this location. Staff cites Parker Place as an example, but BMC section 23E.52.070.B divides the C-SA district into three parts (north of Parker, Parker to Ward, and south of Ward) with height limits decreasing from 60 to 50 to 36. South of Ward on Shattuck, the tallest buildings have only three stories.

Please refer this matter to a mediation.service.

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**From:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)  
**Subject:** FW: 3000 Shattuck + 2527 San Pablo

**From:** Diego Aguilar-Canabal [mailto:d.aguilarcanabal@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:01 AM  
**To:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** 3000 Shattuck + 2527 San Pablo

Dear Zoning Adjustments Board,

Homeowners are not entitled to have their pristine views of the bay protected by the city government. People do, however, have a reasonable expectation to have space-efficient housing within walking distance of a transit station, as opposed to two gas stations. Retailers on San Pablo Avenue likewise merit the residential density necessary to keep their businesses solvent. Notice how the abundance of on-street parking, empty lots, and charming bungalows wasn't enough to save Black Oak Books, whereas Moe's Books on Telegraph seem to be doing just fine.

(This reasonable expectation is reinforced by the Housing Accountability Act, a law which the city recently broke against the warnings of the city attorney. All housing proposals which comply with local zoning are protected under this law, so there's little reason for you to even be reviewing this project.)

People complaining about traffic don't consider that they literally are the traffic they complain about. Likewise, ZAB members who decry our housing shortage have the civic duty to ignore this selfish nonsense and approve new homes with all deliberate haste. Otherwise, you would be helping to exacerbate this housing shortage, and nobody wants homeless college students on their conscience. That's why I'm writing to you today, in case I am not able to attend your meeting in person.

Please be on the right side of history and approve these projects.

Thank you for your public service,

Diego Aguilar-Canabal