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**RE: Franklin Point (P05-153)**

Dear Mr. Miry:

This letter is to follow up our conversation about pedestrians issues that were discussed at the September 25, 2008 meeting of the City of Sacramento Planning Commission. I fully agree with the Commission's stipulation that several changes be made to the site plan prior to the City Council hearing. I believe there were three issues that relate to pedestrians:

**1. Better pedestrian safety enhancements connecting the Franklin Boulevard sidewalk to Building 5**

Exhibit G-1A in the staff report has already improved the pedestrian connection by adding the stamped and colored pavement walkway from Franklin Boulevard to Building 5. The orientation is good because the walkway is in line with the storefront sidewalk. However, at both the northern parking row and at the northwest corner of the building, the walkway should be separated from parking spaces to prevent vehicles from parking on the walkway. *WALKSacramento* recommends that landscape planters be used to separate parking spaces from the walkway. We caution against using curbs as they could be a hazard to pedestrians.

**2. Increase the quality and quantity of trees within the landscape planters along Mack Road and Franklin Boulevard**

Trees between the street and sidewalk improve the environment for pedestrians by providing additional separation from the vehicle traffic, shading the walking path, and encouraging lower vehicle speeds adjacent to the sidewalk.

**3. Add a walkway from the Mack Road sidewalk to the plaza at the southeast corner of Building 4**

People will follow their desire lines if the landscaping is not impenetrable. It will be very beneficial to pedestrians coming from the south to have a short walkway from the sidewalk to the plaza and the store entrances of Building 4.

## **Straighten the walkway between Building1 and Building 2**

There is one additional recommendation that we would like you to provide. The path of travel for pedestrians from Building 1 to Building 2 is not straight. The planter along the north side of Building 2 will discourage people from walking a straight path between the buildings, but the shortest, most direct path is the best for pedestrians. This is especially true for people with strollers or wheelchairs and those with sight or movement impairments. We would like the walkway between Building 1 and Building 2 to be straightened as much as possible. As in item number 1 above, please provide a landscaped planter strip between the walkway and any adjacent parking spaces.

*WALKSacramento* encourages people to walk and bicycle in their communities. The benefits include improved physical fitness, less motor vehicle traffic congestion, better air quality and a stronger sense of cohesion and safety in local neighborhoods. *WALKSacramento* is a member of the Partnership for Active Communities, formerly the Safe Routes Sacramento Partnership. The Partnership is working to support increased physical activity such as walking and bicycling in local neighborhoods as well as helping to create community environments that support walking and bicycling.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and recommendations. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 709-9843 or [cholm@walksacramento.org](mailto:cholm@walksacramento.org).

Sincerely,



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