



October 14, 2011

VIA EMAIL

Heather Forest, Associate Planner  
City of Sacramento Planning Division  
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Sacramento, CA 95811

**RE: McDonalds – Stockton Blvd. (P10-071)**

Dear Ms. Forest:

The McDonalds – Stockton Blvd project (P10-071) proposes a 3897 square foot restaurant with thirty parking spaces and a drive through facility. WALKSacramento previously commented on this project in a letter dated November 30, 2010. We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate and expand upon some of our comments.

The site of the proposed project is surrounded by residential and hospital land uses. The corner location is close to residents to the west and many employees and visitors to the hospital uses to the north, south, and east. It can be a superior pedestrian destination. However, the site design doesn't take advantage of its location.

The main entrance to the restaurant is near the middle of the building's north side, facing the parking lot and about 110' from the sidewalk. This is a long way to get into a building that, according to the general plan design guidelines for the site, should be "sited up to the corridor to create a consistent street wall." In addition to the long walk to the entrance, pedestrians must cross the drive-thru aisle and contend with customers that have just picked up their orders.

The drive-thru lane that wraps around the two sides of the restaurant facing the streets results in more than just an inconvenient and hazardous walk for pedestrians. It requires a deep setback from the street – about 55' from Stockton Boulevard and 37' from 2nd Avenue. It also results in a street wall with just two small drive-thru service windows and one window in the dining area.

WALKSacramento still recommends the same changes to the site plan and building design as we made in our previous comment letter. Those recommendations are:

- 1. Move the building to the corner of Stockton Boulevard and Second Avenue.**
- 2. Locate the main entrance at the corner of Stockton Boulevard and Second Avenue.**
- 3. Widen the sidewalks at the corner to create a larger pedestrian landing.**
- 4. Eliminate the drive through or locate it at the rear of the building.**

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 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) 446-9255 or [cholm@walksacramento.org](mailto:cholm@walksacramento.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Holm". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C".

Chris Holm  
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