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VIA EMAIL

Daniel Abbes, Assistant Planner  
City of Sacramento Community Development Department  
300 Richards Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
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**RE: 17 Central (DR18-283)**

Dear Mr. Abbes:

WALKSacramento has reviewed the project routing for 17 Central (DR18-283) and we offer the following comments. The ground level commercial uses on K Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street will activate the sidewalk, and the residential balconies on level 2-7, the resident's open space on level 2 and "eyes on the street" from the kitchen/dining space of many units fronting the streets will help pedestrians feel safer walking within view of the building.

17 Central is proposed for a walkable location with transit and many destinations nearby, and with 65 long-term bike parking spaces residents will be encouraged to use active transportation. Using the stairs to access their apartments rather than the elevator could add to residents' daily physical activity, helping them to attain the recommended minimum activity.

Although we prefer the stairwell to be closer to building lobbies and entrances than the elevators so there's a greater likelihood the stairs will be use, at least in 17 Central the lobby stairwell is just beyond the elevators and in the same hallway.

The stairwells are missing an attribute that could encourage greater stair use, though, and it appears the stairwell in the northeast corner of the building could accept windows on the 17<sup>th</sup> Street and/or Jazz Alley side. Daylighting of the stairwells and outdoor views from the stairs would provide a more pleasant pathway that would attract residents to the stairs rather than the elevators. **We recommend adding windows to the northeast stairwell.**

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. 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.

Sincerely,

Chris Holm  
Project Manager