

5/31/2019 VIA EMAIL

David Hung, Associate Planner City of Sacramento Community Development Department 300 Richards Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: 1012 J Street Mixed-Use Project (DR19-117)

Dear Mr. Hung:

WALKSacramento has reviewed 1012 J Street Mixed-Use Project (DR19-117) and we offer the following comments.

The project will bring valuable street activation and "eyes on the street" to the 1000 block of J Street. The two retail spaces on the ground level and a third retail space in the basement should provide additional pedestrian activity during the day and evening. The balconies for the two north-facing second-level residential units will allow occupants to see and hear what's happening on the street, and they'll be easily seen by people on the street; both of which can decrease street crime.

The proposed design for this project is a great improvement upon the design that was approved for DR16-225 in 2016. While that project had more windows facing J Street, this project will facilitate a greater connection between occupants of the building and activity on the street.

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