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VIA EMAIL

Daniel Abbes, Assistant Planner  
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**RE: Residence Inn Sacramento (DR19-313)**

Dear Mr. Abbes:

WALKSacramento has reviewed the project routing for Residence Inn Sacramento (aka Residence Inn at Woodlake), and we are pleased to submit the following comments.

The Residence Inn project has thoughtfully included pedestrians and bicyclists in the site design and building design.

Access from the street for pedestrians is provided at two locations, each convenient to the lobby entrance. Hotel guests that wish to visit one of the three new residential health care buildings, the small shopping center nearby or other businesses in the area may easily choose to walk rather than drive.

Hotel guests may also be more inclined to use the stairs instead of the elevator once they've checked into their room. Each of the four stairwells have side-by-side windows between each floor, and the natural lighting and views through the windows will improve the experience of using the stairs.

The project has located short-term and long-term bike parking in advantageous places. The bike racks are located close to the hotel "Living Room" windows and in an activity area that includes the lobby entrance, an outdoor fire pit with seating, additional tables with chairs and the parking closest to the lobby. There is a bike room served by an exterior door that's next to the Pool Entrance Lobby door and the pool.

Development projects that lead to more walking and active travel are critical to our community's future. Human beings need moderate exercise, such as walking, for about 30 minutes a day in order to prevent the development of chronic disease and overweight. The Residence Inn project will provide opportunities for hotel guests and employees to increase their daily physical activity.

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 public health and physical fitness, better air quality, a stronger sense of cohesion and safety in neighborhoods, and more sustainable communities and local economies.

Sincerely,

Chris Holm  
Project Manager