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VIA EMAIL

June Cowles
City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department
2729 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

RE: Falconer New Commercial Building (DD9979)

Dear Ms. Cowles:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Falconer New Commercial Building project. We have one recommendation to improve the walkability of the project and its immediate surroundings.

We are pleased to see two trees at the front of the property. The tree on the east side will shade all of the accessible-route concrete sidewalk and a portion of the sidewalk providing access between the street and the building; and the tree on the west side of the property will shade some of the asphalt driveway and parking area. Unfortunately, the public sidewalk will see very little shade, even if the trees were to grow to a maximum width. Since the project's frontage sidewalk is on the south side of the street, trees planted behind and close to the sidewalk can provide generous shade for employees that may want to walk during work breaks or lunchtime.

The placement of the trees also deviates from the street trees on adjacent properties and further away on Luyung Drive. Larger trees could shade both the asphalt parking area and the public sidewalk and planting closer to the street would improve the landscape street wall. **We suggest replacing the two Chinese pistache trees at the front of the parcel with two large-canopy shade trees closer to 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 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