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VIA EMAIL

David Hung, Associate Planner  
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**RE: Hawthorn Apartments (DR20-133)**

Dear Mr. Hung:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Hawthorn Apartments project. The project will provide 281 much-needed apartments in the City of Sacramento close to offices, transit, and bike trails along the American and Sacramento rivers.

The project proposes a significant amount of new sidewalks, but access from the street is limited. The project site has over 1000' of street frontage yet the only access from the street is near the north end of Building A. Constructing a sidewalk to the northwest corner of Building F would provide a more direct route to the office parks on Bercut Drive for the residents of every building except Building A. In addition, a sidewalk to the west end of Building B would provide a more direct route to the bus stop and office buildings on Richards Boulevard for the residents of every building. **WALKSacramento recommends adding sidewalks from Bercut Drive to 1) the northwest corner of Building F, and 2) the west end of Building B.**

The only path of travel from the street to the lobby, office, and dining room requires travelling part way around Building A in order to enter the rear lobby door or the rear door of the dining room. **WALKSacramento recommends adding a sidewalk between the northwest corner Building A and the lobby entrance at the porte cochère.**

Internal pedestrian circulation overall is very good, but there are a few omissions. The landscape plan shows two crosswalks from eastside and westside of the Court 2 area to the sidewalk in front of Building D. The site plan in several places shows what may be crosswalks indicated by hatched markings or parallel lines across driveways, however it omits showing the two crosswalks between Court 2 area and Building D. **WALKSacramento recommends adding two crosswalks between the Court 2 area and Building D.**

The site plan and landscape plan do not show a sidewalk to the doors at west end of Building B. **WALKSacramento recommends adding a sidewalk between the new sidewalk that goes past the west end of Building B to the doors at the west end of Building B.**

With the nearby destinations in the River District, new development in the Railyards, and bike trails along the American and Sacramento rivers so close to the project site, bicycling can be expected to be a popular mode of transportation for future residents on Hawthorn Apartments. We were unable to find any reference to bike parking in the project routing, though. **Plan drawings should show the location and number of short-term and long-term bike parking spaces.**

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