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VIA EMAIL

Robby Thacker
City of Sacramento Community Development Department
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Sacramento, CA 96811

RE: 1116 18th Street Apartments

Dear Mr. Thacker:

Thank you for routing the 116 18th Street Apartments project to WALKSacramento.

We are pleased to see a stairwell (Stair 1) in the lobby, as greater stair use will be encouraged by the prominent location close to the building's front entrance and the mailbox/package locker area with the elevator around a hallway corner. Stair 2 may be well utilized for inter-level travel by residents because of the west facing windows that will provide daylighting in the stairwell and offer views of the outdoors even though the stairwell is at the back of the building and has no doorway into the building on Level 1.

We recommend adding windows to the Stair 1 stairwell to encourage even greater use by residents and visitors. In addition to providing the benefits from daylighting and outdoor views, the north-facing exposure would add "eyes on the alley" with minimal solar heat gain.

The bike storage room will be an attractive amenity for residents. Should a major revision of the Level 1 floor plan be undertaken, we suggest considering how the room could be relocated to allow bikes to be brought directly in from the alley without having to be rolled through the lobby. Also, long term bike parking that doesn't require lifting the bike up to a wall rack may be desired by some cyclists.

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